

# Encouragement from the Pastor

## "Don't Stop at the Summit!"

*What should we do after God has moved in such incredible ways?"*

Dear Church Family,

I'm currently on a bus riding home with our youth group and leaders after one of the BEST weeks of camp that I have ever experienced as a leader/host in student ministry. You'll see the photos and hear testimonies, but there are simply no words to describe how special it was to see our youth group worship & respond to Jesus as they did. My heart is full! God answered prayers this week. He saved souls and He called some of our students to Gospel ministry. He has put our students on a mountain-top where we were enjoying the goodness and glory of God.



As I write, we're also just a week removed from an incredible week of Vacation Bible School. Hands down, PBC has the BEST VBS weeks that I have ever been a part of. Our children are immersed in the Gospel every single day. They get to have fun, spend time with their friends, worship, and learn about Jesus under the leadership of our amazing church family. Like at camp, the Lord was at work as He moved in hearts and led us so beautifully to the light of His Word each day. That entire week took us to the mountain-top of worship and praise.

Don't you love it when we have mountain-top experiences with God? We feel so spiritually revived & filled with His Spirit. We feel bold, courageous, and ready to go into the mission field with zeal and passion for the Gospel. We feel refreshed and renewed, and honestly, we long for weeks like those to last for much longer seasons. Actually, we would prefer to stay on the mountain-top to be with Jesus over coming down into the valleys of life any day.

In Matthew 17, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain and something extraordinary happened. Jesus was transfigured before them! Transfigured is a big word that means "metamorphosis." His face was shining like the sun, His garments were as white as light, and Moses and Elijah appeared beside Him. It was a moment unlike anything those three disciples had ever witnessed. They were getting to see Jesus in His heavenly & glorified state, and it was awesome!

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*The Spiral - "Keeping the people informed"*

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It was so awesome that Peter said, "Let's stay here. Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters." He wanted to set up camp on the summit and never come down. On the mountain, they were able to see the Lord clearly, powerfully, and worshipfully. And yes, when you have experiences like that, you have no problem whatsoever staying a while. We had multiple moments like that this week at camp. We longed for one more song – and can you believe it – even MORE of a message! That's how good it was to worship together. But as Thursday night's service came to an end, we met together as a group one last time and the inevitable happened. We had to remind them that it was time to come down from the "mountain."

Jesus led His disciples back down the mountain in Matthew 17:8-9. And at the bottom, a desperate father was waiting with a son he couldn't help. There was a host of people and problems to minister to. If they stayed on the mountain, they would miss the opportunities to minister in the valleys. If they stayed on the mountain, they would continue to enjoy the good times they were having with the Lord, but someone would miss out on the opportunity to experience His love, power, healing, and salvation. If they stayed on the mountain, they would not get back to the mission.

When we have mountain-top experience, we celebrate and worship. We enjoy the growth and goodness of God's powerful activity, but Jesus leads us back down, and He will until it's time to be with Him forever.

I want to dedicate the rest of this space to encourage you as you come off the mountain. *What should we do after God has moved in such incredible ways?*

### 1. Celebrate God's Faithfulness

Before we do anything else, we stop and give God the glory. Every changed life, every spiritual decision, every moment of ministry, and every person involved made this happen because of God's grace and power. We celebrate because God is worthy of our praise. Give Him glory and praise, and don't forget what He has done!

### 2. Commit to Growing Deeper

A mountain-top experience is not designed to replace our daily devotion and walk with the Lord. God desires more than a moment with you. He wants to be in daily fellowship with us. We must continue growing through prayer, worship, studying God's Word, and connecting with His people. One of the downsides to such powerful moments with the Lord in children's and youth ministry is that they often happen in the summer months. We love the summer, but it does have its consequences. Our rhythms of worship and fellowship together take a backseat to our summer plans. Don't get me wrong, they are much deserved and needed, but they can be a major momentum buster. We have to still want MORE of God together. Commit to growing deeper and take intentional steps toward Christ even in the trek down the mountain.



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### 3. Continue Walking in Obedience

I reminded our youth of this: STAY SURRENDERED! Do not forget what God has done, and do not forget what He has called you to do as you come down the mountain and back into the throes of regular life. The question after every encounter with God is: "*What is my next step?*" God is calling each of us to respond to His work in our lives through obedience. For some, that may mean following Christ for the first time. For others, it may mean serving, surrendering, forgiving, sharing, or stepping out in faith. For others, it means we are planning a mission trip, service project, Bible study, or preparing for a conversation that needs to be had.

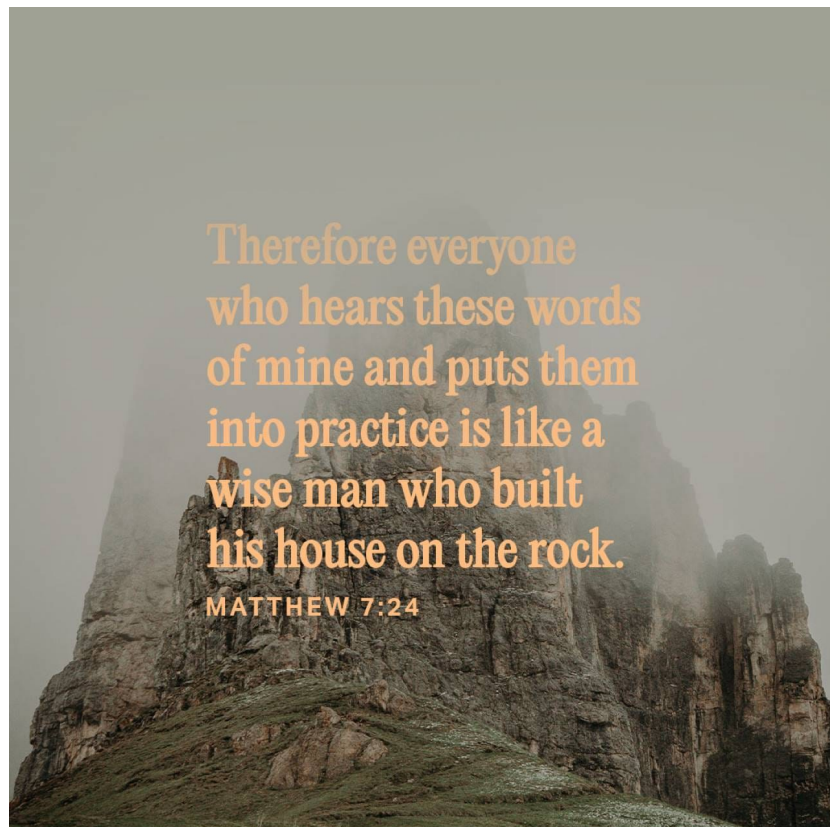
Jesus said "*whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock.*" (Matthew 7:24). Our unshakable faith needs to be hearers and doers of God's truth.

### 4. Carry the Mission Forward

The impact of VBS and Youth Camp should not remain within the walls of a church building or the memories of a single week on a sanctified college campus. God has called us to take the hope of the gospel everywhere we go. There are still untold numbers of people in need of the hope of the Gospel. The same message that changed hearts during these ministries is the message our community & world still needs to hear. Do not stop at the summit! We need to keep climbing, growing, serving and trusting.

Our faith is not built on a temporary mountain-top experience, but on an unshakable, undeniable, and all-powerful, reigning, and sending Lord Jesus! To God be the glory for what He has done, and by faith we look forward to all He will continue to do. It's getting real exciting around PBC! Let's take our mountain-top experiences to celebrate, commit, continue, and carry this good work and good news to the world in need of Christ.

You are loved!



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## PBC Youth Updates

Dear Church Family,

Our God is awesome! We have had some of the most wonderful moments together in our youth family over this last month. We hope you will celebrate with us this recap:

**On June 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Cameron Mabe** to the PBC Youth Family as the prospective Minister of the Next Generation. He joined our youth and parents for a fun evening of fellowship and food at Ed and Rebecca Kelly's home. The following Sunday, Cam taught the youth Sunday School lesson & shared his testimony during the morning worship service. Our church family unanimously voted him into the position on **July 10<sup>th</sup> during a Special Called Conference**. Cam will officially begin ministry at PBC on **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**. We are greatly ap-



preciative to the Kelly's for opening their home to us that evening.

**On June 7<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Graduate Recognition Sunday** during our morning worship service. We had 7 graduates who were recognized.

**On June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> PBC Youth served with our church family for "Illumination Station" VBS 2026.** Our youth were able to use their gifts and talents in virtually every area of VBS.

**On June 18<sup>th</sup> we celebrated a great week of volunteering at VBS by competing in a series of games and challenges called "Squad Wars."** We played volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, and had several additional games for prizes throughout the afternoon. Many thanks to Baller Sports Center in Burlington for hosting us!

**On June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> we attended Crossroads Summer Camp in Anderson, South Carolina.** We brought 43 youth and chaperones for a week of worship with 1,200 other students and leaders from dozens of churches across the country. So many prayers were answered, lots of fun was had, and an unforgettable week with an amazing youth group made for an incredible time. We celebrate 4 students giving their hearts to Christ & several others surrendering to Gospel ministry. To God be the glory!

As summer continues, we will take a couple of weeks to rest and recharge. Then, we look forward to building on all Christ did among us in June!

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# Power Play Sports Camp

**Save the Date! PBC's "Power Play" Sports Camp**

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**(8:30am – 2:00pm)**

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

We are excited to announce the second year of outreach for our community and church through "Power Play" Sports Camp! This intentional day of ministry is designed to love and serve our community by spending time with children, teaching them basic skills in a variety of sports, building meaningful relationships, and sharing the Gospel. Participants will enjoy a fun, Christ-centered environment, receive quality instruction, and have the opportunity to showcase their skills. Registration and volunteer details will be shared soon!



**What a great week at VBS!!  
A BIG THANK YOU  
to everyone that helped.  
Please continue to pray for VBS kids.**

**For the week of VBS, we had:**

231 kids registered, 190 daily attended

90 +/- Volunteers

First time professions of Faith

- Cora hygiene items - 936 items collected.
- Chatham Books—909 books collected.
- International Mission Board—\$1,773.48 raised to buy goats.
- Cora Summer Snacks—1698 snacks collected.



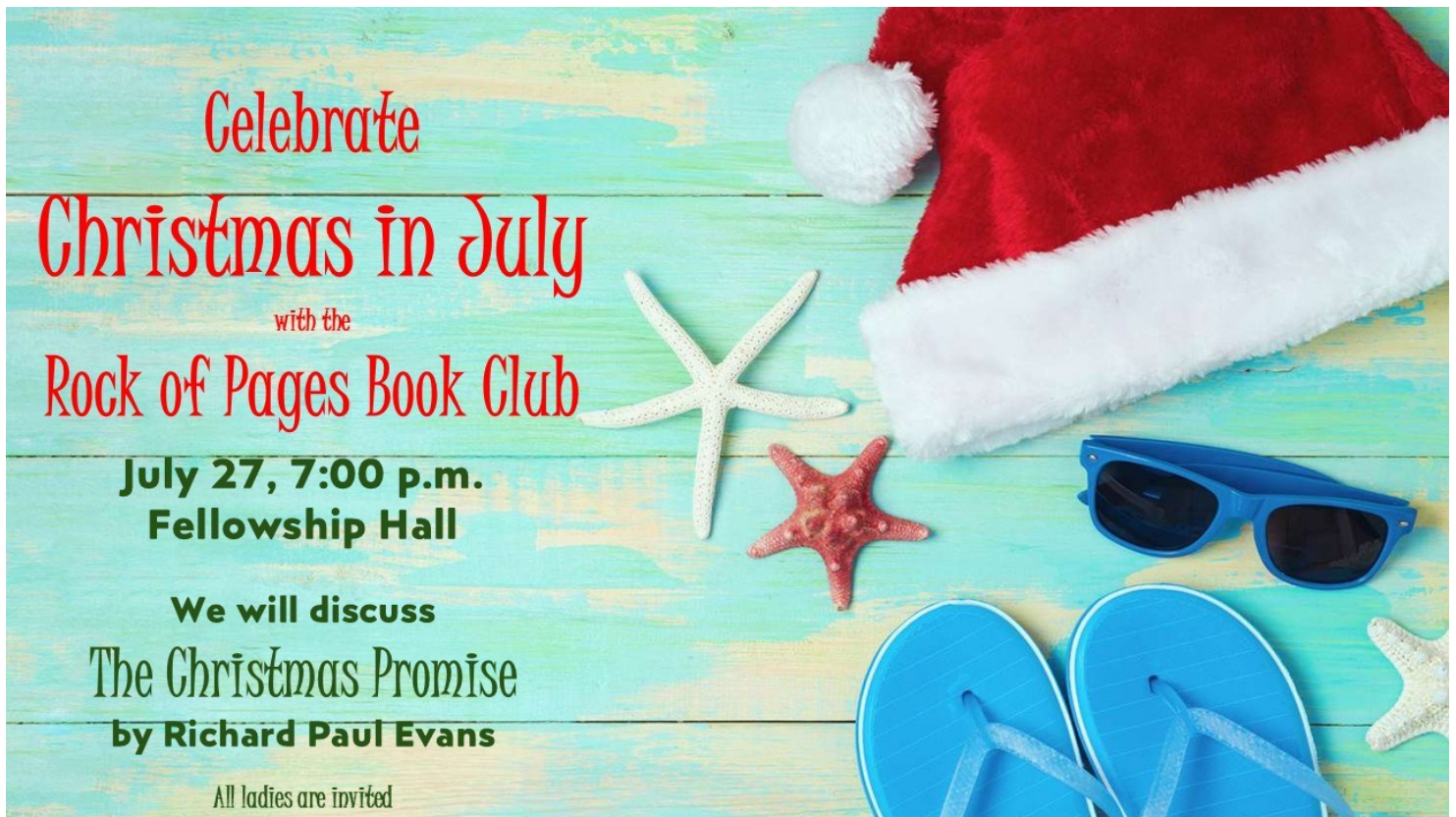
# SHINE BRIGHT IN A DARK WORLD AT VBS 2026

Vacation Bible School is a week of outreach, worship, growth, and fun for kids to learn more about God and worship Him

But *every single year*, I am overwhelmed by the way God shows up and works in the hearts of kids and their families through the ministry of VBS.

Please take a name (or ten) on the lightblubs on the boards in the vestibules and commit to pray for the VBS child throughout the coming year.





Celebrate  
**Christmas in July**  
with the  
**Rock of Pages Book Club**

**July 27, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**We will discuss**  
**The Christmas Promise**  
**by Richard Paul Evans**

*All ladies are invited*

## Join Us for Baptism Sunday

We invite you and your family to celebrate a special day of faith, new beginnings, and public commitment to Christ for Baptism **Sunday, August 16**.  
If you are interested in taking this commitment of faith, please contact  
Pastor Peter or Jennifer Cashion.



**Quarterly Church Conference**

**July 15, 2026 @ 6:00pm**

**In the Fellowship Hall**





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*Anniversary*



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| 1 Evonne Jurius               | 18 Charlie Hudgins           |
| 3 Donna Harmon                | 20 Luke Christian            |
| Joe Barker                    | Micah McDonald               |
| Jay & Judy Beaver ♥           | Jason & Kelly Truesdale ♥    |
| 5 Reid Pintuff                | 21 Malachi McDonald          |
| 6 Jessica Vrvilo              | Dane & Sharli Allen ♥        |
| 9 Nathan & Kimberly Houston ♥ | 24 Dallas & Jean Tubbs ♥     |
| 10 Dallas Tubbs               | 25 Lucas Melton              |
| 11 Ronnie & Rhonda Myers ♥    | 26 Carolina Tompkins         |
| Paisleigh Dietrich            | 29 Jeff & Tracie Christian ♥ |
| 15 Susan Pintuff              | Brian Cain                   |
| Kim Tompkins                  |                              |

*July* ★★



# Thank you to those

## *Ushers*

Jimmy Griffin, Ron Watson,  
Matt Cashion & Rich Trogdon

## *Greeters*

Al Goodwin & Henry Cain



July 5  
July 12  
July 19  
July 26

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



July 5  
July 12  
July 19  
July 26

Tara, Micah, Mali McDonald  
Kelly Smith & Meredith Tetterton  
Amber Kilpatrick & Darby Powers  
Hunter Brown and Hannah Brown



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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.

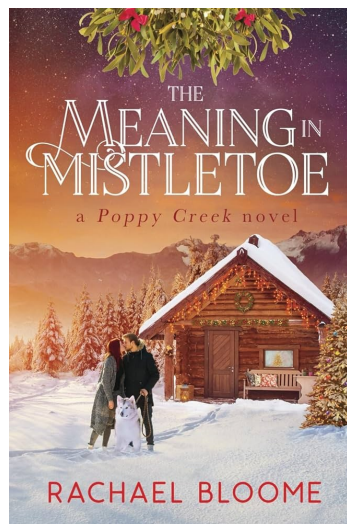
Every December, this column promotes Christmas-themed books but in reality, for most, there is limited time to read during the holidays. This year, enjoy **Christmas in July** with one of the Pittsboro Baptist Church Library's books below.

(By-the-way, the *Rock of Pages Book Club* will be celebrating **Christmas in July** too. Ladies, feel free to join them July 27 if you have yet to attend a meeting.)

### ***The Meaning in Mistletoe*** by Rachael Bloome

*Where is it? On the Large Print Books cart*

A mystery to solve. A women's shelter to save. And two strangers who find love and family in the most magical season of all....



From the *USA Today* bestselling author of feel-good, small-town romances, comes a love story filled with Christmas miracles, redemptive love, and the

unbreakable bonds of found family.

Kat Bennet has one wish this Christmas—save Hope Hideaway, the women's shelter where she works, from closing its doors for good. But to do so, she must contact some-

one from her past and face painful memories she'd rather forget.

When an alluring stranger walks into Jack Gardener's cozy diner, his entire world changes for the better. The problem? She plans on leaving town... just like his ex.

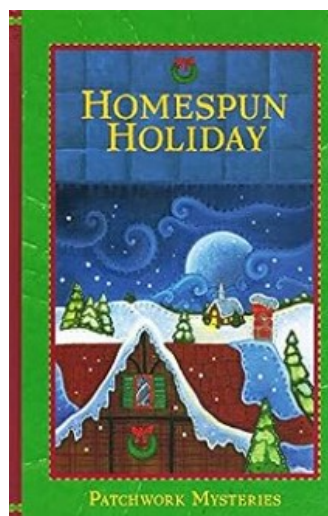
They're both determined to keep their hearts safely tucked away, but the people of Poppy Creek ~and an adorable dog~ have a little Christmas magic in store for the unsuspecting couple. Will Kat and Jack give love a second chance this holiday season?

Start reading *The Meaning in Mistletoe* today and discover hope, healing, and a small town that will feel like family.

### ***Homespun Holiday*** by Kelly Ann Riley

*Where is it? A Guidepost publication on the shelves below the library display window.*

Snow is falling, carols are playing, the



Christmas spirit is settling over the countryside, and Sarah is enjoying spending time with her son Jason and his family at this special time of year. But then she discovers that Belle, her boarder, has disappeared—along with the family heirloom Christmas quilt. The intricate Star of

Bethlehem design was made by Sarah's husband's great-great-grandmother and has been in the family for generations, so the quilt—in addition to being quite valuable—has significant sentimental worth. But where could Belle have taken it? And why?

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As Sarah hunts for Belle, she finds clues that all is not merry in Maple Hill. Will Sarah be able to bring the missing girl home in time for Christmas? Meet Sarah Hart, an expert in vintage quilt restoration who has a knack for piecing together mysteries. Whether she's creating a Log Cabin quilt or delving into a real log cabin to find a clue, her keen eye and gentle faith always lead her in the right direction. Sarah understands that the key to making an intricate quilt-or solving an intricate mystery-is knowing how to put it all together.

**A Royal Christmas**  
by Melody Carson

*Where is it? On the counter with the new books*

Adelaide Smith is too busy for fairy tales.

She's been working hard to put herself through law school, and she's determined to stay focused on her goals. Then she receives a letter notifying her that she is a direct descendant of King Maximillian Ko-

nig V, the ruler of a small European principality called Montovia.

What? No. That's the stuff of cheesy made-for-TV movies, not real life.

Still, curiosity gets the best of her, leading to a Christmas break trip chock-full of surprises, including a charming village, an opulent palace, family mysteries, royal jealousies, a handsome young member of

Parliament, and the chance at a real-life fairy tale romance.



# Library Schedule



	9-9:30a.m.	10-10:30a.m.
July 5, 2026	Judy Beaver	Sue Devinney
July 12, 2026	Cindy Springle	Susie Griffin
July 19, 2026	Deborah Dismuke	Roderick Parker
July 26, 2026	Ann Mills	Kathy Shaffer

# July 2026

## Blessed to be a blessing

God promised Abram, "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you ... so that you will be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2, NRSV). Especially on the Fourth of July, we in the United States remember that God has blessed us as a nation, too.

That isn't to say everyone here has an equal share of resources. Our government isn't perfect, and our land isn't necessarily more beautiful than any other place on earth. It doesn't mean we alone model "liberty and justice for all" — or that we do so flawlessly.

Rather, God's promise to Abram and us means we aren't to hoard our blessings. We are to share our wealth generously, cultivate liberty and justice, and pass on to the world the gifts we enjoy in this land.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4th of July 4
			8:00am—Men's Bible Study at Bojangles 10:00am—Prayer Quilters		Office Closed	
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