

*Pfafftown Baptist Church is on mission to serve God by sharing joyful life and displaying love with our greater community.*



# Pfafftown

Baptist Church

July 2015

## PBCConnections

### How's Your Garden Growing?



**M**any of you know by now that I love a garden. I love planting things, tending things, growing things, eating things, appreciating the beauty of things, everything about gardening. My hands have been in the soil for most all of my 49 years and I've never regretted a day of dirty hands.

If we've had more than a minute or two together this spring then I've likely asked you if you have a garden. What constitutes a garden to me? One tomato plant in a pot will do. So will a single herb in a container. And yes, I've even matured to appreciate a stand of tended flowers as garden worthy. If it takes hands in the earth to grow it, then I'd likely call it a garden. And I love gardens.

Whenever my family is with me in the car they get the joy of my appreciation for gardens. The way other

people look at cars or houses I look at gardens. I see beautiful gardens and my heart yearns with a bit of envy. Someday, I say.

I'm so enamored with gardens that I easily see church as a garden of sorts. **We plant. We tend. We grow. We benefit. We appreciate the beauty.** And to get all of it we must get our hands a bit dirty. The dirt of healthy church is teaching, supporting, encouraging, giving, helping, leading, following, attending, loving, hugging, etc. We all agree on those healthy activities, even the etc., until we come to the one, the tough one, the scary one, the one that makes us shuffle our feet, stare at the ground, and wait for someone else to speak. **Which one? Inviting. Healthy churches have a culture of inviting.**

Years ago I was in a conference that summarized 10 reasons people don't invite other persons to church. See if you resonate with any of these reasons.

1. I don't know enough. (*You don't have to know anything to invite someone to church. It's not about information; it's about motivation.*)
2. I'm not an evangelist. (*You're not responsible for anyone's conversion. That's the holy spirit's job.*)
3. I don't want to appear "pushy". (*The only alternative is to do nothing.*)
4. I don't know any non-Christians. (*Really? Really?*)

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5. I'm struggling with my own walk. (*Everybody is. I'll bet somebody will appreciate your honesty of sticking with Jesus.*)
6. I'm afraid my church will offend my friends. (*If we're true to Jesus then perhaps that's exactly what they need.*)
7. I'm afraid they will be put off by the sermon. (*See #6*)
8. They will not like our style of music. (*Maybe they will like our style of love. Why not try?*)
9. I worry that the church will talk about money; people hate that. (*Everything is presented in accordance with the gospel, money too.*)
10. My friends won't relate to my church. (*People don't relate to church; they relate to people, and we are loving bunch of people!*)

I know inviting people to church is a "hands dirty" business, but healthy churches embrace the "come" AND the "go" of the gospel. It's springtime at Pfafftown Baptist in many ways, so now is the time to plant the seeds of invitation. Put aside your fears and excuses and summon the courage to invite one person. ***"I am the vine, you are the branches..." Jesus said (John 15:5)*** Let's branch out now. Who knows how our garden will grow from here!

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*I've had my say; what have you to say? Reach out to me by any way and I'd love to hear what's on your mind.*  
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Dear Friends,

It's been a while since I've written. As they say, no news is good news. Yes, our Lord is working in incredible ways! All around us things seem to be in chaos, but Israel remains peaceful. Of course, there are certain places that are tenser than others, but sometimes as I sit at stop lights on my way home from work, I think of the people in Syria, Iraq and North Africa who have no peace and are surrounded by war and fear. I think of Scripture such as *Psalm 91, especially verse 7. "A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you..."*. Also, *Psalm 83*, it sounds like a news report from our time. But, we know that He is in control!!! Our summer schedule is full and July and August should be full of kids learning more about their Savior. Please pray for those that attend these camps to experience life changing experiences. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6).

Blessings to all of you and a happy and safe summer, Ann

# Make a Joyful Noise



The Endless Summer goes on, and we are continuing to sing your favorites throughout. If you never told me a favorite hymn or chorus, you can do so by sending me an email at [pbcmusic@windstream.net](mailto:pbcmusic@windstream.net)

Thanks to all of you who came to my recital on June 14 and/or brought ice cream or other desserts. I enjoyed playing some of my favorite pieces, and loved getting a chance to do a free improvisation in a live concert for the first time ever. To reiterate for those who couldn't be there, I played 4 compositions, or pieces that have been previously written. The advantage with this type of piece is that it's consistent and reliable. If I compose a piece, I can give it to someone else and they can play the exact same notes I intended. It's much like a bible passage, where we can all read the same words.

An improvisation is a free, spontaneous form of creation. One thing I love about Christopher Guest movies (such as Best in Show and A Mighty Wind) is that the dialog is largely unscripted, or it is improvised. Jazz players are renowned for coming up with music on the spot. Rock guitar soloists do likewise. Classical players used to do this back in the 17th and 18th centuries. It died out as an art form in the 19th century. It's easy to

label one way of creating (planned in advance vs spontaneous) as being superior, but it's just two different ways of using a talent. Operation Christmas Child, for example, is a composition. It is a well-designed and calculated method that reaches children all over the world. Hearing that a child is sick and deciding to send a card or a toy to cheer him or her up is an improvisation. Good Christians should compose and improvise as the situation arises.

Spiritual lesson over, and back to the recital. At the recital, I asked the audience to give me some key words or moods for the music, and was given "sweet joy", "adventurous" and "fun". I then asked 4 people to give me a different note that would make up the 4 notes that begin the piece of music, and was given C, E, A-flat, and B-flat. For those with internet access, the link below will take you to the introduction and performance of the improvisation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1KFZ8mSHQ>

Be organized and spontaneous. Both have their place.

In Christ, *David*



## Welcome New Members

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## **Children:**

The children kicked off their summer with some fun in the sun at the Tanglewood Aquatic Center. Slides, diving boards, and a lazy river made for great times and excitement had by all!



Passport*kids!* calls us to Montreat, NC for an exciting week of bible study, fellowship, and summer fun. July 6-9 the children will be growing in their faith as they explore **James 2:18— "...I'll show you my faith by putting it into practice in faithful action"**. We will journey toward being people who are living a life that brings about a revolution in this world. A revolution is a life that is lived to its fullest drawing others to God and living a life of love so that all are included in the Kingdom of God. A revolution is a life that is lived in such a way that causes others to think and transform. A revolution is a life that is lived boldly, without fear putting faith into active practice. Please pray for us as we seek to inspire a Revolution!



Ephesians 3:20 - "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us..." **The summer 2015 theme for the Caswell trip was "Exceedingly and Abundantly More".**

Following Christ is so much more exciting than anything we could ever experience here on this earth. We have been tagged for so much more, a mission bigger than ourselves, a part of God's story. Pray for us as we continue to dive into scripture in an effort to discern truth through society's deceptions.





### Fun at Backyard Vacation Bible School

A team of three adults and seven youth from Covenant Community Church in Long View Florida held Backyard VBS at the GNC June 16-18. Youth at Covenant Community Church had fundraisers to prepare for the trip, supplying games, arts and craft activities, snacks, and a hotdog cookout. Pilot Mountain Baptist Association worked with Rick and Patti Manuel to finalize plans.

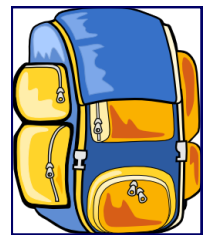
Bible study, prayer, and one-on-one witnessing were all emphasis of the three days. It was a wonderful time of worship and fellowship!



### **Baptist Men's Breakfast - Saturday, July 11 @ 8:00am**

All men, 18 and older, are invited to come and join the fellowship.

**WMU Night Group** invites you to start collecting school supplies to donate to the children at the **Good Neighbor Center** to help those children start off the school year with what they need to be successful. Be looking for more details to come in the next few weeks.



Come join the fun and eat a great meal!

### Dan'l Boone Inn Restaurant

Wednesday, July 15 - leaving at 10:00am

Cost is \$25/person

Call the office to sign-up or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary.



## Birthdays

Jordan Bauguess..... July 4  
 David Parker ..... July 6  
 Betty Griffin ..... July 10  
 Cole Rierson ..... July 23  
 Peggy Kiger..... July 25

## JULY CALENDAR

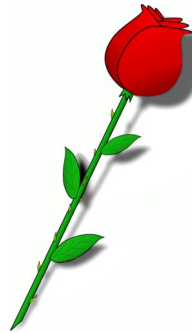
July 3 ..... **Office Closed**  
 July 5 .... Red/White/Blue Sunday  
 July 6-9 ..... Passportkids! Camp  
 July 11... .....Men’s Breakfast  
 July 12.....**Communion Sunday**  
 July 15..... Daniel Boone Inn Trip  
 July 16.....Single Seniors Lunch  
 July 19..... Deacons’ Meeting  
 July 20-22.....Adult VBS  
 July 26..... PBC Business Mtg.  
 w/ Covered Dish Luncheon



July 5 - Red, White and Blue Dress

July 15 - Dan'l Boone Inn Trip

July 20-22 - Adult VBS @ 10:00am



## Our Sympathies

*Our Christian sympathies go out to:*

*Carolyn, Jordan and Jerry Bauguess and her family in the death of Carolyn’s father, Alfred Hall.*

*Steve, Dainnya, Phillip, Joseph and Ben Busbin and Steve’s mom in the death of Steve’s stepfather, Mr. Acosta.*

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