

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

# Pfafftown

## Baptist Church



*"But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened." (Luke 24:12)*

March 2016

# PBC Connections

## The Best Prayer I've Ever Heard



I have so much to learn as a **pray-er**. Don't be shocked; be honest. You do too. Where do we learn? How do we learn? What do we learn? I hope to learn soon.

Teaching my children the practice of prayer has been an interesting journey, to say the least. We began with the practice of rote prayers and these are good building blocks to create a foundation. Yet when

my children outgrew these prayers I watched them step right into imitation of my own prayers. Whatever I repeated they repeated. Whatever I mentioned they mentioned. Whatever I did, they did. Teaching the kids to pray quickly challenged my own thoughts of prayer.

Recently an unexpected source informed my understanding of prayer. For the second year the night WMU asked me to prepare BBQ for a meal for homeless men in a downtown ministry. Last year's experience was a blessing so I eagerly anticipated this year's opportunity.

With experience I prepared more BBQ this year and I arrived at the event with more knowledge and less anxiety. While setting up our crew was informed that a trend had developed of struggles in the ministry with men misbehaving. We were asked to be on guard.

Preparations were quick and soon the bus arrived with the men for our location. They filed in and I wondered, "*Who might be the problem tonight?*" A new routine was followed until the men were seated at their tables and the moment for prayer had arrived. A volunteer was quick and the large man stood to pray. I paraphrase, but closely:

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## Best Prayer... (continued from page 1)

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"God, thank you for this meal and these good people who have fixed it for us. Help us to act like decent people tonight and try to get along and do right and show thanks for this meal to these people. In Jesus name, amen."

My spoon hovered over the BBQ as I realized, that might be the best prayer I've ever heard. It certainly is appropriate for the season now upon us.

As Easter descends upon us like a meal for homeless people **I wonder who among us, if not all of us, stands out to God as the problem people. With our rampant judgement, selfishness, pride, etc. we create more challenges in the Kingdom than harmony.** The cross drops in each year, bidding us to come in from the cold of our sinful behaviors. A simple meal of love and forgiveness appeals to the hunger of our hearts. We know what is good for us, even if we do not receive it well all year long.

Standing in the rising sun this Easter I will remember the faithful homeless man and his beautiful prayer. I will thank God for the Easter meal and the Savior who provided it for us. **And I will pray again this year we will act like decent people, trying to get along and be thankful for the gift we have received.**

And in the shadow of the flower draped cross we will sing: **Were you there when he rose up from the grave... Yes we are and may our prayers and lives reflect it.**

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*Like the voice that shouts into the canyon seeking an echo, is there one to be heard here? Connect with me and let me know what you think. It matters to me! [pbcpastor@windstream.net](mailto:pbcpastor@windstream.net)*



### March's Collection Item

Socks for all kids' sizes.

### Upcoming Blood Drive

Baptist Women's Night Group will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Sunday, June 12, 2016**. Please be in prayer for this upcoming activity.

Registration and other information will be given later.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

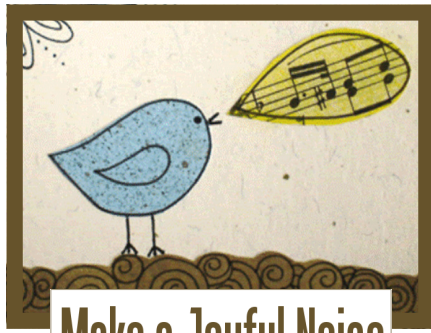


The Children say, "thank you" for your support of the Souper Bowl of Caring.

150 cans were received for Second Harvest Food Bank.

\$159 was collected for Samaritan Ministries.

**Thank you!!!**



## Make a Joyful Noise

**March is here, and Easter is near!** In addition to all our usual Easter Week services, we have a big service planned for the 10:25 worship on March 27 that we are calling our *Resurrection Celebration*.

We have professional musicians joining us as a brass quintet: 2 trumpets, 2 trombones and 1 French horn. We have guest handbell ringers. We have 3, and hopefully counting, guests in the choir singing just for Easter, including a visitor who sings with the Piedmont Chamber Singers.

This is not a cantata, but is instead a celebration: **a collection of huge Resurrection anthems and fanfares.** Our service will be filled with sound! And if you can't tell by the rest of this text, *I am very excited for this service!*

This is one Easter Sunday you will not want to miss at Pfafftown Baptist! Please invite any neighbors, friends, co-workers, and let's fill the pews on this glorious Sunday!!

In Christ,

David



**Pine Needle ORDERS** are due by March 13 and will be delivered on **Saturday, March 19th.**

Please be prepared to pick up your pine needles **beginning at 9:00am** on the **13th.**

*An Encouraging Word*  
FROM PASTOR THOMAS  
A ministry of Pfafftown Baptist Church

We all need encouragement and good reminders from time to time. If you would like to receive a weekly **"Encouraging Word"** email from Pastor Thomas, please send an request to [pbcpastor@windstream.net](mailto:pbcpastor@windstream.net)

## **Missions Groups Meetings**

**Baptist Men's Breakfast** - March 5 @ 8:00am - Fellowship Hall

**Night WMU Group** - March 14 @ 6:30pm - Fellowship Hall  
*~Bring your salad and your items for the Family House Mission Project~*

**Day WMU Group** - March 15 @ 9:30am - Fellowship Hall

*The Night & Day Groups will host the Freeses as their Guest Speakers this month.*

# Single Seniors Valentine's Lunch

Saturday, February 13, 2016





## Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Service - March 24 @ 7:00pm

Good Friday Service of Tennebrae - March 25 @ 7:00pm

SonRose Service - March 27 @ 7:30am

*~Fellowship Breakfast following the service~*

Easter Celebration Service - March 27 @ 10:25am

## Children & Youth

March 12.....Youth @ 2nd Harvest Food Bank  
 March 13..... **Pine Needle Order Due**  
 March 19..... Pine Needle Delivery  
 March 24.....Maundy Thursday Service  
 March 25..... Good Friday Service  
 March 27..... Easter Services  
 April 1..... **Caswell Deposits Due**  
 April 24..... Children's Sunday  
 May 14 ..... Youth Yard & Bake Sale  
 May 22 ..... Outdoor Worship  
 June 5 ..... Graduate Sunday  
 June 20-24 ..... Caswell  
 July 10-13 ..... Passportkids! Camp

*Thank you!*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for your love and prayers during our years at Pfafftown Baptist Church. As we face a new chapter in our life, and as exciting as that may be, it is with sorrow that we leave our church family behind.

We look forward to finding a new church family in Charleston. However, that will be a huge task after the wonderful years at PBC. Please continue to pray that we find a church that is as welcoming, supportive, and loving as the one we are leaving.

We miss you more than we can possibly put into words. Please keep in touch and let us know if you are in the Charleston area.

Love and Blessings to All,  
John and Yvonne Holbrook



## March Birthdays

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  
 Sue Jarvis ..... Mar 31

## LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 5 ..... Men's Breakfast  
 Mar 6.....Music Committee Meeting  
 Mar 12.....Youth @ 2nd Harvest  
 Mar 14.....WMU Night Group  
 Mar 15.....WMU Day Group  
 Mar 17.....Single Senior's Lunch  
 Mar 19.....Pine Needle Delivery  
 Mar 20.....Palm Sunday  
 Mar 20..... **Newsletter Deadline**  
 Mar 20..... Deacons' Meeting  
 Mar 24.....Maundy Thursday Service  
 Mar 25.....Good Friday Service  
 Mar 26.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 Mar 27.....Easter SonRose Service



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 Heck-Jones  
 Offering  
 WEEK OF PRAYER  
 for WMU of North Carolina

**Support WMU NC by giving to this offering during the month of March. Envelopes are located in the pew boxes.**

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