

PENINSULA

BAPTIST CHURCH

...Pointing the way to life.

FAITH

DISCIPLESHIP

LOVE

SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY

PRAYER

MISSIONS OUTREACH



A Word from Our Pastor



He that sat upon the throne said
"Behold I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

These words of Jesus summarize the mighty work of God from creation to consummation. God's focus is not on the rebuilt, remanufactured, retreaded goods of this world. His purposes are to make things new. From Him we experience the new birth and receive new life made possible by the new covenant initiated by our Lord Jesus through His death on the cross. When He returns, we will have a new body in which to live in a new home built by The Carpenter's own hands. Yet, as much as we like the new things of life, new toys, new clothes, even new grandbabies, we often fear new direction in our lives. This calls for us to live by faith and trust our Lord Jesus. After all, He is the Way, The Truth, and The Life, and we can follow Him without fear into the future. We stand at the door of another new beginning. 2009 will arrive this week with new possibilities, new opportunities, and new challenges. With calm assurance we enter into another new year with hopeful expectation that in each new day we will be guided by the strong hand of our Lord Jesus Christ who makes all things new.

COOPER'S

O The parades are finished. The gifts are all opened. The
R batteries have died in the toys. The food is now in the left
N over stage. The Christmas songs have been sung. The
E Christmas plays and musicals have now ended. So you got a
R red tie, new socks, and a handkerchief. And in all of the excitement of Christmas...did you miss it?

If all that's left are the bills and a few songs, Christmas will have been empty. If you don't have Jesus, you don't have a Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Prince of Peace or the Eternal Father. Jesus is Christmas! Christmas is a Person...not a parade or play. Christmas is not just when He came, but why He came.

So dear friend, I hope that you didn't miss Jesus and that you will have a wonderful new year! Carol and I thank each of you for the cards, gifts and wonderful fellowship that you so freely gave to us...and as always....

You are loved,

Bro. Hugh

PRAYER LIST:

The following members were added to the prayer list 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

- ♥ Brenda Lee
- ♥ Sid Beadnell
- ♥ Tammy Elliott
- ♥ Eric Sutton
- ♥ Joanne Tabor
- ♥ Roy Brewer
- ♥ Shane Graybill & family

IFAITH PARENTS & TEENS:



Winter Jam Charlotte 2009

is January 11th. tobyMac, Hawk Nelson, Brandon Heath, NewSong, Francesca Battistelli, pureNRG, and Stephanie Smith will be there. Admission is \$10 at the door and you will need money for supper. We will leave Peninsula at 3:00 and return around 9:30 PM. Sign up at www.intentionalfaith.com. Deadline is January 4. You must have a current medical form on file to attend.

Gladiator Night is January 16th at Peninsula from 9:30-11:30 PM. This will be the first of our iReach game nights. There will be extreme competition, fellowship with other teenagers, and loads of fun! Start inviting your friends now. It's a great way to introduce your friends to the Intentional Faith ministry.

REMEMBER TO PICK-UP

CHRISTMAS CARDS :

Please be sure to check the iConnect post office to see if your family has cards that need picked up.

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. 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.

MISSIONS IN 2009 - Opportunities to Go!

2009 will hold many opportunities to serve Christ. Several of the opportunities already planned include:

- ♦ March 20-21 - NC Missions Conference, Charlotte
- ♦ June 21-27 - St. John's Mission Trip
- ♦ June 27-July 4 - Family Mission Trip to NYC
- ♦ August 8-14 - Cook for Children's Camp in Casper, Wyoming
- ♦ August 10-14 - Family Mission Camp, Caswell Beach, NC
- ♦ Sept. 8-13 - Graffiti School Supply Sale, NYC
- ♦ Additional opportunities could exist in Kenya, China and Honduras.

If you have an interest e-mail david.simon@peninsulabaptist.com

WINTER CLEANING:

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

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING:

Many thanks to those who have given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Last Sunday we received \$ 40,704.06 as we placed our offering in the manger. To date we have given a total of \$43,102.76 (which includes Sunday's offering) toward our goal of \$65,080. It is not too late to give so people around the world can hear the Gospel. 100% of the Lottie Moon offering goes to International Missions.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

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.

kidTHEATRE BEGINS:

kidTheatre will start again on Jan. 4 from 5:00-5:45 p.m. We look forward to a great spring program.



A special "Thank You" to all those listed who have given of their time and volunteered in the church office in 2008:

Pam Beam

Barbara Ivill

Sarah Harris

Sherri Shaffer

Kayla Tabor

Ryan Tabor

Ericka Seger

Justin Seger

Debbie Godsell

Brenda Mitchell

Billy Mozeley

Sam Clark

Molly Clark

Ryan Mangum

Peter Robbins

David Robbins

Patrick Robbins

Joan Robbins

Kelly Gibson

Shasta Woodard

Obrigado!

Merci

Gracias

"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name in that you have ministered to the saints....." Hebrews 6:10

This week at Peninsula!

Dec. 28-Jan. 3, 2009

(Items in blue are not routine items)

SUNDAY

8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m...Worship Services FLC

9:45.. Sunday School classrooms & BMS

11:00 a.m..... New Life Bible ClassE-10

..... No Evening Activities.....

MONDAY

8:00 p.m. College Bible Study..... Caribou Coffee

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

..... New Year's Eve -- No Evening Activities

THURSDAY

..... New Year's Day -- Church Office Closed

FRIDAY

6:30 p.m Bible Study-ChineseE-10

SATURDAY



Happy Birthday to the following members of our congregation:

Dec 28: Wes Kinnamon, Larry Jones, Susan Edwards, Amy Orr,
Seth Towne, Lauren Britt

Dec 29: Mary Abee, Phil Stiles, Billie Jolliff, John Tinkham,
Matthew Jackson, Bryce Johnson, Allyson Parker,
Eileen Palmer

Dec 30: Franklin Brooks, Ashton Loyd, Suzanne Davis, Barb Hall,
Jason Parker

Dec 31: Eric Ford, Lauren Welborn

Jan 1: Daphne Lomax, Wayne Moore, Thomas Scofield,
Zachary Tinkham

Jan 2: John Kearey

Jan 3: Brenda Ussery

CHURCH OFFICE	704-664-2958.....	FAX 704-664-3999
DR. ROBERT JACKSON	SENIOR PASTOR.....	EXT. 203
DR. HUGH COOPER.....	ASSOC. PASTOR & MINISTER TO SENIOR ADULTS	EXT. 211
REV. JEFF MARINOS	MINISTER OF MUSIC.....	EXT. 215
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
REV. STEPHEN MANGUM	MINISTER OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	EXT. 204
PAM BEAM.....	PASTOR'S SECRETARY	EXT. 202
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LISA MAUNEY	STUDENT MINISTRY COORDINATOR.....	EXT. 223
.....	SPORTS/OUTREACH MINISTRY COORDINATOR.....	EXT. 207
CHRISTIE COOK.....	PRESCHOOL MINISTRY COORDINATOR.....	EXT. 208
SUNNY COOKE	WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR.....	704-663-7104

VIPs for January 4, 2009

Please pray for these Volunteers in Preschool (VIPs) serving on the 1st 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)
Steve Coleman

9:45 AM—Upstairs
Kathy Lee
Robin Sherrill

9:45 AM—Downstairs
Dawn Moore
Amanda Alexander

11:00 AM—Upstairs
Debbie Godsell
Katie Godsell
Kayla Tabor
Chuck & Cheryl Bickerstaff

11:00 AM—Downstairs
Alycia Johns
Tammie Elliott
Karen Tuttle
Bobby & Chondra Trimnal

HOMEBOUND OF THE WEEK

Julia Severt
Autumn Care of Marshville
PO Box 608
Marshville, NC 28103

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 12/21/08	\$35,883.89
Given (YTD).....	\$1,534,389.66
Sales Tax Refund (YTD) ...	\$4,035.82
Expenses (YTD).....	\$1,511,571.75
Budgeted (YTD).....	\$1,558,462.00

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

“Fulfilling Our Call” Fund

Contributions 12/21/08	\$820.50
— 11/30/06-12/21/08 —	
Contributions (YTD)	\$1,126,219.73
Interest/Other Dep.....	\$765,268.12
Dep. From Budget.....	\$293,416.00
Expenses (YTD).....	\$(816,016.06)
Redesignated/Refunds...	\$(12,432.00)
Balance.....	\$1,356,455.79

Lottie Moon Offering..... \$43,102.76

Record for Dec. 21, 2008

Attendance

Sunday School	559
8:30 Worship	212
9:45 Worship	118
11:00 Worship	400
11:00 Nursery.....	44
Total.....	774

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 1/1 Church Office Closed
- 1/9 Upwards Games
- 1/10 Upwards Games
- 1/10 Bible Bash
- 1/11 iFaith to Winter Jam '08
- 1/13 Senior's Breakfast (Bob Evan's)
- 1/16 iReach Gladiator Night
- 1/16 Senior's Fish Night
- 1/23 Youth Girls-Revolve Tour