Encouragement from the Pastor

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Grateful?



"And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan" (Luke 17:15-16).

Imagine waking up tomorrow morning and discovering that everything you failed to thank God for the evening before had suddenly disappeared! You proceed to roll out of bed upon waking up, but there's no bed… you're on the floor! You stumble toward the bathroom, but when you attempt to turn on the water, but nothing comes out of the faucet. You head to the kitchen for that much-needed cup of coffee, only to discover that the coffee maker has vanished! Things are getting serious! You reach for your phone to see what time it is, but it's nowhere to be found. You look for your car keys but discover that there's no car in the garage! You walk over to your neighbor's home to see if they have found a similar problem, except, you guessed it, the neighbors are nowhere to be found! At this point, you're probably regretting that you didn't spend a little more time expressing gratitude for what God had blessed you with the night before! Thankfully, that's not at all how God operates. His goodness and faithfulness to us is not dependent upon how often we remember to express gratitude. But the thought does raise an important question: How much of what God has graciously given to us do we enjoy every day without ever stopping to thank Him?

Sadly, we often don't measure the value of something or someone until they're gone.

In Luke 17:11-19, Jesus encountered ten men who understood what it meant to lose the things that most take for granted. These men suffered from leprosy, a terrible disease that robbed them of their health, relationships, and the ability to participate in everyday life – including public worship. If pronounced unclean due to their condition, the person would be cut off from their community. They had to live alone outside the camp or town (Leviticus 13-14). When these ten men encountered Jesus, they cried out for mercy and Jesus graciously healed every one of them.

Yet, out of the ten men who received this life-changing blessing, only one returned to express their gratitude to Jesus for the healing! The tenth leper was so overwhelmed that he couldn't help but to run back to Jesus, praising and falling at His feet in thanks.

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The other nine lepers kept walking because they cared more about the blessing of the priests than acknowledging the One who had given them such a beautiful miracle.

"Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" Jesus asked. I wonder how often we could be found with the nine – enjoying the blessings of God while forgetting to express our gratitude.

There are several truths that we can gather from this passage:

1. Grace should lead us to gratitude. The lepers' healing was not a byproduct of their accomplishments or earned favor. They were healed by Jesus' gracious intervention. There is simply no amount of praise and thanks in the world that would adequately express the joy, love, and humility that should be in our hearts for what God has done for us. He is the ONLY reason that we are blessed, have received miracles, love mercy, and grace.

2. Don't miss out on the daily opportunities to rejoice in the goodness of God! Like the one leper who returned to glorify God, we should always be coming back to Jesus with our praise. I get heavily convicted by this thought because I look back on my prayer journals & lists and I see a lot of what I want, what I need, and what's not working out in my life. Sometimes we become so focused on the things we want God to do next that we fail to celebrate what He is doing and what He has done. We move from one request to the next without stopping to rejoice in His goodness. If God never did another thing for us, we would be filled to the brim with blessing. Let's make gratitude a deliberate part of our daily life.

3. Gratitude is a reflection of our worship. The leper who returned to give glory to God happened to be a Samaritan (Jesus was making a major point to His disciples – and especially the Pharisees – who had cut off those who were marginalized in society). The leper who returned recognized the grace he had been given, treasured it in his heart, and the result was gratitude-filled worship. When we take time to acknowledge the Giver and not just the gifts, we please the Lord, but we also enjoy on a deeper level the spiritual healing that comes from that gratitude. May we never become so focused on God's blessing that we neglect to adore, praise, and worship the One who has given us the gift. One of my favorite songs of worship right now is the song "God I'm Just Grateful." Here are some of the lyrics:

"There was no way until You made one.

Grace upon grace, hallelujah.

Even though I don't deserve it You did it.

Even though I couldn't earn it, You give it.

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Who am I that You keep me on Your mind?

God, I'm just grateful for You. God, I'm just grateful for You.

All my life You've been right here by my side.

God, I'm just grateful for You. God, I'm just grateful for You."

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As we approach this season of Thanksgiving, may we become people who intentionally remember and rejoice with gratitude in the faithfulness, goodness, and grace of God. The greatest of blessings we have is not found in what we physically possess, but in Who has loved us, saved us, healed us, and redeemed us. Are you grateful?

You are loved!

Peter

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All Senior Adults (ages 60+) are invited to join us for a wonderful time of worship through song, fellowship, and an encouraging message from God's Word. After worship, we'll enjoy lunch together. We'd love for you to invite a friend or neighbor to join us as we celebrate God's goodness and enjoy this special time of fellowship. The Senior Celebration Service will be on November 10th at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.



New Sermon Series in November: "AChurch on Purpose: A Study in 1 Timothy"

Why is our church here? What is our purpose&what will matter most in fulfilling the mission God has blessed us to be a part of?Inanew five-week sermon series that walks us through the major themes of Paul's first lettertoTimothy, we will discover God's design for

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His Church and the responsibilities He has entrusted to us as we follow Christ. Together we will learn about the centrality of the Gospel; the priority of prayer and worship; the importance of Godly leadership; the need for sound doctrine; the pursuit of spiritual maturity; the responsibility to care for one another; and the call to faithfully endure to the end. A church on purpose is a church that knows what they believe, why we exist, and seeks to fulfill His mission faithfully. Join us in November for this timely series through 1 Timothy.

With Heartfelt Gratitude

Dear Church Family,

Tara, Micah, Mali, and I would like to express our gratitude for all the ways you honored us through Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Thank you for how you love, encourage, and bless us. Your thoughtful notes, generous gifts, encouraging words, and faithful prayers have been a blessing to us. You are a wonderful church family to serve and walk alongside of in ministry. It is one of the highest privileges and joys of my life to be a part of the Pittsboro Baptist family and to serve as your pastor over the past five years. Please continue to pray for our family; for our walk with the Lord; and for wisdom and discernment for us as a church family as we follow Jesus. God is faithful! To Him belongs the glory for all He has done and continues to do at Pittsboro Baptist! We're grateful for you and love each of you.

Love,

Pastor Peter, Tara, Micah, and Malachi McDonald

PBC "Spiral" Youth Group Entry (10/27/26)

Hello PBC Family! We are officially in Fallmode! With the leaves changing, the cooler temperatures, I am getting ready for the holiday season coming up! It has been a wonderful 3 months since I've started here at PBC, and it is a joy that inthese Spiral articles, I am able to show off more and more of what we've been up to!

Teaching Updates

Sunday School

"But we havethis treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be God and not ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but notdestroyed; always carrying about inthe body the dying ofJesus, so that the life of Jesusalso may be manifested inour body." (2 Corinthians 4:7-10)

After completing our "Time Well Spent" series, we began our new series, titled *Everyday Saints*. This series has been a case study, looking into various characters throughout the Bible whom God has used for His glory. The main idea of our series is this: ***God delights in using ordinary people so that He receives the glory.*** We are reminded at the beginning of each session of this main idea, not to look down on ourselves, but to remember the reality of who we are in the grand scheme of everything. We are small, feeble, broken and sinful people. Yet, God in His kindness LOVES to use us to bring others to Himself and bring glory to Himself!

On the one hand, it is humbling, because we truly are ordinary. However, on the other hand, God calls us "very good" merely because He created us! He does not love us because we have shown off enough for Him. Instead, He loves us because He created you and I! It has been sweet to look back on various characters throughout Scripture, like Moses and Gideon, and seeing their excuses of why God can't use them, we see their insecurities, their shortcomings, making us relate with them more and more. *What is more fascinating, is seeing God's patience with them in themidst of theirexcuses, and reassures them time and time again that God is not dependent on them to complete His mission. He will do the work, He is just asking them (and us) to trust in Him!* It has been a great series so far!

Wednesday Nights

"Ihave been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now liveinthe flesh I live byfaith in the Son of God, who lovedme and gave Himself up for me." (Galatians 2:20)

We have now been 3 sessions into our new Wednesday night series, titled "Marks of a Disciple." This series is a slight transition from our previous one, where we looked at the 7 "I AM" statements of Jesus, and are now looking at how we as followers of Jesus are supposed to live, more specifically, what are the eight attributes that we should be "marked" by as disciples of Jesus. So far, we have looked at these marks: A *Worshipper, a Family Member, and a Learner*. This series has been nice to follow up our previous series because after seeing what Jesus tells us about Himself and His invitation to trust in Him, we now see the attributes that we take on as being followers of Him! In our next session, we will look at the fourth mark, which is being a *Servant*.

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The Wednesday night dinners and corporate worship moments are always sweet! It is nice to sit around with the church family, getting to know one another better and sharing fun stories! I recently was elected to be a "test subject" in one of our younger kids science projects. It involved three right hand-dominant people and three left hand-dominant people, and I was one of the left handed people! It's fun when people figure out I'm left-handed, so I was a little prideful (admittedly) when asked to participate in this project. I thought that I would perform really well in the tests! It turns out, in ALL THREE of the "tests" I had the worst time or had the worst percentage! I was reassured of this face numerous times throughout the evening. I was humbled quickly! Gathering together like this on Wednesday nights provides those funny and sweet moments with the entire church body! So I am thankful for new relationships being built in this way (even if I have to swallow my pride and face the fact that I am not the best left-hand dominant person at PBC)!

Birthday Bag Outreach SUCCESS!

"For I was hungry, and you gave ME something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me. Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? When did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to You?' The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you didit to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'" (Matthew 25:35-40).

Thank you all SO much for contributing and giving to our Youth's birthday bag outreach! Again, a very special shout-out and thanks goes to our very own ***Brooke Smith*** who spear-headed the operation! She was responsible for creating the Amazon wish-list, connecting with the elementary schools, and organizing the building line for the evening of packing. She crushed it! Our youth came together on a Sunday evening and built just under **50 birthday bags** for students whose families do not have the luxury of holding a birthday party for their child. What a privilege that we are able to serve in this way! Brooke delivered the bags on Tuesday, Oct. 20 to Virginia Cross Elementary and was able to connect with another school and pass some out there! We are praying that gospel seeds would be planted through this work! A huge thanks to all the youth who were able to come and build, as well as all the families at PBC who gave so that we can have something to put in the birthday bags!

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PBC Fall Retreat: BDT "Fall Retreat in The Mountains"

"Therefore,since we have so great acloudof witnessessurrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin who so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2).

At the time of writing this, we just got back from our Youth Fall Retreat up at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain (Oct. 23-25)! It was a wonderful time and we were blessed with chilly, but beautiful weather during our time there! Our weekend teachings, small groups, and quiet times were centered around grace. Over the weekend, we looked at various passages that showed us the inner workings of God's amazing grace in our lives. We saw how His grace saves us from sin, giving us ***true liberation*** (John 8:31-36). We saw God's grace being sufficient for us in the midst of our brokenness (2 Corinthians 4:7-10). We read how God's grace and love for us is unconditional (John 21: 1-19). Finally, we saw how God's grace gives the power of endurance through His Holy Spirit, as well as gives us one another to push each other towards the finish line of our spiritual race (Hebrews 12:1-2)!

The speaker and the worship team at this retreat did an amazing job! I'm grateful for our three different small group sessions as a youth group, where we exposed the desires, fears, and temptations in our lives that keep us from beholding God's perfect character and His overwhelming grace that is at work

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in us! One big takeaway that I have held on to since being back is identifying the "weak branches" in my life, things or desires that I believe so firmly at times will keep me safe and content, just to have it break time and time again. When reflecting on what that weak branch for me is, I was quickly moved to remember that God is the True Vine in John 15. My growth and protection only comes from Him who prunes me and keeps me. This then made me think of one of my favorite hymns, *Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor*, with one of my favorite verses of that hymn being this…

"Christ, the sure and steady Anchor

Through the floods of unbelief

Hopeless, somehow, oh my soul, now

Lift your eyes to Calvary

This my ballast of assurance

See His love forever proved

I will hold fast to the Anchor

It shall never be removed!"

In the midst of my doubts, temptations of unbelief, the storms of life that bring unknowns and the weak branches that keep breaking, there is an Anchor, Jesus, who because of His love for me and the cross, I have the ability to be steady and secured! Praise the Lord that His grace acts in this way towards us!

On top of great teaching, we had some great hiking trails, lots of football being tossed, and some great coffee! Below are some pictures of our weekend there!

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Looking Ahead…

With the holidays coming up, thereismuchtolookforwardto! Here is a snapshot of what's coming up in November!

OCC Kickoff (Nov. 1st)

OCC season is about to be in full swing! On November 1st, we will begin our work for the OCC initiative. What a privilege that we are able to participate in the Great Commission by packing these bags for those in need!

Ordination Ceremony (Nov. 8th)

Over the past several months,Ihave had the honor of beginning my journey of ordination back at Providence Church, working throughmypersonal convictions, explaining the truths of Scripture and discerning my calling to the Gospelministry. Shortly after I started at Pittsboro Baptist, Pastor Peter and I began working through the processmoreand they were graciously able and willing to move the process over here!

On Monday, Oct. 19th, myordination council was created and we met, as I was asked various questions to confirm my calling andtogive an account of the faith that is in me. I am so grateful for the 3 pastors from Providence who sat onthecouncil and encouraged me, they have been true brothers in the

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faith for several years now! I am also incredibly thankful for the men of Pittsboro Baptist who willingly sat on the council. They sacrificed their time to sit and ask me questions and encourage me! For that I am incredibly thankful! I will list the names of these awesome men below, with a description of the three Providence staff as well:

- *Daniel Savage (Pastor of Disciple-Making, ProvidenceChurch)*
- *Dan Lukhard (Pastor of College Disciple-Making, Providence Church)*
- *Ben Holden (Pastor of Families, Providence Church)*
- *Peter McDonald*
- *Brian Cain*
- *Adam Melton*
- *Jay Beaver*
- *Munro Parker*

By God's grace, the council voted unanimously to recommend me for ordination! I will always remember the time that these men took out of their schedules to not just sit on the council for me but to provide encouragement, exhort wisdom, and pray on my behalf. Praise the Lord!

My ordination ceremony will be **Sunday evening, Nov. 8th, at 6pm.** For those able and willing tocome, I'd love for you to be there! Not just for me but to come together and praise the Lord and though Iam still somewhat "new" here, I want nothing more than to celebrate with my church family!

Youth Bonfire Night (Nov. 15th)

In the midst of a busy month with the holidays kicking off, we still want to set aside time to come together as a youth group outside of our regular meeting times! The Batcheller family has graciously opened up their home to us to have a *bonfire night!* This will be a fun night of fellowship, food, and a nice warm campfire alongside some yard games and other things! We'll then finish off the night with a devotion centered around gratitude with Thanksgiving coming up. We want to focus our gratitude on the Lord and recount the many blessings He's given to us; one that I want to highlight that night is certainly one another! So come out on **Sunday, Nov. 15th from 3:30-7pm** for a fun night!

The link to register is here! https://subsplash.com/u/-QMZMTG/forms/d/a2938f1a-4026-410b-a7c0-4c8ad94a5098

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OCC Packing Day (Nov. 18th)

Wednesday night at 6pm, we will be packing up the OCC boxes together as a church family! Please come out and join us as we partake in the Great Commission by building and packing up these Christmas boxes!

PBC Thanksgiving Outreach (Nov. 22nd)

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we have an awesome opportunity to serve our community after church, bringing Turkeys to those in our neighborhoods! Be on the lookout for more information around that day and how you can serve alongside us!

Closing Encouragement

"Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it, but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, 'Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.' And He said to them, 'Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?'"
(Luke 2:41-49).

I have begun reading through the gospel of Luke in my quiet time. I always love hearing this story because it is interesting picturing Jesus, the Son of God, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Emmanuel… all of these extraordinary names for an all-powerful God, yet we read these stories of His childhood. Jesus never "grew" into His deity/divinity/authority, yet in human form, He grew just like you and I did (what humility!). Despite Jesus' authority, His oneness with the Father, we see Him prioritizing His time with the Father **("Did you not know that I *had* to be in My Father's house?")**. This passage convicts me often as well, that I am always in desperate need of time with God, for I can do nothing apart from Him. He alone is my true guide, my comforter, etc. I love to sing songs about that very truth, and yet my life does not reflect that all the time. Some weeks are worse than others. It reminds me of Philippians 2 where we are told that though Jesus was fully God and fully Man, He "did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped" (Philippians 2:6). Jesus perfectly showed dependance on the Father, and of course He desires that we follow that same dependance, but He is also so gracious in inviting us in. He does not shut Himself away when we are not following in that dependance. Instead, He presses into us even more!

In a way, this also reminds me of John 21, for it is one of the many passages that shows Jesus' grace in this specific way. Jesus reveals Himself to a group of the disciples, with Peter being one of them (remember, the one who denied Jesus 3 times). Later in the passage, we get the famous "Peter, do you love me?" lines that show Jesus redeeming Peter and even foreshadowing Peter's future as a bold proclaimer of the gospel, so bold in fact as to die for his faith. My favorite part of this passage, however, is John 21:12, *"Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.'* Again, Jesus, God of the universe, "God with us", the One true God who is deserving of all praise and honor and glory, in the midst of our lack of

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dependance on Him, in our lack of glorifying Him, in our rebellion against Him, Jesus so lovingly and gently asks us to sit with Him. Today, you have a God that is asking you to "have breakfast" with Him! Jesus was not just a good example for us to follow when it came to expressing dependence on God, but He is actively pursuing you and me, **especially** on those days where it is really hard for us to lean on Him for whatever reason it may be.

Church family, please hear and be encouraged as you read this, that our God is asking you to sit with Him today. Of course, God asks us to do mighty works in His name, to proclaim His name boldly, to make disciples, and to glorify Him in everything we say and do, and He promises to be there for us and work through us. But even beyond that, before we can work and live in the ways that He has called us to, the LORD is asking you to "come and have breakfast." Let's be diligent to sit with our Lord today and for the rest of our days, for the Lord invites us to Himself and delights in His children being with Him!

I am grateful for you all!

Blessings,
Cameron Mabe


ANNUAL
TURKEY
GIVEAWAY
Pittsboro Baptist Church is collecting
Food Lion gift cards ($25 increments appreciated),
Frozen Turkeys and canned goods
To give to local needy families.
Donations should be dropped off
at the Fellowship Hall by Nov. 22.
Please place frozen turkeys in the kitchen freezer and
give gift cards to Jennifer Cashion.
Join us
November 22, 2026 at 12:00pm
Have lunch, pack up and deliver to
needy neighbors.

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: November 14th at 5:30pm (Due to Thanksgiving we will not meet the 4th Saturday of this month)
(2nd and 4th Saturdays)

Come check us out and invite your friends and neighbors!

Do you know someone that Needs to be Covered in Prayer? Pittsboro Baptist Church Prayer Quilt Ministry wants to hear from you.



If you walk into the fellowship hall during the day on a Wednesday, you will likely hear the hum of sewing machines. There may be anywhere from three to a dozen ladies in the room. Some sitting at those humming machines. Some discussing the wonders of batik fabrics while others lis- ten to Donna Harmon describe the difference between a quarter inch and ascant quarter inch seam and how those two to three threads can impact an entire quilt.
Since 2010, the Pittsboro Baptist Church Prayer Quilt Ministry (PQM) has been creating quilts to give to those who need comfort. Donna Harmon was inspired to start the ministry after a church-wide Bible study. For the past 16 years, a group of sewing enthusiasts have gathered one day each week to make beautiful works of art in the form of quilts.

It is the modern version of the old-timey quilting bee. While the ladies work, voices carry across the room, offering encouragement, advice on fabric colors, and commis- eration on the challenges of a particular pattern. It is a time of fellowship as well as learning.

It takes many hours to create a quilt from cutting to sewing to layering to quilting to binding.



Finally, knots are tied on each quilt with prayers being said during the tying process. Those prayers are the driving force and the ulti- mate reason each of those ladies is sewing quilts. Beyond the fel- lowship and expressions of creativity, the quilts are being made for a specific purpose: to symbolize in a physical way, the comfort and peace that only comes from God, particularly during the difficult and challenging times that people can face.

The Ministry makes two sizes of quilts. Smaller quilts are given to the local Hospice facility on an on-going basis. The larger quilts are given to individuals by request. Recently, it has been laid on the hearts of some of the PQM members that there are many more indi- viduals who need the comfort of their quilts.

Anyone at PBC can request a quilt to be given to a loved one who is experiencing a crisis, wheth- er it is illness, loss of a family member, or otherwise. The Prayer Quilt Ministry wants the requests to come from throughout the congregation. Recipients do not have to be members of PBC or live in the area. For instance, a quilt was recently mailed to someone in Oregon.

To request a quilt, a Prayer Quilt Ministry request form must be completed which can be given to a PQM member or placed in the offering plate. Forms are located in the vestibule, fellowship hall, and the hallway outside the church office. A member of PQM will follow-up to provide the quilt. Individuals are given only one PQM quilt even though they may experience many crises. The pray- ers from the original quilt are heard by our all-knowing God.

Do you know someone who needs to be covered in prayer?



3 Evonne Jurius, Lee Allenbaugh, Betty Jean Hinton



4 Pam Griffin, Patsy Johnson



5 Laura Outz



1 Patsy Johnson, Donna Harmon



2 Kathi Fassinger

Quilters at work.
Not all PQM members are depicted.

Take a moment to read.



Let's talk about
Christy
by Catherine Marshall
November 30
7 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

All ladies are invited.



Wednesday, November 18, 2026
6:15pm-8:15pm dinner included.
Please bring a "WOW" item to include in your box, otherwise supplies are provided.



Thanksgiving for God's Faithfulness

HeavenlyFather, as I step into the month of November,my heartswells with gratitude. I reflect upon the months that have passed and stand in awe of Your unwavering faithfulness.

Through seasons of joy and valleys of trial, Your steadfast love has been my anchor. Every morning has been met with Your mercies, and each night has been enveloped in Your peace.

Lord, as the leaves change and the year nears its end, let my lips continually offer praises to You. Each day of November, may my heart find reasons to celebrate Your goodness, and may I not take for granted the countless blessings, both big and small, that You bestow upon me.

Lamentations 3:22–23 "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Psalm 107:1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!



Surviving the Holidays

provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this holiday seminar

Location	Date & time	Contact info
Pittsboro Baptist Church 121 Wests Salisbury Street Pittsboro, NC 27312	Sunday, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. November 8	Julie LoRusso julie@jilcpa.com 336-202-7321

griefshare.org/holidays

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 2026 HOLIDAY EVENTS

PUMPKIN CARVING — 7:00PM–8:00 PM

OCT 28



A guaranteed fun time carving pumpkins at JD's

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY — 6:30PM–8:00PM

NOV 18



Pack shoeboxes for children that will receive our gifts and the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH — 12:00PM–2:00PM

NOV 22



Hand out thanksgiving meals and share the love of Jesus with our neighbors

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY! — 7:00PM–8:00PM

DEC 9



Celebrate Jesus' birthday with food, games, and tons of fun!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING — 6:30PM–8:30PM

DEC 18



Visit local businesses and restaurants in our community and share the wonderful story of our Savior's birth through timeless Christmas hymns.



Our monthly community meal will be this Wednesday,
November 4th at 5:00pm,
join us if you can for a great meal and fellowship with our neighbors.



Operation Christmas Child 2026

National Collection Week:
November 16th - 23rd

*PBC will be open for several hours every day to collect shoeboxes from the community.

*Contact Ashley Batcheller at 919-869-4798 or ashleybatcheller@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Packing Party:
November 18th 6:15-8:15 PM

*Please bring a "WOW" item.

Blessing Sunday:
November 22nd

*Bring your shoeboxes for blessing and prayer.





Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION
Christmas Child
TM

Drop off location
Hours of operation

November	***16***	***1pm-4pm***
November	***17***	***1pm-4pm***
November	***18***	***1pm-4pm***
November	***19***	***1pm-4pm***
November	***20***	***1pm-4pm***
November	***21***	***10am-Noon***
November	***22***	***1pm-4pm***

November 23 - 8am-10am

Volunteers Needed!

Pittsboro Baptist Church
is a drop off location for
Operation Christmas Child

Volunteers are needed
to accept donations.

You select times and days you
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November



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10 Beth Deichler
11 Robert & Patsy Johnson ♥
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15 Harry Cain
16 John May
17 Jimmy Griffin
Patrick Walton
James Walton
Sandra Goodwin
18 Jay & Danette Baker ♥
21 Jay Beaver
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Palmer Walls
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Thank you to those Serving!



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Greeters

Al Goodwin & Henry Cain

Infant Nursery ministry

November 1	Jessica Vrvilo & Brooke Smith
November 8	Ashley Batcheller & Sunny Allen
November 15	Amy & Lyla Dibb
November 22	Tara & Jenna Smith
November 29	Jessica Vrvilo & Brooke Smith

Toddler Nursery ministry

November 1	Tara, Micah, & Mali McDonald
November 8	Kelly Smith & Meredith Tetterton
November 15	Amber Kilpatrick & Darby Powers
November 22	Hunter & Hannah Brown
November 29	Chelsea Shandrick & Sunny Allen



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News from the Pearle Johnson Memorial Library

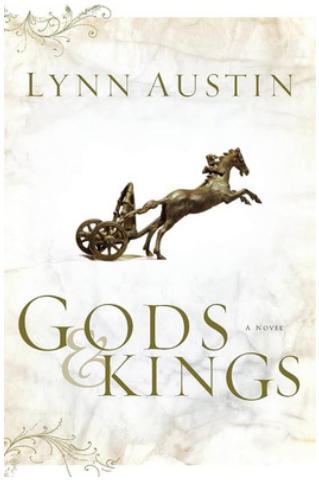
Sunday Library Schedule

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

There are some books where you really like the characters and are saddened when the story concludes. Fortunately some authors write series, where you can continue to follow the characters and their stories in one or more follow-up books. The Pittsboro Baptist Church Library has quite a few series on the shelves. You can read below about the first book from several different series.

Gods and Kings
by Lynn Austin



He was born to rule the people of God . . . but Yahweh is only a vague and powerless memory in the minds of his people. Though born the second son of King Ahaz, Hezekiah is not protected from his father's perverted attempts to gain the favor of the idol Molech.

Terrified and powerless at the foot of Molech's altar, Hezekiah encounters for the first time the one true God of his royal ancestry, Yahweh.

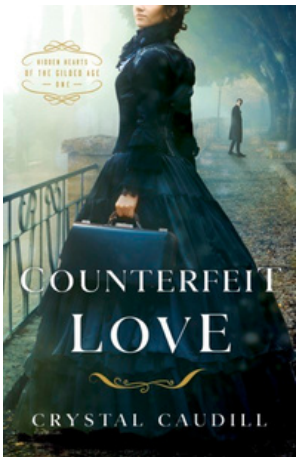
But his journey to the Holy One is riddled by influence from an assortment of men:

Zechariah, a grandfather of noble standing who has fallen into drunkenness; Uriah, the High Priest whose lust for power forces him to gamble the faith he proclaims; and Shebna, the Egyptian intellectual who guides Hezekiah's instruction.

For the two women who love Hezekiah, the meaning of love--and its sacrificial essence--will direct the course of their lives and help shape the young prince's future.

This is the first book in Lynn Austin's series, Chronicles of the Kings. Song of Redemption is the second book of the five book series, all of which can be found in the PBC Library.

Counterfeit Love
by Crystal Caudell



Can this undercover agent save the woman he loves--or is her heart as counterfeit as the money he's been sent to track down? fter all that Grandfather has sacrificed to raise her, ATheresa Plane owes it to him to save the family name--and that means clearing their debt with creditors before she marries Edward Greystone. But when one of the creditors' threats leads her to stumble across a midnight meeting, she discovers that the money he owes isn't all Grandfather was hiding. And the secrets he kept have now trapped Theresa in a life-threatening fight for her home--and the truth.

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After months of undercover work, Secret Service operative Broderick Cosgrove is finally about to uncover the identity of the leader of a notorious counterfeiting ring. That moment of triumph turns to horror, however, when he finds undeniable proof that his former fiancée is connected. Can he really believe the woman he loved is a willing participant? Protecting Theresa and proving her innocence may destroy his career--but that's better than failing her twice in one lifetime.

They must form a partnership, tentative though it is. But there's no question they're both still keeping secrets--and that lack of trust, along with the dangerous criminals out for their blood, threatens their hearts, their faith, and their very survival.

Combining rich history, danger, suspense, and romance, Crystal Caudill's debut novel launches this new historical series with a bang. Fans of Elizabeth Camden, Michelle Griep, and Joanna Davidson Politano will be thrilled to find another author to follow!

If you like Book 1 of the series Hidden Hearts of the Gilded Age, check out Book 2, Counterfeit Hope from the PBC Library

Black: The Birth of Evil by Ted Dekker

Enter an adrenaline-laced epic where dreams and reality collide.



Fleeing his assailants through deserted alleyways, Thomas Hunter narrowly escapes to the roof of a building. Then a silent bullet from the night clips his head...and his world goes black.

From the blackness comes an amazing reality of another world-a world where evil is contained. A world where Thomas Hunter is in love with a beautiful woman. Then he remembers the dream of the chase as he reaches to touch the blood on his head.

Where does the dream end and reality begin? Every time he falls asleep in one world, he awakes in the other-both facing catastrophic disaster. Thomas is being pushed beyond his limits...even beyond the limits of space and time.

Black is an incredible story of evil and rescue, betrayal and love, pursuit and death, and a terrorist's threat unlike anything the human race has ever known.

Some say the world hangs in the balance of every choice we make. Now the fate of two worlds hangs in the balance of one man's choice.

Black is the first book of The Circle series followed by Red, White, and then Green, written as book four but labeled book zero. All are available in the PBC Library for your reading pleasure.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daylight Savings time 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30am-Sunday School 10:30am- Sunday Service Followed by a new member's luncheon 2:30pm-Griefshare 5:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	9:30am—Staff Mtg 10:00am—Monday School	3L's meeting 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study 7:00pm—Property Mgmt Meeting	8:00am-Men's Bible Study at McDonalds 10:00am - Quilters 5:00pm—"The Table" Community Love Meal. 6:30pm - Worship, JD's, Youth			
8	9	10	Veteran's Day11	12	13	14
9:30am-Sunday School 10:30am- Sunday Service 2:30pm-Griefshare - Surviving the Holidays 5:00pm—Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm—Ordain Cameron Mabe	9:30am—Staff Mtg 10:00am—Monday School 7pm—Deacon's Meeting	6:30pm—Women's Bible Study	8:00am-Men's Bible Study at McDonalds 10:00am - Quilters 6:15pm - Dinner, Worship, JD's, Youth			5:30pm—BLAST
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30am-Sunday School 10:30am- Sunday Service 5:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	9:30am—Staff Mtg 10:00am—Monday School OCC 1:00pm-4:00pm	OCC 1:00pm-4:00pm 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study	8:00am-Men's Bible Study at McDonalds 10:00am - Quilters OCC 1:00pm-4:00pm 6:15pm - Dinner, Worship, JD's, Youth (Packing Party)	OCC 1:00pm-4:00pm	11:00am—Lunch Break Missions OCC 1:00pm-4:00pm	OCC 10:00am—Noon
22	23	24	25	Thanksgiving 26	27	28
9:30am-Sunday School 10:30am- Sunday Service Noon-Turkey Outreach OCC 1:00pm—4:00pm 5:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	9:30am—Staff Mtg 10:00am—Monday School OCC—10:00am-noon		8:00am-Men's Bible Study at McDonalds 10:00am - Quilters 6:15pm - Dinner, Worship, JD's, Youth	Office Closed Thanksgiving	Office Closed Thanksgiving	
29	30					
9:30am-Sunday School 10:30am- Sunday Service (Lord's Supper) 5:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm—Women's Bookclub					