

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

# Pfafftown

*Baptist Church*

October 2015

PBC *Connections*

## Can you hear me now?



**B**y now everyone knows that phrase from the old Verizon commercials, “**Can you hear me now?**” The ad had the Verizon worker walking around the world in backward and backwoods places with a cell phone to his ear asking the home office if he could still be heard. It was very effective, as far as ads go.

Recently I had a hearing problem of an unusual sort. A couple of years ago I purchased some very highly recommended earbuds (“headphones” the fit directly in the ear) because I use earbuds regularly. I listen to educational information when I mow, so earbuds are critical. I listen to more educational information when I exercise. Sometimes I listen to audio books. Other times I listen to the radio. **I need my earbuds to work to bring the sounds I want to times of my life, but my earbuds were frustrating me very badly.**

The problem was that they would *fall out*. When I mow my earbuds would *fall out*. When I exercise they would *fall out*. When I walk on the beach they would *fall out*. For two years I tried everything to help them stay in to no effect. Every time they *fell out* I would get madder and madder. I even shopped for new ones. Until last month.

One day as I was about to put the frustrating earbuds into my ears for some unknown reason I took the time to look at all areas of the earbuds. Low and behold right there on the back of each earbud was a litter, an R on one and an L on the other. **The problem was for two years I’d been putting the R into my Left ear and the L into my Right ear.** It was a head slapping moment. Now, after two years, I know my L from my R and have the earbuds in the correct ears and I can’t remember the last time they fell out. Go figure.

It makes me wonder: **in what other areas of life am I (are you) experiencing frustration, assuming fault, or preparing for change when the problem is not the experience but the operation?**

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I do see this phenomenon happen frequently in church. Often times I've heard someone express frustration with some program or activity. Other times frustration bubbles up with some person or some team. **Who among us has not heard a word of frustration about something related to faith?** We all hear it, many of us have said it, most of us have felt it. But how many of us have paused to think about what we are doing, what role we play?

If something isn't working for you, or is causing you frustration, ask yourself if you are using it correctly in the first place.

**Do you need to step back to more active position of prayer or encouragement? Do you need to step forward to a more active position of support or participation. Do you need to look at it different way? How, in a positive, faithful way, can you create a better experience?**

Sometimes we all forget our L's and R's in church, but God has them labeled for us. Pray, encourage, forgive, use our gifts, support, etc. **When we get things placed correctly our experience will be so much more pleasing.**

*That's the way I see it. How do you see it? Connect with me via phone, e-mail, or in person. I'd love to hear your perspective.*  
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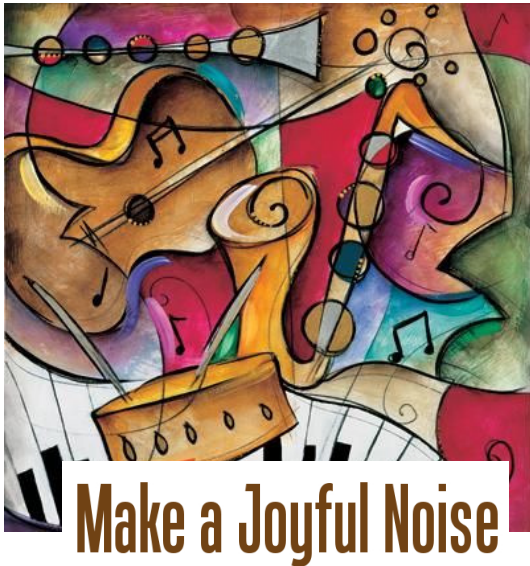
### BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

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. 11.

### POUND CAKES FOR BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

Again this year, we would like to ask volunteers to bake their best **homemade plain pound cakes with NO GLAZE OR ICING** for our BBQ Chicken Fundraiser. Sign up in your SS room or on the sheet in the Sanctuary Entrance in the "A" Building. We will collect the cakes in the Fellowship Hall from **6:00-7:00 pm, Thursday night, October 29**. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help raise money for our Community Missions!





**WANTED:** Choir members for special services! Do you think it would be an interesting experience to sing in choir, but just don't want to do it year round? **Then, consider adding to our choir for Christmas and Easter presentations.** This year we have a brand new Christmas cantata for the choir and we just got started learning it.

If you would like to sing on one December Sunday evening rather than every Sunday morning, then you might consider coming to choir practice for the first half of practice starting in October.

**We will rehearse Christmas from 7:30 to 8:00** (prayer time is at 7:15) and then our ongoing morning music from 8:00 to 8:30. Please let me or any other choir member know, or just show up, and we'll have a book waiting for you.

**That said,** we would welcome you to sing other times of the year with us. I would challenge all church members with a question. **What is the thing that holds you back the most from singing with the choir?** You may have more than one conflict, but I want to know what the number one reason is. At your convenience, drop me a message at [bcmusic@windstream.net](mailto:bcmusic@windstream.net). You can also tear the perforated portion of your bulletin (the connect card) and put **ATTN: DAVID LANE** at the top and list your reason below. This is not a rhetorical question. I want to know what keeps our loft from being full, and will address those reasons in November's article.

Additionally, let me remind all families with children that Mrs. Carolyn would love to have you singing and ringing as they too prepare for Christmas. They meet from 6:45 to 7:30 in the choir room.

In Christ,  
*David*

## October Birthdays

April Johnson ..... Oct 2  
 Loretta Lyalls ..... Oct 2  
 Toleda Wilhelm ..... Oct 5  
 Colton Allen ..... Oct 9  
 Pat Ashe ..... Oct 14  
 Jerry Bauguess ..... Oct 14  
 Kelly Reavis ..... Oct 14  
 Don Johnson ..... Oct 21  
 Barbara Adams ..... Oct 27  
 Lori Fisher ..... Oct 27

## WMU Missions Groups



**Baptist Men's Breakfast** will be Saturday, Oct 3 at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Night Group** will meet Monday, Oct 12 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring money for Gas Cards for the Speech Bus.

**Day Group** will meet Tuesday, Oct 13 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



## Operation Christmas Child

Now is a good time to begin packing your shoeboxes! Please return full boxes to the Sanctuary by November 15.

Can't shop to pack a box? If you'll donate your money, someone will shop and fill for you.

### College Student of the Month

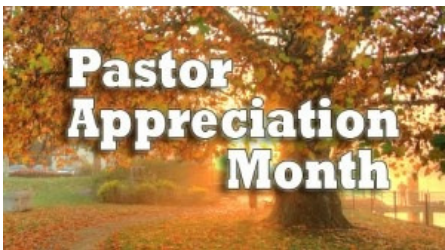
Cassidy Allen  
UNC at Greensboro  
CGAllen2 @ UNCG Station  
Greensboro, NC 27413  
email: cass5804@gmail.com

Send some encouragement her way this month by email or snail mail.

## CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

- Oct 3 ..... Men's Breakfast
- Oct 3 ..... Apple Festival
- Oct 11 ..... Communion
- Oct 12 ..... WMU Night Group
- Oct 13 ..... WMU Day Group
- Oct 15 ..... Single Senior's Lunch
- Oct 18 ..... NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Oct 18 ..... Deacons' Meeting
- Oct 26 ..... Quarterly Business Meeting  
w/ Covered Dish Lunch
- Oct 30 ..... BBQ Chicken Sale

Newsletter information can be sent to [kim\\_bounds@hotmail.com](mailto:kim_bounds@hotmail.com).



**Why is it appropriate to set aside a special time each year to give recognition and affirmation to our clergy and their families? How are their needs and circumstances different from those of any other job or profession?**

**How can you honor our ministry staff this month?**

One distinction lies in the nature of the service these leaders provide. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments—the spiritual well-being of His flock. When a pastor becomes weary, the very souls of his or her church community are endangered.

~Taken from Focus on the Family's Clergy Appreciation Month Guide, page 3.~

Be of  
**good courage**  
and he shall  
**strengthen**  
your heart.  
Psalm 27:14

## Courage in Cambodia

During the month of October, our **Children In Action** will be learning about what modern-day courage looks like. And who better to learn from than Joshua? In Joshua 1:1-9, God challenges Joshua to “**be strong and brave**”. It is Joshua’s courage and trust in God that allows him to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land. And Christians all over the world are following Joshua’s example, by having the courage to take the gospel to the ends of all the earth.

Our Children In Action will learn about two families, the Homcos and the Kim, who are missionaries to Cambodia. Christians in Cambodia have to display courage daily as some of their worship practices are not allowed. Through the examples of **Joshua, the Homcos, and the Kims**, we all can be challenged to **brave and courageous** in our daily lives too!



Random.

Chaotic.

Out of control.

Sound familiar? If you live with children or youth in your home (or bless your heart, both), chances are these words describe quite a bit of your daily life experience. Teens, in particular, engage in all kinds of vital life tasks in random, chaotic, and out of control ways. Like their friendships. And dating relationships. And homework. And probably their interactions with you.

But I’m not using the words random, chaotic, and out of control to describe those areas of life right now. I’m using them to describe the spiritual life of teens. Research shows that only about half of graduating youth group seniors pray once a day or read the Bible once a week. Beyond prayer and Scripture study, teenagers also don’t seem to have experience with a host of other timeless faith practices that could make a difference in their day to day lives.

So, how do we help teens develop Sticky Faith- or should I say faith that sticks with them through life? How do we help our kids nurture their own spiritual growth and create new faith rhythms that they can integrate into their daily lives? Well, that’s what we’ll be exploring for the next 8 weeks in youth group. In our series, Sticky Faith, our primary focus will be on noticing God. A lot of people would say that paying attention is the core of spiritual life, and I would tend to agree. When we learn to pay attention to and notice God and God’s work in and around us, it becomes a whole lot easier to see how faith “sticks” in every area of our lives.

And parents you play a vital role in our teens’ sticky faith! Research has shown that while it’s important for you as parents to talk with your kids about your kids’ faith, it is just as important for you guys to talk about your own faith journeys with them as well. For that reason, every week your youth will be bringing home a “Family Idea” sheet and I’d like you to try it out! Every week you will be given ideas that engage your whole family in noticing God more! Join with me and our youth group as we embrace the Sticky Faith that is the gospel message.

Grace and peace,

Alyssa Botte



American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Sunday, November 1, 2015  
1:30-5:30pm



The Baptist Women's Night Group will be hosting a Blood Drive as one of our monthly Mission projects.

If you are able to give, please visit [americanredcross.org](http://americanredcross.org) to sign up for a time convenient for you. You may also call, text, (336-413-1633) or email Becky Parker @ [bbparker@windstream.net](mailto:bbparker@windstream.net) to schedule your apt. to give.

Thank you for your support and your prayers!

*Thank You!* The children, parents, and workers at the Good Neighbors Center would like to thank you for your generous monetary donation (to purchase book bags and supplies) and the donated school supplies given at PBC. You enabled each child to start the new school year with a nice book bag and all additional supplies needed. It was such a blessing to see and feel the excitement of each child as they picked their book bag and filled it with school supplies. Thank you for caring and showing God's love to the children at the GNC.

*~FYI, your gifts filled backpacks for 26 children to start school on the correct foot.~*

### Welcome New Members

Steve and Dainnya Busbin  
Phillip, Joseph and Ben  
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Pfafftown, NC 27040  
336-716-1235



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

A **Fall Leaf Tour** is being planned for the month of October.

The date will either be **Oct 14 or Oct 28** depending on the leaf report. We will stop somewhere for lunch as well.

Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks!

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