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Pfafftown

Baptist Church



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PBCConnections

Two Faces

Have you ever seen the "drama" picture, the one with two faces, one happy and the other sad? Today I'm wearing both masks. Let me explain...

On one hand I'm wearing a **two sided mask**, rapidly turning sad, then happy, and on and on. I'm of both minds about the leaving of Larke Griffin, our Minister to Children and Youth.

I'm sad because I hurt to experience the leaving of Larke. For the past two years she has been a joy to experience and a blessing with whom to minister. I remember the summer Saturday mid-day I first met Larke in 2013 and the smile and joy she brought to the meeting. Her gifts of the Spirit have been ever present every since and we all have been the better for it.

Whether it was youth who experienced her grace and leadership, or children who experienced her spirituality and love, or adults who experienced her holiness and wit, we all saw the gifts of Larke and know God has blessed us through her. **What will be your memory of Larke?**

I'm happy because we at Pfafftown Baptist have done well by Larke and can send her off knowing we have blessed her beginning in ministry. I'm happy because I know the joy awaiting her in her upcoming wedding to Jamie and then her graduation.

On the other hand I wear only the **happy face mask** when I consider the beginning of ministry with Alyssa Botte (pronounced Bot – te, as in Bot – tea).

Alyssa, of whom you will find a picture and brief biography elsewhere in this newsletter, is now to be our new Minister to Children and Youth. We have great reasons to have faith she will be an equal blessing to us in her ministry, and us to her.

I met Alyssa a few months ago when she was recommended to me for our position in replacement of Larke. As we talked I became convinced of her love not simply for children and youth but more accurately for their spiritual development. Her expressed heart is **to assist the growth of children and youth** along the rough path of early life. I'm looking forward to the assist Alyssa will provide to my children's faith development.

How will you make welcome Alyssa? We plan to ease her into our ministry efforts in September. She will have the healthy time to observe and experience before being asked to lead. One way you can help her is to tell her your name over and over. Another way is to be gentle with her as she learns the Pfafftown Baptist ways.

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I'm happy because I know, confidently, she will bring great blessings to whatever ministries she attempts in the future. I am happy simply in my thoughts and memories of Larke. I know you are and will be, too.

I wear both faces for Larke Griffin.

A final suggestion to welcome her is to frequently encourage her with kind words. She will be a blessing to us all.

Oh, and put on **your happy face, too!**

*That's my say. I'd love to hear from you? Share your thoughts with me, Larke and Alyssa.
We'd all love to hear from you.*

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W. M.....needs U!

Our missions group resume their yearly meetings the month.

WMU Day Group - Sept 8 @ 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall

WMU Night Group - Sept 14 @ 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Baptist Men - Sept 12 @ 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Hope to see "U" there!

Welcome to our New Member

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Welcome to Our New Youth & Children Intern!



Alyssa Szymanski Botte is currently a graduate student at Wake Forest University. While she has finished up her Masters of Divinity requirements, this fall she will be embarking on a new journey in the Masters of Arts in Counseling program.

Alyssa is passionate about intergenerational care and spiritual formation, particularly the faith development of children and youth. She has **ministerial experience** in a variety of settings including **children's ministry, youth ministry, hospital chaplaincy, hospice care, itinerant preaching, and mental health counseling.**

As a native of Florida, Alyssa loves the sunshine, afternoon thunderstorms, and her beloved Florida Gators. However, she has come to call North Carolina her home and begin this exciting and beautiful new journey with you! **Alyssa lives in Walkertown with her husband, Ralph, and their cat, Dexter.** In her free time, Alyssa loves to go thrift shopping and read.

On her bookshelf now? Go Set A Watchman by Harper Lee, The Hand That Feeds You by AJ Rich, and The New Neighbor by Leah Stewart.

Welcome to Pfafftown, Alyssa!

Note: Alyssa's first day working at PBC will be September 1.



Top Ten Reasons For Joining The Choir.....

10. You get to see what the congregation looks like from the front of the church.
9. You get to find out what's actually behind the choir rail. If you're a guy on the back row, you can even peak in the baptistery for a behind-the-scenes view.
8. You get to be an essential part of Christmas and Easter in an active way.
7. You become a better singer. Wait a minute, David. Don't you have to sing well BEFORE you join the choir? A good singing voice is wonderful, but the choir is about singing as a team. Individually, some of our current members are confident soloists and others sing in choir because it's only as the group that they feel comfortable singing. A choir of overly strong voices would have trouble blending. If you know you can match a pitch, but aren't sure if it's a strong voice or would be very helpful, you're exactly who we need.
6. You get that Wednesday evening church experience, which includes prayer time.
5. You get to sing what the congregation doesn't get to sing. There's one essential reason. The choir gets to rehearse for as long as it takes to learn a piece. The congregation gets no rehearsal. The songs we sing in worship have to be familiar or easy to learn on the fly.
4. You don't have to read music. Really, it's not a prerequisite. Just as choir is a mix of voices, we also bring different musical experience. You can still learn to follow a part without knowing all the note names.

3. It's a training ground for being a worship leader. By my estimation, nearly half our choir are either deacons or have been ordained as deacons. By my further estimation, all of them sang in the choir before they were deacons. This should surprise nobody. You lead in worship nearly every Sunday. You learn to function as a team. You do one of God's commandments (Sing unto the Lord) more than you would outside the choir. It's no wonder that so many choir members are also the spiritual leaders of the church.

2. It's fun! Need I say more?

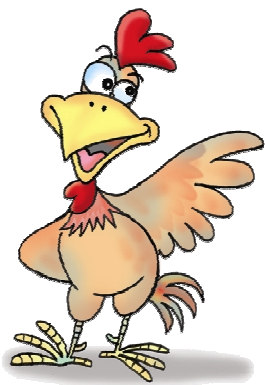
1. We **NEED** you!! We are blessed that our choir has never gotten so low that we couldn't sing most of the four-part anthems in our library. However, an absence or two really hinders what we could do. 2 extra voices would make a considerable difference. 4 extra voices would allow us to dig out some of the 5 and 6 part music that we can't do. Also, every voice adds to the blend. It's hard to blend with only a few, but your added voice can make the difference. Imagine if our 11 member choir were soon to be a 15 member choir, or 18, or 20. You can make that happen, and help our solid music ministry not just tread water, but swim forward.

HOW AND WHEN CAN YOU DO THIS?

Our Choir Kickoff is when we resume **Wednesday practices on September 2nd**. We will start that night at **6:30pm** and finish around 7:45 so that we're not too much later than the children and we can all have refreshments together. **Visiting that night is NOT a commitment.** If you choose to come check us out, we will understand if you decide not to continue. But how can you really know unless you try?

If you miss the 2nd, you can also come on the 9th or any time. Our rehearsals are open for you. No audition is required. You only need yourself and whatever you can offer. God will multiply all our efforts.

In Christ, *David*



BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

This year's BBQ Chicken Fundraiser will take place at PBC on **Friday, October 30 from 11am—7pm**. Each plate includes

BBQ chicken (1/2 chicken), slaw, baked beans, roll & dessert. You

must purchase a ticket to exchange

for your meal. **Ticket price is \$9.00**. All proceeds will benefit Community Missions. Now is the time to ask family, friends, and neighbors to buy tickets so they will reserve the date. We will have a table

outside the "B" building each Sunday between now and Oct. 18.



September

Birthdays

Sarah Sizemore..... Sep 1
Ruth Butner..... Sep 6
Makaela Jones Sep 6
Chris Norman Sep 9
Rose Simmons Sep 12
John Whitley..... Sep 12
Jim Key Sep 19
Ed Royall Sep 21
Glenn Jackson..... Sep 22
Thomas Bounds..... Sep 27
Jo Ann Morgan Sep 29

Support our College Students

Each month we will give you the details of one of our college students. Please take time to encourage them by sending them a card or email sometime during the month. These students work hard and encounter many challenges, and your encouragement and prayers will mean a great deal to them.

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September Calendar

Sept 2Choir Kick-off/Reception
Sept 7 **Office Closed/Labor Day**
Sept 8 WMU Day Group
Sept 12 Men's Breakfast
Sept 14WMU Night Group
Sept 17 Single Seniors Lunch
Sept 20 Deacons' Meeting
Sept 20Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday Fall Schedule

11:00am - Adult Bible Study

6:00pm - Children's Mission Study

6:45pm - Children's Choir and Chimes

7:15pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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