

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

# Pfafftown

*Baptist Church*

November 2014

PBC *Connections*



## *Joining the Choir*

may love the idea of the cause, but one may also be attracted to the tax benefit of supporting the cause. It's a chicken and egg quandary; did the interest come before or after the benefit?

**As the end of 2014 approaches you will surely be offered many opportunities to benefit yourself along with a cause of your choice.** You'll get no call or mailing from Pfafftown Baptist, but please remember that ours is a cause, too, and your participation here indicates your interest, so why not follow your interest and help us finish the year financially strong?

Recently our local public radio station, WFDD, had its fund drive to complete the year. Like all causes they asked for support by enumerating the benefits of the station, calling on the emotions of the listeners. What's the harm in listing the benefits of church to call out your support? Because unlike every other cause that beckons our support, church is not a cause from which we purchase benefits.

There are benefits to church, to be sure, some of which are proven to be life sustaining. The social aspect of church helps

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One of the guarantees as the end of any year comes is the mailbox-busting weight of causes asking for your support. Every cause that depends on the support of individuals targets the end of each year to request support. The calls come from every direction: **social ministries, environmental causes, public radio and television, you name it, they call.**

Most everybody I know has causes they support. I do; I value certain causes and gladly assist their end of the year fund drives. **Do you have causes you support? I'll bet you do.**

The reasons folks support causes are equally divided between interest and accounting. One

us live longer. ***The support of church in life circumstances smoothes the rough places of life. The fellowship of church gives everyone a place to belong. The worship at church touches a place within us nothing else does. All of these benefits and more are true, but if one gives for the benefits gained one misses the entire point.*** Church is not a chicken and egg quandary. We give because He gave all for us.

I gladly represent this church and God and join the chorus asking for your extra support at the end of this year. I'm neither

begging nor pleading; I'm simply reminding. Your help is needed, and as you choose your causes to support at the end of this year, or even if you don't support any year-end causes, **Pfafftown Baptist is a great place for you to support.**

***Do not give out of a sense of guilt, or with expectations. Give, as scripture illustrates, with a sense of joy and as a reflection of your faith and appreciation for God's goodness to you.*** The end of the year is coming, and the chorus is just beginning. Will you hear the whisper of God? Will you be part of a cause that lives and thrives? Will you? I believe you will.

As always I'd love to hear from you, any way you want to reach me, about whatever you think.

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## Make a Joyful Noise

Towards the end of a recent choir practice, I thanked the choir for their attitude and spirit in dealing with the challenging music. The choir, reflective of the church, is smaller than it was a few years ago. However, just like the church, those who are still active are ones that really want to see vitality and growth.

With a smaller choir, it would be easy to pull out nothing but our favorites from over the years, or introduce the easy anthems that we can sing a couple of times, go over a few spots, and have it ready. Some of the music for Fall and much of the music for Christmas is difficult. We are taking part-by-part one or two pages at a time for some of the music.

Something that challenges but doesn't overwhelm you is one of the healthiest things you can do. A little challenge is needed just to stay sharp at your same level at whatever it is: music, your job, sports, your

faith or other aspects of your life. More than just a little challenge leads to overcoming difficulty, which further leads to growth.

Comfort is an overrated luxury. It offers a temporary satisfaction that, perhaps, should be embraced every now and then. However, it also masks complacency and can suck away your passion and vitality. I'm thankful that our choir accepts the challenging music, and is committed to growing in quality no matter what our size is.

How can you challenge yourself? Can you visit or call more than you are? Could you give more money or time to the ministry you value? Could you admit to a skill you've been hiding and take a chance on sharing it? Can you show God's love to the community around you in ways you've avoided in the past? I pray that you avoid the crippling circumstances of overwhelming obstacles, but hope that you will willingly embrace just a little adversity.

In Christ,

David



## YOUTH NEWS



### CHILDREN

**Bible Study.....Sun @ 9:15am**

**Children in Action.....Wed @ 6:15**

**Children's Choir.....Wed @ 6:45**

### YOUTH

**Bible Study..... Sun.@ 9:15am**

**Youth on Missions ..... Wed. @ 6:30pm**

**Nov 16 ..... Food, Fun Fellowship  
@ Bounds' House**

**Nov 21-23 ..... Ridgecrest Fall Retreat  
Meet at church @ 5:30 pm**



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00am on Sun, Nov 2nd. Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday evening!

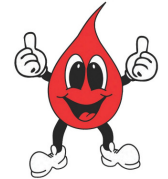
Sunday, Nov 9

1:30 - 5:30pm

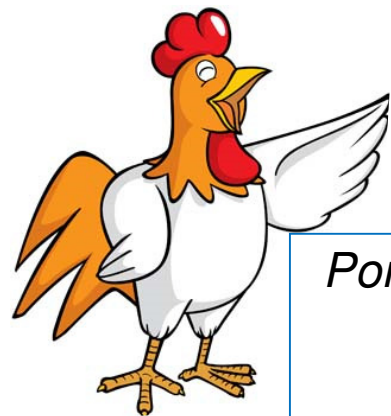
Sign-up in SS Classes or Online

PBC Fellowship Hall

**WHEN DID YOU LAST GIVE BLOOD?**



Paula Baity ..... Nov 2	Tori Dameron ..... Nov 9	Kim Bounds ..... Nov 18
Jerrie Tickle..... Nov 5	Melba Dameron..... Nov 13	Kelly P. Allen ..... Nov 23
Betty Wilson ..... Nov 7	Daniel Royall..... Nov 14	Kenny Jones..... Nov 25
Carolyn Bauguess ..... Nov 8	Landon Jones ..... Nov 15	Rita Hoilman..... Nov 25
Judy Hemric ..... Nov 8	Jim Tickle ..... Nov 15	Halley Sizemore ..... Nov 25
Lori Jones ..... Nov 8	Patti Manuel..... Nov 17	Mildred Wiesener..... Nov 25
Joyce McGee..... Nov 8	Kalin Rierson ..... Nov 17	



## Port-a-Pit BBQ Chicken Plate Sale

Friday, November 7  
11:00am - 7:00pm

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Help is needed throughout the day.

See Ken Carpenter to find out how you can serve.

*Extra! Extra!  
Read All About It!*

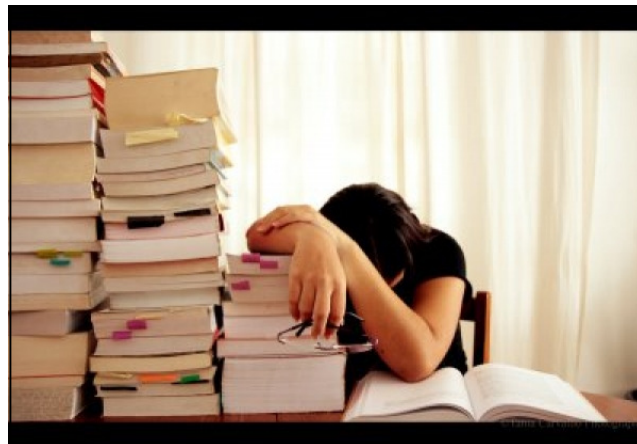
SPECIAL MESSAGE GRAM BY EXPRESS CABLE DELIVERIES

DL = Day Letter  
NM = Night Message  
NL = Night Letter  
LC = Deferred Cable  
NLT = Cable Night Letter

### Talkin' 'Bout Revival!



The deacons and Pastor Thomas have begun initial work to host a revival at PBC in the early months of 2015. A planning team is being formed and there is space for you. If you are interested in revival at PBC and are willing to be instrumental in the formation and execution of the experience we need your help. Please contact Pastor Thomas ASAP to express your interest. Then we can start talkin' 'bout revival!



## College Exam Care Packages

It would be a wonderful treat for them to receive a care package of goodies and notes from their church family. **Please help fill our boxes located in the foyer & the "B" building with gum, chapstick, crackers, cookies, any type of snack items, plus any small item you can think of, such as Post-it notes.**

**Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 23.**

For anyone unable to purchase items, monetary donations will be accepted by the College & Career committee. Also, the students would love to hear from you with an encouraging note that says you're thinking of them during exam time.

Thank you!  
*Debra Rierson & Amy Stinson*



# PBC Bulletin Board

## To Do List

1. Buy Items for shoebox
2. Fill shoebox
3. Bring shoebox to church on Nov 16.



## Thanksgiving Service

Everyone is invited to a Thanksgiving worship on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will thank God, praise God, remember God and experience God, and

that's a lot for which to be thankful!

Come be a part of this wonderful celebration.



## CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 1 ..... Men's Breakfast  
Nov 4 ..... Election Day  
Nov 10 ..... WMU Night Group  
Nov 11 ..... WMU Day Group  
Nov 11 ..... Veteran's Day  
Nov 12 ..... Deacons' Vision Meeting  
Nov 16 ..... NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
Nov 23 ..... Deacons' Meeting  
Nov 25 ..... Thanksgiving Service  
Nov 27 ..... Thanksgiving Day  
Nov 27-28 ..... Church Office Closed

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



*Blessings to Your Family  
From ,  
Pastor Thomas, David, Larke and  
Becky*

*“Displaying love with our greater community”*



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