

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

Pfafftown

Baptist Church



July 2016

PBCConnections

Church, Beach Holes, and Turtles



Thirteen years ago when my Bounds clan first went to Topsail Beach for vacation we had little knowledge of what we were about to experience. That year it was just me, a pregnant Kim, and a little Lilly. We did not venture very far from the house that first year.

As our family has grown we've expanded our beach horizons, experiencing many new joys each year. One particular joy is the blessing of the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital. Most years we have visited the hospital, heard the stories and experienced the sea turtles, large and small. **Our interest in and appreciation for the life of the sea turtle has never been the same.**

We soon began to notice most years on the beach small roped off areas right next to the dunes. You probably know that I'm speaking of a protected sea

turtle nest. Many times each year sea turtles will come ashore at night, crawl to the dune, dig a hole and lay a hundred or more eggs. It is beautiful and fascinating and not a little bit dangerous for the turtles.

Part of the knowledge we've learned is that to help the turtles and not be a hindrance to them we have to be careful how we leave the beach each night.

Particularly we have to make sure any holes we dig on the beach get filled back before the night. You see, if a turtle falls in a large hole they might not get to lay their eggs and could be physically damaged.

We don't want that to happen on our watch. We want to be good stewards of the ecology and life at the beach. Sure, the boys and I love to dig holes in the soft wet sand each year but now we know that to be good stewards **we have to fill in the holes each and every night.** That way things go on as they should.

How do beach holes and turtles connect to church? You may have noticed that we've dug a financial hole at church in the first half of this year. It's not a huge hole, but a hole none-the-less. We had twenty four great months of unbroken success in giving but now we've had six months of regressions and *it is a hole.*

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Turtles... *(continued from page 1)*

Certainly we can close our eyes, enjoy the fun of freedom in our giving and try to wish the hole away. Maybe we can hope someone else will come along and fill it in for us. Or perhaps we're just willing to accept the dangers of the risk. I hope not.

I look at the second half of the year kind of like I did at our beach holes this past week. If we just make steady, consistent efforts, beginning in July, we can fill in this hole with no problem by December. And the danger goes quietly away.

Every day at the beach I walk a length of about a mile in one direction many, many times looking for my shark teeth. And every evening I notice the many holes people have left in the beach and I'm reminded of the simple efforts that would have corrected the danger. *Will you engage with me in simple financial efforts to preserve our ministry at PBC?*

Can you reach a little deeper to help fill this hole? Can we be partners in creating safety? I know you will and I thank you in advance.

*That's my two cents worth. What do you have to say?
I'd love to hear from you in any form you choose. Connect with me.*
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Summer Fun Dress Day

Sunday, July 3

Red, White, and Blue

July Church Calendar

Men's Breakfast July 2
Church Office Closed July 4
Passport*kids!* July 5
Shepherd's Center Mtg July 10
Deacons' Meeting July 17
Newsletter Deadline July 17
Single Senior's Lunch July 21
Adult VBS July 25-28

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jordan Bauguess Jul 04
David Parker Jul 06
Betty Griffin Jul 10
Cole Rierson July 23
Peggy Kiger July 25



Coming in the Month of July

Mark Your Calendars!!



July 5-8 - Passportkids! Camp

Our kids will be heading to Converse College in Spartanburg, SC for a week studying John 10:10b "...I came so that everyone would have life and have it in its fullest." (CEV)

Please pray for our students and their leaders this week.



Adult VBS

July 25-28
10-Noon

Come get a better understanding of The Kingdom of God, have some snacks and do some mission projects. Please call the office or fill out the Connect Card in the bulletin to RSVP so we can plan for the correct amount.

The logo for The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem features a green tree silhouette with the text 'The Shepherd's Center' arched above it and 'of Greater Winston-Salem' below it.

Inspiring | Serving | Supporting | Educating | Enriching

Three photographs showing various activities at The Shepherd's Center. The first shows a woman in a pink shirt working on a craft project. The second shows a man in an orange shirt speaking to a group of people. The third shows a group of people sitting around a table, possibly at a meal or meeting.

Calling all Church Members!

Your presence is requested at a very important meeting to discuss our involvement with the Shepherd's Center here in Winston Salem. A team of deacons has been working with the Center to see how we can help meet their needs and will share that information with us at this meeting.

Sunday, July 10 at 2:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Desserts will be provided.

Please make every effort to attend.

Family Night at The DASH Game



Wednesday, July 13

7:00 pm

Email Alyssa at pbccstudents@windstream.net for tickets.



Item of the Month

Combs

We can still use shoeboxes.

Keep them coming!!

Thank you

The Baptist Women's Night Group would like to thank everyone who helped with our June 12th Blood Drive. A total of 69 lives will benefit from the 23 units of blood collected.

- ★ Thank you for donations of snacks and drink.
- ★ Thank you to Don, April, and Mitchell Johnson, and Sylvia Long who worked the entire day.
- ★ Thank you Pfafftown Baptist for your prayerful support.

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