

Encouragement From Pastor Peter

PITTSBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



The Spiral - "Keeping the people informed"

"Making the Days Count"

Dear Church Family,

Just a couple days ago, I was outside doing some yard work, and I saw the cutest little toddler boy and his parents out for a walk. He smiled every step of the way and was mesmerized by what I was doing in the yard. Of course, that caused me to want another child of my own (though I'll never convince Tara that it's time to start over again), but that moment also brought me face-to-face with this sad reality: *my boys are becoming young men, and I'm becoming an older man!* It's hard to



believe that earlier this month Micah turned 15 and Malachi turned 12—it makes me stop and wonder, "Where in the world did the time go?!" Wasn't it just yesterday that we had Micah out for a teeter-tottering walk or Mali was on training wheels on his bike? I can vividly remember the days they were born. I remember the fun of trying to get the word "Da-Da" out of their mouths before they said "Ma-Ma." And I certainly remember their first days of preschool (remind me to tell you about Mali's first day and the possibility of my arrest on a school campus as I tackled him to the floor at the nearest exit). Where did the time go?

Time is a non-renewable resource. Think of all the things you can renew: your Amazon Prime account, your financial savings, relationships, your love for a recreational hobby—but a day spent is spent forever. You'll never get today back. The Bible describes our life as a "vapor" (James 4:14), but we often live as if we have an unlimited supply of tomorrows. God's Word continually reminds us that we don't.

Moses wrote Psalm 90 in the wilderness after burying an entire generation of Israelites who spent their days wandering due to their rebellion. If you want to talk about a waste of days for a large group of people, learn from them. They never saw the land that they originally set out to enjoy because of their lack of trust in the Lord and a host of other sins against Him. Out of the pain of that reality, Moses prayed, *"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."* Moses asked God for the wisdom to know how to make every day matter because he saw that they were a gift from above.

The Apostle Paul also gave similar counsel. He wrote to the Ephesians, *"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil"* (Ephesians 5:15-16). We don't use the word "circumspectly" in our everyday conversation, but it means to be cautious, careful, guarded, and thoughtful about each day, paying attention to where each passing minute or hour goes.

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I'm not going to act as if I have become a master of time. If I'm being 100% transparent, those closest to me would describe me as over-committed, always willing to say "YES," or unable to sit and just be still. I would like to think that I'm active even in my rest, but I know the truth. The days fly by, and I'm guilty of doing a ton of good things, but rarely do I get to the best or sometimes the most important things. I've been to ministry seminars about it, listened to podcasts on it, watched videos, read books, and they all say the same kinds of things: "Learn to say 'NO'"; "Pre-plan your life"; "Block-time your days"; "Start earlier"; or the occasional, "It's your life. Claim it back in the name of Jesus." If it were easy to do, we'd all be doing it. So how do we "Make the Days Count?"



In this recent season of life, I am coming to grips with a few things, and I would like to share them with you in humility—knowing good and well that I'm trying to navigate through a season that is always fighting against the gift of time:

- First, we are here temporarily, but we know that eternity is forever. Therefore, we must live with eternity in view (Ecclesiastes 3:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:17). We know this life isn't all that there is, and Jesus has called us to "store up treasure in heaven" (Matthew 6:19-21). The very best things that we can prioritize and invest in are the things that will last forever. What is temporary, and what is permanent? Who in your life will be in eternity with you? How can I use the material blessings in my life to impact the eternal?
- Also, have a moment of honesty with the Lord and ask Him to show you where your time really goes. You may not like His response, but He is always truthful and will reveal the state of your heart if you ask Him (Psalm 139:23-24). If each day were a bank account and time were currency, what would be the balance at the end of the day? What would be the focal point of each day's investment?
- Can you really guard your calendar? The answer is "Yes." I've heard it said in many ways that we will always make time for what is most important to us. I'm not disagreeing, but I think we struggle from time to time to allow the Lord to lead us in making plans. Do our days reflect that reality? God may get a minute or two of quiet time, but does He have the pen for your calendar? Time with the Lord, time with our family, time for things that are eternal, and time for rest are not meant to be on the "if you have time for them" list. Is it possible that we can ask the Lord to give us wisdom in planning each day and week with His kingdom in mind? I believe so, and I want to challenge each of us to do more of that.
- What about people? In recent meetings across a variety of platforms, the primary reason we were gathered was to discuss ministering to people. Sure, there were tasks to go over and projects to complete, but people were the reason we were meeting. People are going to live forever in eternity. People are a heaven and hell issue. Therefore, our family, neighbors, co-workers, friends, church family, and even people we don't necessarily like to associate with are at stake. Every person is an opportunity to share the Gospel, the hope of Christ. Every person needs Jesus. Are we planning daily to impact eternity by intentionally reaching people for Christ? We need to keep our eyes up and out, seeing who around us needs the hope of Christ. We need to listen more. We need to slow down and make time for people.

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- Finally, we should ask the eternity question often: *Did I spend today wisely with eternity in mind? Am I closer to Jesus today than when the day started? Did my plans for the day match God's plan for me?* They're challenging questions on purpose, and I would pray that we ask these as often as we can.

The truth is, none of us knows how many days we have. I don't write this to bring fear to your heart or even to spark an emotional and temporary response out of guilt, but to cause us to think, pray, and plan on purpose. The beauty of today is the fact that it's never too late to commit your life, time, plans, and focus to the Lord.

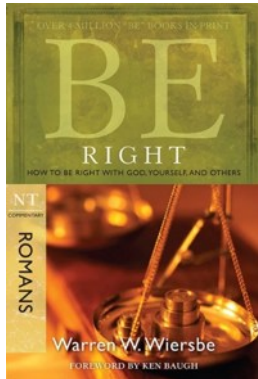
Lord, teach us to count the days. Give us wisdom to remember that life here is temporary, eternity is forever, and we will all stand before you to give account of the time we were given (2 Corinthians 5:10 and Romans 14:10-12). You are worthy of every day I have. Help me to give you room to work through each one. Amen.

You are loved!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter". The letter "P" is large and stylized, with the "eter" written in a cursive script below it.

New Sunday School Bible Studies at PBC:

Several of our Sunday School classes are beginning new studies in August and we would love to invite you to join in if you aren't already connected to a class!

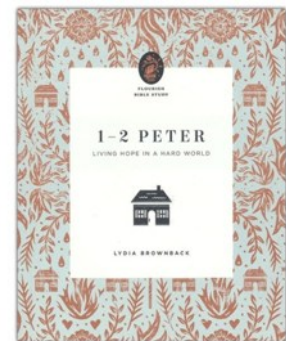


Men of 1:10 - Romans

Join our Men's Sunday School Class as they explore what the book of Romans says about reconciling ourselves to God, others, and the world. You'll learn about Christians and the Law; freedom and fulfillment; wrong righteousness; right relationships, and much more! Contact Munro Parker for more information (munroparker@hotmail.com). Men of 1:10 meet in room 305 A.

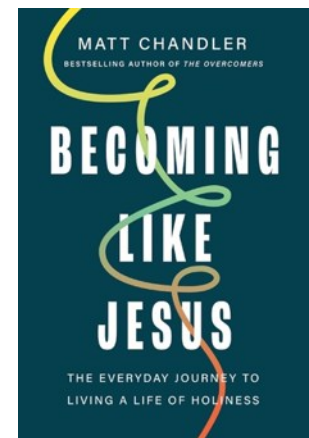
Rubies: 1-2 Peter - Living Hope in a Hard World

Join our Ladies Sunday School Class as they journey through a study of 1-2 Peter. Written to a young church facing intensifying persecution, Peter's epistles are a rallying cry for hope. We will dig deeper into each of these books as we learn that God does not abandon us in suffering. Through the themes of suffering, the transformative power of God, spiritual authority, false teachers, and the last days, Peter directs us to the God who is faithful in our trials, working them for His glory and for our good. Contact Beth Parker for more information (amandabethparker@gmail.com). Rubies meet in room 301 A.



Bible Study Fellowship Class : Becoming Like Jesus

Join our Bible Study Fellowship Class (men and women) as we explore what a deeper, transformed relationship with God looks like in every season. Looking further into Jesus' teaching of the Beatitudes in Matthew 5, we will learn how a disciple of Christ can daily apply His words to be at work in your life, using everyday circumstance to fulfill His calling for you. Join us as we discover the joy of being shaped day by day, into the image of the Son. Contact Pastor Peter for more information (pastorpeterpbc@gmail.com) Bible Study Fellowship meets in Room 304A.



Are you single? Feeling like you're missing out on connecting with others in this season? Looking for fun things to do on the weekend in a safe and inviting atmosphere?

PBC's new ministry might be just the thing for you!



Who: Singles, ages 25+ (never married, divorced, with or without children, widowed)

What: B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Single Truth) was designed to find joy in the ebbs and flows of this season! It's a great opportunity to get together with like-minded people to laugh, connect, and have fun in a safe, Christian environment

When: August 8th & August 22nd @ 5:30 p.m.
Held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month

For more information on where to meet, please contact Cindy at (919) 548-1723 or Ken at (919) 548-4514.

Come check us out and invite your friends and neighbors!

Join the
**Rock of Pages
Book Club**

August 31, 7p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
to discuss

**Theo of
Golden-
A Novel**
by Allen Levi

All ladies are invited.

An artistic illustration of a woman with long, wavy brown hair, wearing a green jacket over a white shirt, sitting and reading an open book. She is surrounded by a warm, golden light. In the background, there is a stack of books and a small logo that reads "Rock of Pages" with a crown-like symbol above it.



PQM field trip to Loving Stitches quilt shop In Fayetteville.
Since we couldn't use fellowship hall during VBS we decided to go on a field trip.



"Move Up Sunday" is scheduled for August 16th. By definition, "Move Up Sunday" is the time for our children to progress up to the next Sunday School class if they have aged out of their current class. For instance, if they are entering 3rd grade in the fall, they will move up to the 3rd-5th grade class.

Here's the breakdown of Sunday School classes and the teachers as a reference:

Infant nursery (newborn - 1yr), Room 205 (rotation of volunteers)

Toddler nursery (2-3 yrs), Room 206 (rotation of volunteers)

PreK -2nd grade class, Room 209: (Carole Sanders and Erica Melton)

3rd-5th grade, Room 302 (Susan Pintuff and Kim Tompkins)

Youth (6th - 12th grade), Room 305 (Cam Mabe)

What We Believe Matters.

Our faith is built upon the unchanging truth of God's Word. As a cooperating church affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention, we affirm *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000* as a summary of the biblical beliefs and convictions that unite our churches. Printed copies are available for anyone who would like to learn more about our beliefs and gain a deeper understanding of the biblical truths that guide us as a church family. If you prefer a digital copy, you can access it here:

<https://bfm.sbc.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/BFM2000.pdf>

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BREAKTHROUGH

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121 West Salisbury Street Pittsboro NC 27312

For more information, contact Cameron Mabe (Next-Gen Minister)
910.995.9318 or email camman525@gmail.com



Saturday, August 15th (8:45am– 2pm)

**Location: McClenahan Basketball and
Pickleball Courts & EC Little League Field**

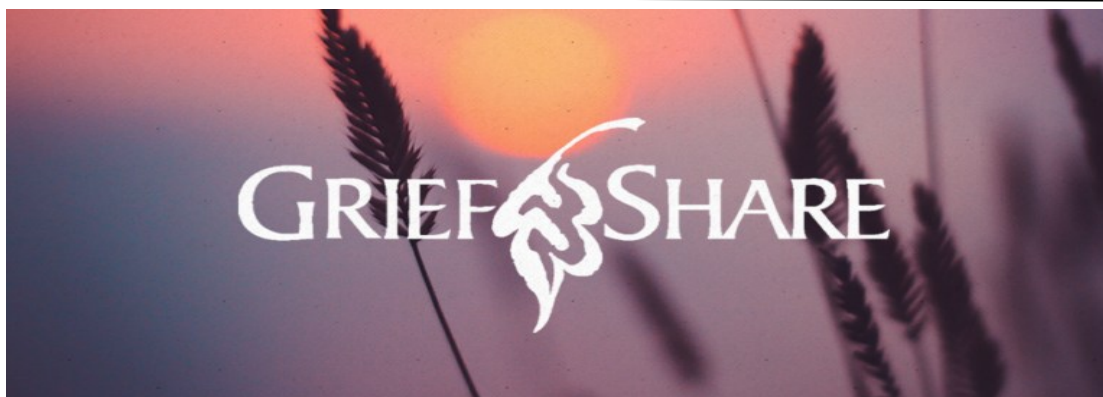
**Participants (kids ages 7-13 yrs old) will have
fun playing sports (basketball, pickleball, flag
football and soccer) in a Christ-centered
environment, receive quality instruction, and
have a chance to show off their skills.**

Access the QR Code and sign up to volunteer today.



Participant registration:

<https://www.pittsborobaptistchurch.org/children>



Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

What to Expect

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an oasis on your long journey through grief. There are three key parts to your *GriefShare* experience:

Video seminar – Encouraging, information packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts.

Support group – Small group discussion about the weekly video content

Workbook – Journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

When & Where

GriefShare meets at Pittsboro Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Sunday afternoons, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cost

There is a \$25 fee to participate in a *GriefShare* cycle. Scholarships available.

Seminar Topics and Calendar

Loss of a Spouse	August 9
Is This Normal?	August 16
Your Grief Journey	August 23
Loneliness & Sadness	August 30
Self-Care	September 6
Fearful & Overwhelmed	September 13
Anger	September 13
Regrets	September 20
Grief & Your Household	September 27
Grief & Your Friendships	October 4
Questions for God	October 11
Stuck in Grief	October 18
Hope & Resilience	October 25
What Do I Live For Now?	November 1
Surviving the Holidays	November 8



You are welcome to begin attending our *GriefShare* group at any point. Each session is “self-contained,” so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will be able to pick up any sessions you missed in our next 13- week cycle.

How to Sign-up

Sign up at griefshare.org or call/text/email Julie LoRusso 336-202-7321 julie@jilcpa.com

If you would like to sign up to bring a snack <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CABAF2FA1FA7-64779912-copy>

AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Trudy Sturdivant | Barrett Weatherington | |
| | Carole Sanders | 14 | Robert Johnson |
| 2 | Maria Powers | 16 | Ken Haynes |
| | Don & Sherry Dodson ♥ | 21 | Emerson Brown |
| 3 | Janet Crutchfield | 23 | George Lisenbe |
| | Jennifer Davis | 24 | Tara McDonald |
| | Martha Brigman | 25 | Hannah Brown |
| | Dwight & Marilyn Tyndall ♥ | | Jeremy Smith |
| 7 | Jay Weatherington | 27 | Ryan Dibb |
| 9 | Erica Melton | | Andrew Parker |
| 10 | Amber Kilpatrick | 28 | Ed & Rebecca Kelly ♥ |
| 11 | Judy Beaver | 31 | Ed Kelly |
| 12 | Kuper Batcheller | | |



Ushers

Frank Jurius, Don Dason, Aaron Kivette & Percy Crutchfield

Greeters

Jimmy & Susie Griffin



Infant

Nursery
ministry

August 2
August 9
August 16
August 23
August 30

Jessica Vrvilo & Brooke Smith
Ashley Batcheller & Sunny Allen
Jon & Melissa Harshman
Tara & Jenna Smith
Jessica Vrvilo & Brooke Smith

Toddler

Nursery
ministry

August 2
August 9
August 16
August 23
August 30

Tara, Micah & Mali McDonald
Kelly Smith & Meredith Tetterton
Amber Kilpatrick & Darby Powers
Hunter & Hannah Brown
Chelsea Shandrick & Sunny Allen



August 2
August 9
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August 30

Jennifer & Caroline Cashion
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News from the Pearle Johnson Memorial Library

Sunday Library Schedule

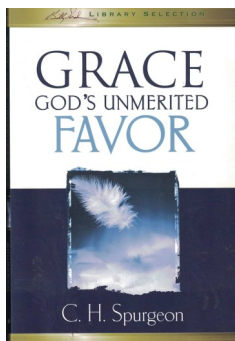
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Grace is a one syllable, beautiful sounding word. You read it in scripture. You hear it in worship songs and hymns. It is the topic of sermons. Do you truly understand the meaning of "grace" and how it factors into our salvation and your day-to-day life? The PBC Library has several books on the topic to enlighten you. Stop by next Sunday and check-out one

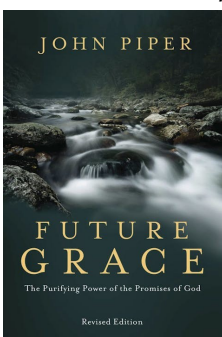
Grace- God's Unlimited Favor by C.H. Spurgeon

You have inherited thousands of God's promises, and you don't have to do a thing to earn them. Charles Spurgeon discusses many of the provisions God has made for all of His children, including everlasting life, spiritual guidance, and unshakable faith. Discover a wonderful security, peace, and richness in your life.



Future Grace by John Piper

In *Future Grace*, author John Piper helps readers discover the key to overcoming sin and living a life that honors God. Many men and women attempt to walk upright out of gratitude for what Christ did in the past, but Piper encourages believers to look ahead to the grace God provides for us on a day-by-day, moment-by-moment basis—putting faith into action by laying hold of



God's promises for the challenges we face.

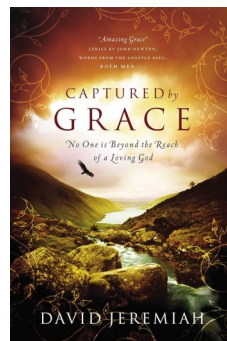
Sever the Root of Sin

No one sins out of duty. We sin because we want to. Sin promises happiness, and we buy the lie. So how can the root of sin be severed in our lives? The penalty of sin must be paid by the righteous blood of Christ. And the power of sin must be broken by banking on the promises of Christ.

John Piper's meditations are rooted in rock-solid biblical reflection. Chapter by chapter—one for each day of the month—he reveals how, by cherishing the promises of God, you can break the power of anxiety, despondency, covetousness, lust, bitterness, impatience, pride, misplaced shame, and more.

Captured by Grace – No One is Beyond the Reach of a Loving God by David Jeremiah

Timely and encouraging words to initiate a fresh experience of God's grace.



By following the dramatic story of John Newton, the Amazing Grace hymn writer, and the apostle Paul's own encounter with the God of grace, pastor and teacher Dr. David Jeremiah helps readers understand the freeing power of permanent for-

givenness and mercy.

Dramatic stories and biblical insights highlight the very personal effects of grace and how grace:

- wondrously spans all our differences
- rescues us from our lostness
- helps us overcome our weaknesses, takes us from victims to victors



Library Schedule



9-9:30a.m.

10-10:30a.m.

August 2

Judy Beaver

Sue Devinney

August 9

Cindy Springler

Susie Griffin

August 16

Deborah Dismuke

Roderick Parker

August 23

Ann Mills

Kathy Shaffer

August 30

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August 2026

Father God
Come be with us today.
Fill our hearts with joy.
Fill our minds with learning.
Fill our classrooms with peace.
Fill our lessons with fun.
Fill our friendships with kindness.
Fill our school with love. Amen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:30am—Sunday School 10:30am –Worship Service	9:30am—Staff Meeting 10:00am—Monday School	6:30pm—Women’s Bible Study 7:00pm—Property Management Mtg 7:00pm—Youth Sunday Rehearsal	8:00am—Men’s Bible Study @ Bojangles 10:00am—Prayer Quilters 6:30pm—Youth Bible Study			5:30pm—BLAST
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30am—Sunday School 10:30am –Worship Service 2:30pm—Griefshare (Loss of a spouse) 5:30pm—Night of Worship	9:30am—Staff Meeting 10:00am—Monday School 6:30pm—Deacon’s Mtg	6:30pm—Women’s Bible Study 7:00pm—Youth Sunday Rehearsal	8:00am—Men’s Bible Study @ Bojangles 10:00am—Prayer Quilters 6:30pm—Youth Bible Study			9:00am—1:00pm Power Play Sports Camp
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30am—Sunday School (Move Up Sunday & Back-pack Blessings) 10:30am –Worship Service (Baptism) 2:30pm—Griefshare	9:30am—Staff Meeting 10:00am—Monday School	6:30pm—Women’s Bible Study 7:00pm—Youth Sunday Rehearsal	8:00am—Men’s Bible Study @ Bojangles 10:00am—Prayer Quilters 6:30pm—Youth Bible Study			5:30pm—BLAST 2:00pm—4:00pm—Twin Rivers VBS
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:30am—Sunday School 10:30am –Worship Service 2:30pm—Griefshare Youth Fantasy Lake Day—TBD	9:30am—Staff Meeting 10:00am—Monday School	7:00pm—Youth Sunday Rehearsal	8:00am—Men’s Bible Study @ Bojangles 10:00am—Prayer Quilters 6:30pm—Youth Bible Study	10:00am—Prayer Quilters		
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9:30am—Sunday School 10:30am –Youth day of Worship 2:30pm—Griefshare 5:30pm—Youth Night of Worship	7:00pm—Women’s Bookclub					

Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2,
which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my
DELIVERER; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE**
REFUGE. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my
SALVATION, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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GOD ROCKS!