

## PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Merry Christmas church family. I am having a hard time believing I just penned those words. Where did 2016 go and how did we arrive so quickly at Christmas? Christmas is perhaps my favorite time of year for a multitude of reasons. First and foremost we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. I

have often been asked which is more important, Christmas or Easter and I say, both. We can not celebrate Easter without first having Christmas, and without Easter Christmas would mean nothing. The two celebrations go hand in hand. So, Christmas is a time of celebrating the birth of Jesus, God in the flesh, God with us. Second, I enjoy Christmas because of my children. I see their excitement and joy and get bombarded with the Christmas lists of all their wants. Usually when I see their Christmas lists I panic because they have not yet learned that money is earned not grown on trees. After explaining this truth to them their lists grow smaller and my blood pressure goes down. With that said, I love their excitement over the season. Third, I love that Christmas is a time of hope. We live in a world where hope and peace are in short supply unless you know Christ, but Christmas reminds us of a hope and peace we can all have. People are more open to the Gospel around Christmas than most any other time of the year with the exception of Easter. I encourage you this Christmas season to share the good news of great joy which is for all people. Tell someone about Christ. Invite people to attend church with you, and show the love of Christ to those around you. From my family to yours, Merry Christmas, and may this Christmas be a memorable one filled with laughter, love, hope, and fond memories.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Geoff



## FILLING OUR SANCTUARY WITH POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone for our Dec. 11th and 18th services, please fill out the form that can be found in the foyer. Please turn that form into the office by Sunday, December 4th. The poinsettias are \$20/each. A list of the people who were given in memory/honor of will be in the bulletin Sunday, December 18th.

## Kidz Junction

There will be no Kid'z Junction during the month of December. Enjoy worship with the whole family during the Christmas season.



2016 Contribution statements will be available for pick up from the church office after January 15th. If you prefer, you may have you statement emailed to you—just call the church office to let us know

Please be reminded that in order for a contribution to be counted on this year's statement, it must be received in the office or post marked by December 31st. If you have any questions, contact Connie Morgan. Thank You!



## **Youth Christmas Party**

December 11th the youth will deliver presents from 3:30-6:30p.m. and they will have their Christmas party from 6:30 – 8:00.



Dec. 4 - Joe & Pat Oglesby

Dec. 11 - Open Dec. 28 - Open

Dec. 25 - Margaret Sasser



## Stats for November

Stewardship through November 27, 2016

2016-17 Budget	\$637,824.90
Weekly budget need	\$12,265.86
Given YTD	\$93,004.16

**Total Receipts:** 

Budget \$43,402.35 \$11,723.70 Designated

**Sunday School:** 

Enrollment 473 Average Attendance 233

**Building Fund:** 

Current Balance \$64,806.85

## Richards, Roger Gatewood, Drew Jamaal Day, Aaron Cross, Dalton 11:00 Lesley Nichols, Tracy Austin Debra Schneider Hurley, Adam Henry, Blake Fortner 11:00 Andy Butler, Ronnie Miller 6:00 pm Paid Workers Cynthia Steele / Andrew Fogel Margaret Sasser 11:00 Sara Purvis, Lana Spears Nichols, Jack Adams, Chris Roller, Malcolm Spears 11:00 Mark Wilde, Matt Brunson Tom Moss, Mark McCranie, Josh Williams, Travis Adams, Levon 6:00 pm Paid Workers 8:30 Paid Workers 8:30 Tommy Eiland Lindsay Carlisle / Becki Holovack DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS Pat Oglesby Malcolm & Kristy Spears Dec 11 Shane Oglesby, David Oglesby, Dylan 11:00 Brenda Wilde, Misty Fortner ningham, Bob Cooper, Justin Lawson, Wadsworth, John Gustin, Larry Cun-11:00 Mark Wadsworth, Bob Adams 6:00 pm Paid Workers 8:30 Paid Workers 8:30 Kevin Morgan Emily Chaitha / Mackenzie Lawsor Lisa Stanley Brenda Wilde Dec 18

wood, Drew Hurley, Adam Henry,

Blake Fortner

10:00 Tommy & Rhonda Eiland

**Becky Sheets** 

Ronnie Miller, Jamaal Day, Aaron

10:00 Josh Adams, Andy Butler

8:30 No Service

Dec

25

Cross, Dalton Richards, Roger Gate-

8:30 Paid Workers

8:30 Stanley Bacon

Dec

No Kidz Junction

Mary Ann & M.E. Cates

Katie Barton

KIDZ' **JUNCTION** 

No Kidz Junction

No Kidz Junction

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### **Homebound Visits**

We will be making homebound visits again on December 3rd. Please meet us at the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. that morning. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Becki Holovack (850)865-2231.





The Lottie Moon Post office is open. You may "mail" Christmas cards to other active members. Postage is 25 cents per item and all proceeds go to support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO). The LMCO supports the work of international missions.

Every penny of the offering goes to help support missionaries. Spread some holiday cheer AND help spread the gospel this Christmas!

The post office will be open each Sunday before Sunday School, and before and after the 11:00 and evening services. The Women's Ministry is coordinating this ministry.



Eula & Glynn Dotson Barbara Griffiths / Maxine Adams Jim & Elaine Skates Merline Myrick / Gladys Fleming Bill Raley / Lynn Garrett Glyn Garrett / Mary Jane Stewart Patricia Treat / Grady Williams Bob Walker Sr./ Jack Shue Tom & Carlotta Garrett Tyler Sasser / Lacy Adams Lucien & Betty LeMarchand Tina Cadenhead / Nola Rowell Mary Richardson / Cliff Troyer Ezra & Ragenia Nichols Mary Hart / Florence Myrick Linda Richardson / Paul Garrett Our President, Nation & Military Unsaved / Unspoken



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We will only have one service Sunday, December 25th. Join us at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate Christmas together as a church family. Gene Strickland will be our guest speaker this Christmas morning.

The church office will be closed December 26th & 27th.
The office will also be closed Monday, January 2nd.

There will be no evening services Wednesday, December 28th.



## **Fundraiser Meal**



Please join us Sunday, December 11 after the 11 o'clock service for a fundraiser meal. The youth will be raising money to help families in our community during this Christmas season.

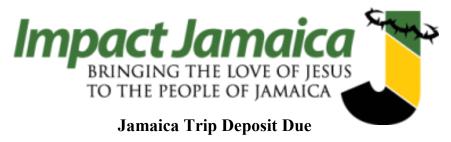
# Offering Envelopes

2017 offering envelopes will be available beginning December 18th. You should find your box of envelopes in your Sunday School class. If you are not on a class roll then your envelopes will be in the foyer at the Welcome Desk. If you are unable to locate your box of envelopes, contact Connie Morgan in the church office. Thank you!





Our Young Adult Ministry and High School Seniors will leave to go to Passion on January 2-4.



The next deposit of \$125 is due December 11th if you are on the list to go to Jamaica in 2017.



## Children's Homes

Friday, December 9th there will be an open house in Pensacola at 1000 Chemstrand Rd. Cantonment, FL 32533 and it will be from 6-8 p.m. Bring your friends and come enjoy holiday treats, cottage tours and fun-filled family entertainment as our campus celebrates with you.

## Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

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### WEEKLY RECURRING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Bible Study

11:00 am Worship

6:00 pm Worship, Youth Ministry,

Kid's S.L.A.M.

#### Monday

7:00 pm Praise Team Practice

### WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Awanas, M.S. & H.S. Youth Worship

6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice



## December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Sr. Adult	<b>2</b> Calloway Trip	Homebound Visits
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Youth Council		6:30 pm Properties Comm			Sr. Adult Fellowship 5:30pm	
11 While the World Slept Budget Mtg. Children's Council	6 pm Stampin' Up	Golden's Sunday School Class Party 10am-2pm	14 CONFERENCE	15	16 CHRISTMAS PARTY	17
18 SPIES 4pm Deacon Mtg.	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas	Office Closed	Office Closed	No Services			



- 1 Stephanee Morrison
- 2 Dustin Thames
- 3 Josh Adams Fannie Brown Stacey Howlett
- 4 Tommy Henderson Jackson Pierce Nikki Thomas
- 5 Lainey Caswell Logan Thompson
- 6 Wayne Henderson Brandon Moss
- 7 Douglas Davis Mark Gelb
- 8 Bill Raley Brett Walker
- 9 Sharon Mullins
- 10 David Oglesby
- 11 Mary Hart Levon Nichols
- 12 Randy Bryant
- 13 Bob Cooper Debbie Henderson
- 14 Justin Lawson Shaundra Nieves
- 16 Taylor Oglesby
- 18 Garth Bailey Elsie Tate Macie Wilde
- 19 Christy Brunson Briley Lawson Easton Moore Ron Patton
- 20 Ruth Middlebrooks Sonny Steele
- 21 Viney Griffith Abigail Mainor
- 23 Jerrica Barton
- 24 Chelby Henry Yevone Turner
- 25 Ashley Styron
- 26 Dinah Adams
- 27 Barbara Dobson

- 28 Sheila Rodriguez
- 29 Bill Adams
  Mallory Lawson
  Dylan Wadsworth
  Shane Ward
  Jordan Westmoreland
- 30 Libby Adams Brittany Brunson
- 31 Jane Moore



- 2 Ivan & Debbi McCart Brian & Tiffany Plunkett
- 7 Weyland &Kim Williamson
- 9 Charles & Miley Coburn
- 10 David & Aggie Oglesby
- 13 Pete & Peggy Hardy
- 18 Justin & Kelly Copeland
- 22 Clark & Joyce Cosson27 Bob & Angila Walker
- 30 David & Jennifer Stewart



# Candidates for Church Membership

## **By Baptism:**

**ELLIS, Peyton** 

Parents: Patrick & Kristen Ellis

## **By Letter:**

SOWELL, Miranda

5733 Mansfield Dr. Baker Deacon: David Stewart

JONES, Mr. David & Mrs. Samantha

1452 Dads Rd, Baker Deacon: David Howard

SENORY, Sandi

112 Indian Trail, Crestview Deacon: Mark McCranie

**LAMBERT, Mr. Joey** 5411 Hilton Rd. N. Baker

Deacon: Winston Steele

**By Statement:** 

LAMBERT, Mrs. Nancy

RUSSELL, Mr. Jeremy 6282 Holloway Rd, Baker Deacon: Kenny Lawson



The Pastor and members of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church wish to offer our love and prayers to the following...

The Troyer Family at the death of Joyce Troyer on November 10th.

For

For

God so

loved the

world the gave

this one and only

Son that whoever

believes in thim shall not
perish but have eternal life

John

3:16

### Pilgrim's Progress — December 2016

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church						
5595 Highway 4	Fax 537-6798					
Baker, Florida 32531-8433	Phone 537-9221					
Email address: prbcbaker@yahoo.com						
Web site: www.pilgrimrestbaptist.org						
Web site. WWW.prigrimestoupust.org						
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES						
Sunday						
Morning Worship	8:30 AM					
Sunday School	9:45 AM					
Morning Worship	11:00 AM					
Evening Worship, Kid's SLAM,	11.0012.11					
& Youth Worship	6:00 PM					
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Wednesday	6 00 PM					
Awanas, M.S. & H.S. Youth	6:00 PM					
Adult Bible Study, Mission Groups	6:30 PM					
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM					
CHURCH LEADERSHIP						
Senior Pastor	Dr. Geoffrey Prows					
Assoc. Pastor to Music & Senior Adults	Darren Williams					
Assoc. Pastor to Students	Justin Douglas					
Office Manager	Connie Morgan					
Part-time Secretary	Lindsay Carlisle					
Temp. Custodian	Tom Moss					
Temp. Caprodian	2 0111 111055					



Our annual Children's Musical is December 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the new sanctuary. This will take the place of our regular evening service. Please bring finger foods to share as we will come together in fellowship

after the conclusion of the musical. Hope to see you there!

During both of our morning services on Sunday, December 11th, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Sanctuary Choir will present their Christmas Program *While the World Slept*. You don't want to miss this blessing of the Christmas Season.





December 21st, 2016



Ladies, our next
Stampin' Up meeting
will be Monday, December 11th
at 6:00 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.