

PENINSULA

BAPTIST CHURCH

...Pointing the way to life.

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A Word from Our Pastor



“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” II Corinthians 5:7

God is continually teaching this lesson to His people. Our human nature says show me, God's Spirit says follow Me. The events and circumstances of life challenge us to trust God and find Him faithful. Often, we gain understanding as we look back at what God has done. Yet, in the midst of it, we don't fully understand what He is doing so we walk by faith, not by sight. This time last year we were in the discussion part of a building program prior to the start of construction. As our discussions unfolded it was clear that it was not the right time for us to initiate the construction phase. While we experienced disappointment, we now understand that God knew our economy would be in a down turn and it would have been harmful for the church to be involved in a building project right now. I thank the Lord for His wisdom and His faithfulness. In His timing, a new facility will be constructed that will meet the needs of the church. Until then, we walk by faith, not by sight into a new year of ministry serving our Lord with the resources He provides and in the strength He gives.

COOPER'S

O A construction worker was welding on top of a water tower
R outside Chicago when he unhooked his safety gear to reach
N for some pipes. At the same time, a metal cage slipped and
E bumped the scaffolding he was on, sending him to the ground
R in a 110-foot fall, where he landed on a pile of dirt. When the
paramedics arrived and carried him off on a stretcher, he had
one humorous request: “Don't drop me.”

Sometimes we are like that worker in our faith, trusting God to save us from the long fall of our sins, yet fretting over the three-foot falls of every day details. The Bible tells us to trust God for everything because He knows our needs even before we ask Him. (Matt. 6:8)

Begin this new year fully trusting God to care for you and the needs of your life.

You are loved,

Bro. Hugh

PRAYER LIST:

The following member is on the prayer list for this past week. For a complete list of prayer requests, please pick one up by the water fountain near the offices. Please contact Terri Holbrooks with updates on any prayer requests made.

704-664-2958 ext. 204 or terri.holbrooks@peninsulabaptist.com

♥ Roy Brewer

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

♦ Winford H. Courts

JOIN US TONIGHT:

Join us tonight as we continue the series from Revelation. Chapter 12 will reveal the worst wave of anti-Semitism the world has ever seen. This is a great chapter that leads us to the anti-Christ and the last 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation period.

ATTENTION GA'S:

All GA's – Please bring any cowgirl attire (hat, bandana, vest, etc) that you have to GA's TONIGHT to kick off our study of a Cowboy church.

kidTHEATRE:

kidTheatre will resume tonight from 5:00-5:45 p.m. We look forward to a great spring program.

CHRISTMAS CARD PICK-UP:

Please be sure to check the iConnect post office, located in the lobby by the preschool stairs, to see if your family has cards that need picked up.

UPWARD BASKETBALL REFEREE MEETING:

There will be a mandatory referee meeting on Tuesday, January 6, at 6:30pm. If you have any questions about refereeing, please contact Roger Brown at 704-400-3266.

NEW STARTING JANUARY:

Beginning Jan. 14, iPraise youth will be leading a prayer service. This will be twice a month and will begin at 7 p.m. Watch for more details.

UPWARD BASKETBALL REFEREES:

The Upward Basketball is in need of referees to help in all divisions for games on Friday or Saturday during the season. Games will begin on Jan. 16. If you are interested in refereeing, please sign-up online at www.peninsulabaptist.com and click-on: **Sports**. The link is on the main sports page.

KID JAM MINISTRY NEED:

Peninsula Kids needs a dedicated 3rd grade teacher to serve in our Kid JAM ministry (1st-4th Grades) during the 9:45 hour on Sundays. This person would be responsible for preparing a weekly small group lesson from provided curriculum. All other materials are provided for you. Approximately 1-2 hour prep time during the week and one hour on Sunday...this is an easy 3 hour/week commitment to serve the Lord among our kids. Email Pastor Josh for questions or to sign up at josh.benfield@peninsulabaptist.com.

LEARNING MORE IN CHRIST - Discipleship Opportunities for 2009

Downpour - by James McDonald - "There's something about a dry spell that gets people talking..." Join this group to learn about Revival. Meets Thursdays, beginning January 15. Contact Jennifer Whitley (704) 660-3978 for details.

The Disciple's Victory - Join us as we learn to wear the Spiritual Armor talked about in Ephesians 6. Sunday Evenings, beginning January 11.

Faith Lessons - Weave together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious and geographical contexts. Meets Monday Nights at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall

Bible Study for College & Career singles - meets at Caribou Coffee Monday evenings at 8:00 p.m.



I Saw The Lord:

You are invited to an Anne Graham Lotz Bible study entitled "I Saw the Lord" beginning in January. When we call ourselves Christians, we expect our love for Jesus, our hunger for His presence, and our urgent longing to see Him again to be a constant, motivating force in our lives. Yet sometimes in the busyness of life, the longing becomes complacency, and we sleep through opportunities to be with Him. It's when we're drifting, that we most need a wake-up call--a jolt that pushes us to seek revival of our passion for Jesus. The revival we need is not a tent meeting or a series of church services designed to save the lost. It is something completely different: authentic, personal revival. The Bible study will be held three different days for you to choose from: Sunday evenings 5:00 - 6:00pm, Tuesday mornings 9:30 - 11:00am and Thursday evenings 7:00 - 8:30pm. Registration is requested by calling Sara in the church office at 704-664-2958, ext. 212. Childcare is available on Tuesday mornings by reservation. Book cost is \$20. Study begins January 11, 13 or 15, depending on which day you register, and lasts for 8 weeks.

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY:

On Sunday, Jan. 18, we will be recognizing Sanctity of Life Sunday. Our church will be participating again this year with the Baby Bottle Boomerang. Watch future bulletins for more details.

WINTER CLEANING:

Volunteers are needed to do major kitchen cleaning on Monday, Jan. 19. It will begin at 8am and will continue until it is done. Please contact Tamra Benfield 704-660-5811.

IFAITH PARENTS & TEENS:

iTheatre:

iTheatre is back--January 7th from 7:00-8:00 PM. iTheatre will happen the first and third Wednesday each month. We'll begin working on skits, praise band rehearsal, and some vocal groups. Then we'll get started on a large production this spring. There's something for everyone. Come check it out and find your role!

Winter Jam Charlotte 2009

On January 11th, we will be loading up on big yellow and heading down to Charlotte for the most outrageous concert of the year! This year Winter Jam features tobyMac, Hawk Nelson, Brandon Heath, NewSong, Francesca Battistelli, pureNRG, Stephanie Smith, and guest speaker Tony Nolan. We'll leave the church at 3:00, and return at 9:30. The cost is \$10, and you pay at the door. You'll also need some money for supper. Register at www.intentionalfaith.com. The deadline to register is January 7th. A current medical form must be on file.

iPraise:

iPraise is a prayer, praise, and worship service that is lead by the youth but is open to our whole church. It debuts January 14th from 7:00-8:00 PM. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to worship and lead others to worship as well.

Gladiator Night:

You've seen it on TV--now you can experience. Or just come watch others experience it. Game night January 16th from 9:30-11:30 PM. Bring your friends. It's going to be a blast. Check-in and get instructions in the fellowship hall. Register at www.intentionalfaith.com.

This week at Peninsula!

Jan. 4-Jan. 10, 2009

(Items in blue are not routine items)

SUNDAY

8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m...Worship Services FLC
9:45, 11:00 a.m.....Sunday School.....classrooms & BMS
11:00 a.m.....New Life Bible ClassE-10
3:30 p.m.....Bible Drill gr. 4-6..... F-24,25,26,27
5:00 p.m.....kidTheatre Chapel
5:00 p.m.....iConnect (youth 7-12 gr.)FH & classrooms
5:00 p.m.....kidTheatre jr..... downstairs
6:00 p.m.....Ignite Refuel (youth 5-6 gr.)..... Loft, F-32,33
6:00 p.m.....RA's, GA's, & Mission Friends..... classrooms
6:00 p.m.....Sunday Evening Service..... FLC

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.....Homeschool Classes..... Main floor
4:00 p.m.....Upward Basketball PracticeFLC
6:30 p.m.....Lake Norman Comm Orchestra..... Chapel
6:30 p.m.....Faith LessonsFH
8:00 p.m.....College Bible Study..... Caribou Coffee

TUESDAY

4:00 p.m.....Upward Basketball PracticeFLC
6:30 p.m.....Upward Referee Mtg.....FH

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.....PBC Orchestra FLC
6:30 p.m.....Divorce CareE-12
6:30 p.m.....Blood Pressure Screening Foyer
6:30 p.m.....Wednesday Night Sunday SchoolE-13
6:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting.....E-10
6:30 p.m.....iKnow for Youth.....FH
7:00 p.m.....Worship Choir..... Chapel
8:30 p.m.....Worship Team FLC

THURSDAY

9:15 a.m.....Staff Meeting F-33
4:00 p.m.....Upward Basketball PracticeFLC
5:00 p.m.....Upward Cheerleading Practice..... F-24, 25, 26,27

FRIDAY

6:00 p.m.....Upward Basketball Games begin......FLC
6:30 p.m.....Bible Study Chinese Ministry.....E-10

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.....Upward Basketball Games begin......FLC
6:00 p.m.....Peninsula Kids Bible Bash.....FH

Happy Birthday to the following members of our congregation:

Jan. 4 David Greene, Micah Houck, Colter Davis,
Ryan Rich, Salem Mayes

Jan. 5 Lindsay McMillan

Jan. 6 Barbara Martin, Randy Hobart, Tracy Carter,
Sandy Thompson, Alicia Dishman, Elijah Julian,
Miller Brannen, Molly Brannen

Jan. 7 Julia Severt, Judi Phelps, Lisa McMillan, Kim Hanley

Jan. 8 Penny Kerhoulas, Joey David, Holland Dowdy

Jan. 9 Barbara Ivill, Phil Lucas, Brandon Clark,
Miranda Smith

Jan. 10 James Holdier, Sean Robillard, Autumn Ping



CHURCH OFFICE	704-664-2958.....	FAX 704-664-3991
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REV. DAVID SIMON.....	MINISTER OF EDUCATION & OUTREACH	EXT. 201
REV. DANIEL DYE.....	MINISTER TO STUDENTS	EXT. 205
REV. JOSH BENFIELD.....	MINISTER TO PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN.....	EXT. 217
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SUNNY COOKE	WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR	704-663-7100

VIPs for January 11, 2009

Please pray for these Volunteers in Preschool (VIPs) serving on the 2nd Sunday in January. Also, please pray for our faithful teachers, assistant teachers and team leaders who serve every Sunday in preschool. Thank you all!

8:30 AM—Upstairs (3 and under)	11:00 AM—Upstairs
Brian & Stacey Burge	Sharon Edwards
	Anita Morris
	Brenda VanVleet
	Sue Wilkinson
9:45 AM—Upstairs	11:00 AM—Downstairs
Shannon Combs	Jennifer Whitley
	Nathan & Chasity Brannen
9:45 AM—Downstairs	Allen & Debbie Watson
Stef Rhodes	
Ron Gamble	

HOMEBOUND OF THE WEEK

Patsy Wilson
140 Barclay Lane
Mooresville, NC 28115

Please consider mailing an encouragement card to our homebound member.

The deadline for information to be included in Bulletin is Thursday Noon.

Event Forms are required to reserve a room, put a date on the calendar and to approve church-sponsored events. Submit form to church office.

Regular Offering

Given 12/28/08	\$39,186.93
Given (YTD).....	\$1,573,576.59
Sales Tax Refund (YTD) ...	\$4,035.82
Expenses (YTD).....	\$1,548,047.96
Budgeted (YTD).....	\$1,589,020.00

****Weekly need: \$30,558**

“Fulfilling Our Call” Fund

Contributions 12/28/08	\$7,729.25
— 11/30/06-12/28/08 —	
Contributions (YTD)	\$1,133,948.98
Interest/Other Dep.....	\$766,192.93
Dep. From Budget.....	\$296,557.00
Expenses (YTD).....	\$(816,016.06)
Redesignated/Refunds...\$(45,803.00)	
Balance.....	\$1,334,879.85

Lottie Moon Offering..... \$51,823.37

Record for Dec. 28, 2008

Attendance

Sunday School	455
8:30 Worship.....	129
8:30 Nursery.....	4
9:45 Worship.....	69
11:00 Worship.....	338
11:00 Nursery.....	24
Total.....	560

Mark Your Calendars:

- 1/9 Upwards Games
- 1/10 Upwards Games
- 1/10 Bible Bash
- 1/11 iFaith to Winter Jam '09
- 1/13 Senior's Breakfast
- 1/16 iReach Gladiator Night
- 1/16 Senior's Fish Night
- 1/23 iFaith Girls-Revolve Tour

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a life filled with faith, hope and love found only in Jesus Christ.