

Pfafftown Baptist Church is on mission to serve God by sharing joyful life and displaying love with our greater community.

Pfafftown

Baptist Church



March 2015

PBC *Connections*

Heaven Came Down

Many of you have heard my theory of the "holy moment". It is my belief that, due to humanity's unwillingness to constantly embrace the Kingdom of God, our Kingdom experiences wax and wane. Think of it like love. Sometimes, even in the best of relationships, we are very aware of love and other times we wonder if love even exists. So too with the Kingdom.

Some moments are simply more holy than others, not because God is more or less holy but because our awareness of or commitment to or understanding of the holiness of the moment. As people of faith we treasure the holy moments we experience and we long to experience more of them, even when we don't know how. The Kingdom can be a perplexing thing.

Valentine's Day this year was one of the most holy moments I have ever experienced. That noon, eighteen senior adults from PBC who are single were treated to a first class lunch and fellowship that rivals anything found in Winston Salem. The holiness wasn't relegated to just the meal, though.

From my perspective, it was all around:

- ⇒ Friends made sacrifices to support the event.
- ⇒ Youth shared their gifts to help.
- ⇒ Friends made donations to complete the needs.
- ⇒ Invitations were personally made by deacons.
- ⇒ Decorations were created and shared by creative ladies.
- ⇒ Gifts were lovingly made by a friend of the church.

I could say more, but unnecessarily so. In **Acts 4** we have a story of the early church coming together in support of one another. It seems quaint in our generation, perhaps even impossible, but for a brief while on Valentine's Day I experienced it. And it was holy.

I have been affirmed by the senior adults that they enjoyed a great experience. I'm not surprised. ***What I pray is that everyone who helped, donated, prayed, cared, etc. equally had a great experience as part of the community of love.*** It was a holy moment, for sure, and we all were blessed to be a part of it in any way.



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Easter is coming in just a few short weeks, and one wonders if we are equally prepared for the holiness that is possible in the moment? True, the experience that is the modern Easter has become something approaching quaint. The decorations, preparations, activities, it all can seem so... expected. Was anything of the resurrection expected?

How will you prepare in your heart for a true holy experience this Easter? We don't manufacture the holiness of Easter; it's there. We open ourselves up to it. **How will you open yourself to holiness?** Heaven waits to come down, and glory waits to fill your soul. Be filled with the glory and holiness of Easter this year with an open, prepared and willing heart.


— Pastor Thomas Bounds

I've had my turn with the word; what have you to say? I'd love to hear from you. Connect with me!
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March Birthdays

Larke Griffin	Mar 5
Sarah Rierson	Mar 7
Sue Fowler.....	Mar 10
Tim Norman	Mar 14
Ann Mabe	Mar 18
Hilda Tuttle	Mar 18
Ginger Marshall.....	Mar 19
Steve Rierson	Mar 19
David Hall	Mar 26
Will Rierson	Mar 28
Patrick Stinson.....	Mar 28
Abigail McAninch.....	Mar 29
Sue Jarvis.....	Mar 31



Pick up your
pine needle rolls

Saturday, March 7
9:30 am

Pfafftown Baptist Church and the Baptist Women's Night Group will be hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, May 3, 2015 from 1:30-5:30. Please plan now to help support this community outreach with your prayers, time, and your "gift of life" if you are able.

**Don't forget to set
your clocks forward
one hour Saturday
night,
March 7!**

Thank you, Kettle Bell Ringers.

On Saturday, December 21, our bell location raised approximately \$290 for the Salvation Army.

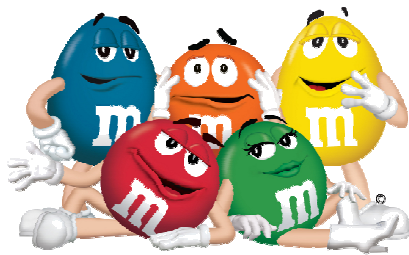
Thank you for your time .



Baptist Women's Day

February 22, 2015

"One Small Fish"



The Children and Youth will have the Easter Celebrations on the following dates:

Children

March 25 from 6 - 6:45pm

Youth

March 29 - 6:00 - 7:30pm

More details will follow



Men's Breakfast
Sat, March 7
8:00am
Fellowship Hall
ALL Men are invited.

To help beautify our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, you may purchase an Easter Lily in honor of a family member or friend who is a shut-in.

Look for information in the coming weeks on the price and deadline to order the lilies.



Sweetheart Banquet 2015



Pictures compliments of Terry Firle.



Eagle Court of Honor

For

David Charles Parker

Sunday, March 8

2:00pm

Pfafftown Baptist Church

Reception following immediately in
the Fellowship Hall



The **NIGHT WMU Group** will provide the meal at an overflow homeless shelter on March 13.

The **Day WMU Group** will meet on Tuesday, March 10 @ 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Both groups welcome new members.

See Bertha Williams or Joann Morgan for more information.

There is still time to register for **Missions Extravaganza April 17-18**. The cost is \$45. Please see Kim Bounds, if interested. At this time, there are 4 ladies going and there's room for plenty more. Missions Extravaganza will be at Ardmore Baptist.



Make a Joyful Noise

You're invited to join us:

Handbells - Mondays at 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir - Wednesdays at 7:15pm



Hello Church Family,

So sorry about the lapse of time. It seems that it's been ages since Christmas and the first of the year. We're heading into the end of the first quarter! Where does the time go? My only excuse is that I've been busy. This is usually down time for us, but there hasn't been much of that. That's a good thing though, and our Lord is always working! If you keep up with what's happening in our neck of the woods, you know that there are terrible atrocities occurring all around us, which is a huge prayer request. I can imagine the Lord walking among our brothers and sisters in these infested lands giving comfort and peace as only He can. We can't pray them out of the persecution in most cases, but we can pray them through it. It's mind numbing what's being done at our back door and our front door. Thank you for lifting us to the Father. A praise to Him Who is able to keep us – just renewed my visa for another year!

~Blessings, Ann

College Students of the Month

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Please take time during the month to send a note by snail mail or email to encourage these two ladies as they finish up their LAST semester.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Worship March 29, 10:25 **AM**
Maundy Thursday Service Apr 2, 7:00 pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Service..... Apr 3, 7:00 pm
Resurrection Service..... Apr 5, 7:30 **AM**
~Breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall~
Easter Worship Apr 5, 10:25 **AM**

New Office Hours

Due to a schedule changes, the church office hours have changed to the following:

Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri - 8am to Noon
Wed - Noon to 4pm

Please make note of the change.
Thanks.

How is the lent calendar helping you prepare for Easter?

There are plenty more at the church office for you to share with friends and neighbors.

Share one today and let's all prepare for a Holy Celebration!

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