

## PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Office Closed Tuesday, July 4th

#### Celebrate Freedom In Christ

"The Fourth of July is one of my favorite holidays. I love the pageantry that comes along with it: the fireworks, the parades, the cookouts, and the time at the lake. It can't be beat. And it's appropriate. As an American, this is the day when I, along with millions of others, celebrate my national freedom. This day is my chance to express externally the internal pride I have in my country. Of course, I'm not limited to celebrating freedom only on this day, but there's no doubt that the Fourth of July marks my fullest expression of patriotism. And why do I celebrate this specific day? Because this is the day when everything changed for me as an American.

With the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, our country was officially and permanently declared independent from the Kingdom of Great Britain. The political and cultural landscape of both nations changed forever. Our forefathers set events in motion that not only impacted them, but also impacted generations to come, including ours. And our children's. And their children's. You get the picture. July 4, 1776, was a day when everything changed.

While national freedom, whether to America or any other country, is extraordinary and worth celebrating, I don't say all of this to point us toward patriotism. Christianity in its truest form is a celebration of freedom. As Christ-followers, we enjoy spiritual freedom through the redeeming work of Christ, who was born of a virgin, lived a perfect life, took the weight of the world's sin on the cross, conquered it and the grave through His resurrection, and provided redemption and atonement for those who would accept Him as Savior and Lord. In exchange for this freedom, we owe God our allegiance - an allegiance that reminds us neither this country, nor anywhere else on earth, is our home.

The gospel calls us to be set apart from this world while simultaneously taking on the role of ambassadors for God's kingdom. This allegiance is birthed out of change: the life-altering impact of meeting Jesus Christ. The moment we say OK to Jesus' "follow Me" call is the moment everything (and I mean everything) changes.

The greatest celebration of freedom is a commitment to that which makes me free. As an American, I don't best celebrate my freedom by lighting sparklers and eating ridiculous amounts of hotdogs. (Trust me. I've tried.) Instead, my actions throughout the year serve as the best testimony to my allegiance. When I pay my taxes, vote, follow the law, and respect the authorities chosen by the citizens of our democratic society, I'm proving my commitment to my country. This commitment celebrates freedom. Likewise, committing to Christ celebrates my spiritual freedom."

-This is an excerpt from Follow Me: Learning About Faith, Obedience, and Being Made Holy (Threads by LifeWay) by Jason Hayes.

# Ministry Spotlight!



Hello church! I am excited to provide a quick update on our Children's Ministry and everything we have planned for this summer! First up we have Day Camp for our First and Second Graders from July

10th – 12th! We will stay on the church campus, play games, learn about God, eat food and have a great time! Sign up now in the foyer, cost is \$10 but that includes food and a shirt! Immediately following Day Camp we have Children's Camp at Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL from July 14th – 17th. We are very excited about this trip and look forward to a great opportunity to learn about God together! Wacky Wednesdays continue throughout the summer for 1st – 5th Grades, so check the foyer for a list of activities. Wacky Wednesdays are from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Also on Wednesdays our younger kids are learning the Fruits of the Spirit at the same time. Awana will start back in the fall and we are continuing work on the new Children's Building and hope to move in soon.

Recently, our PRBC kids encouraged me when I asked them to share their favorite Bible verse. At first they looked at me kind of funny and then they began looking. I was blown away by the verses they shared and the reasons why those verses were their favorites. Your kids are awesome! I challenge you to take a few moments this month and ask your kids what their favorite verse(s) are and why? And if they do not have one, don't be discouraged, help them to find one and talk about it. You will be glad you did!

Finally, please pray for our children's ministry activities to always be God centered and help our children grow in their walk with Christ. Our Children's Ministry name is OneLife Children's Ministry. At PRBC we desire that our children do not conform to this world, but that they begin a relationship with Christ and live out their "one life" by growing closer to God and sharing their faith with others! Romans 12:2

-Bro. Michael, Associate Pastor to Children & Discipleship



#### Summer Day Camp

We have an awesome Day Camp for First and Second Graders coming up July 10-12th. The camp will be from 10am until 2pm here at PRBC.

The cost is \$10 (which includes an original Day Camp T-Shirt!)



July 2nd:

The Pharisee & the Tax Collector

July 9th

The Wicked Tenants

July 16th:

Kids in Service

July 23rd:

Jesus turned water into wine

July 30th:

Jesus provides bread from Heaven

All children K- 5th grade, join us in children's church!

STUDENT LIFE FOR KIDS SUMMER 2017



July 14 - 17 Shocco Springs, AL OUR TEAM COLOR IS GREEN!



#### July 25th

Terrific Tuesday is July 25th! We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person and we will be going on a trip for the whole family. We hope to see you there!

# JULY VOLUNTEERS



July 2 - Floyce Steele
July 9 - Cornelius Family
July 16 - Sonja Brunson
July 23 - Dale Gibson
July 30 - Joe & Pat Oglesby



# Stats for June

Stewardship through June 25, 2016

2016-17 Budget \$637,824.90 Weekly budget need \$12,265.86 Given YTD \$414,801.39

**Total Receipts:** 

Budget \$38,217.66 Designated \$19,743.56

**Sunday School:** 

Enrollment 480 Average Attendance 186

**Building Fund:** 

Current Balance \$64,458.70

KIDS CHURCH	LIL' KIDS CHURCH	SPECIAL NEEDS	NURSERY	USHER	
Adam & Jessica Henry	Jason & Nicole Rickmon	Malcolm & Kristy Spears	8:30 Paid Workers 11:00 Aggie & Mary Oglesby, Taylor & Lindsay Carlisle 6:00 Paid Workers	8:30 Stanley Bacon 11:00 Shane Oglesby, David Oglesby, Dylan Wadsworth, Larry Cunningham, Bob Cooper, Justin Lawson	JULY 2
Dana Hardy / Shana Lawson	Cynthia & Lauren Steele	Katie Barton	8:30 Paid Workers 11:00 Shawn & Kenya Risen Charlotte & Hana Wadsworth 6:00 Paid Workers	8:30 Tommy Eiland 11:00 Austin Davis, Ronnie Miller, Jamaal Day, Aaron Cross, Dalton Richards, Roger Gatewood	JULY 9
No Children's Church	Larica Redmond / Andrew F.	Crystal Fogel	8:30 Paid Workers 11:00 TBD Angie Mandley & Spencer 6:00 Paid Workers	8:30 Kevin Morgan 11:00 Drew Hurley, Adam Henry, Blake Fortner, Brad Mainor, Matt Brunson, Tom Moss	JULY 16
Roger & Melissa Gatewood	Lindsay & Lauren Adams	Shannon Gustin	8:30 Paid Workers 11:00 Michele Madden & Danielle, Grant & Erin Adams 6:00 Paid Workers	8:30 Wayne Henderson 11:00 Josh Williams, Travis Adams, Levon Nichols, Jack Adams, Chris Roller, Malcolm Spears	JULY 23
Malcolm & Kristy Spears	Mary Ann & M.E. Cates	Sheila Rodriquez	8:30 Paid Workers 10:00 Gina Williams, Amy Russell, Elizabeth Kempski 6:00 Paid Workers	8:30 Tommy Eiland 10:00 Mark Wadsworth, Bob Adams, Shane Oglesby, David Oglesby, Dylan Wadsworth, Larry Cunningham	JULY 30



## School Supply Giveaway

Where: Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

When: Saturday, July 22nd, 2017

Time: 8 d.m. - 12 p.m.

The Women's Ministry will be taking donations of school supplies for Baker students of all ages for the upcoming school year. There are many families financially burdened and we would like to help. Items will be collected throughout the month. Many backpacks will be filled with the items and given to those in need on July 22nd. A list of items is provided or you may give a monetary donation and we will purchase the items. We also are asking for gently used clothing, shoes, and coats to have available during the giveaway. Collection bins will be in the new building. You can also drop clothes off in the church office during the week. We are collecting for all ages this year so bring all sizes! Please help those families that are hurting financially.

Backpacks
Pencils
Colored Pencils
Wide-ruled paper
College-ruled Paper
Markers
Crayons

Pens
Erasers
Highlighters
Glue sticks
Small scissors
Folders with pockets
Composition notebooks





#### Youth H2O River Float

When: July 12, 3:00-9:30pm

Where: Cotton Bridge to Wilderness Landing (Blackwater)

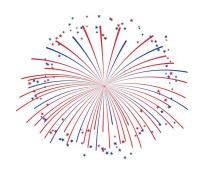
Why: Why not?

**Who:** All students who have just completed 6-12th grade

Info: Students will be floating from Cotton Bridge on Hwy 4 approximately 3 miles south to wilderness landing. After we float, we will eat and have a worship service on the sandbar at Wilderness Landing. Students may bring anything they would like to float on! The most awesome float will win something! Students will need

to be dropped off at Cotton
Bridge in time to start floating at
3:00 p.m. After the worship
service, we will drop our students
who drove off at Cotton Bridge
and students who need picked up
off at the church at 9:30 p.m. We
will not be dropping any students
off at their houses! Parents need
to be at the church at 9:30 p.m. to
pick up their students.

**Questions:** Call or Text Justin at 850-461-1217





We are so excited that you are moving up into Hooked Student Ministry! We would like to make your transition into "Youth" as smooth as possible, so we would like to invite you and your parents to our first ever MEET RETREAT. This is a chance for us to get to know you better and for you to get to know us and its completely FREE!!!!

We will pull out of the church Saturday July, 22 @3pm and head to Destin to play indoor Laser Tag and black light putt-putt golf. You are welcome to drive but we will bring the church bus. After this we will return to the church so you can get your vehicles and meet us at the Henderson's Pond where dinner and the rest of our student ministry will be waiting on you and your parents. We will eat and while you swim we will have a parent meeting under the pavilion so we can share the vision of Hooked Student Ministry with them and how they can get involved.

Although it is not required that you bring your parents to participate it is highly encouraged because we want to know your whole family better! Please RSVP by July 9th how many in your family will be participating by texting or calling Justin @ 8504611217.



We will observe the ordinance of The Lord's Supper Sunday, July 9th during our evening service. Be reminded that a benevolence offering is taken up at this time.



#### **VBS Follow-Up Visitations**

Many children gave their life to Christ during VBS this year. We will be making home visits Sunday, July 9th. Please join us as we go and talk with these children and their parents. They would like to see a familiar face!

VBS Volunteers 2017 – Thank you so much for everyone's help at VBS! We collected a total of \$1,050.96 for the supplies in Jamaica.



#### 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



#### **New Bus**

We still need \$8,905 for the 33 passenger bus. Thank you in advance for your contribution!

### **July 2017**

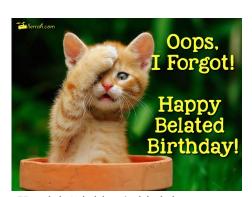
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>9</b> FCA Love Offering VBS Follow-Up Visitations	10 	11 1st & 2nd Grade Day C	12 Youth H20	13	14 Kids (	15 Camp in Shocco, Springs
16 Kids Camp in Shoo	17	18	19	20	21	22 School Supply Giveanay 5th Grade Retreat
Promotion Sunday	24	25 terrific	26	27	28	29 Men's Min. Event
30	31					



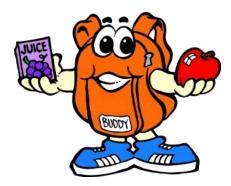
- 1 Toni Elrod
- Johnathan Gatewood Ben Martin Malcolm Spears
- 3 Karsyn Crinklaw Brian Plunkett
- 4 Tucker Garrett Harper Garrett Bill Griffith Barbara Steele Alyson Watson
- 7 Angie Arias Kara Corbitt George Griffith Ashlie Lewis Geoff Prows
- 8 Mary Barber Brooklyn Costinett Jared Glenny Jr.
- 9 Sherry Griffith Donald Reeves
- 10 Aaron Fogel
- 11 Sylvia Pace Shawn Risen
- 13 Clayton Hass Aggie Oglesby Jeffery Sheets
- 14 Charla Douglas Philip Garrett Madison Stanley
- 15 Tom Fuqua Kaitlin McCart
- 16 Joel Glenny Kim Sayer
- 17 Lois Bryant-Herren Jay Turner Joshua Williams
- 18 Patsy Coco
- 19 Johnathan Caswell Joseph Thomas
- 20 Patricia Hart
- 21 Mary Oglesby
- 22 Eddie LeDuc William Stanley
- 24 Matthew Wilde
- 25 Joe Holloway Emily Stewart
- 26 Travis Adams
- 28 Taylor Brunson David Dobson Charles Ezell Julia Troyer
- 29 Samantha Jones
- 30 Earl Thompson
- 31 Jennifer Stewart



- Donald & Sylvia Reeves
   Coy & Rogie Sasser
   Dave & Michelle Stanley
- 3 Billy & Kathryn Ziglar
- 5 Bob & Mary Taggart
- 10 Thomas & Peggy Paccone
- 11 Anthony & Kayla Grieve
- 14 Neil & Donna Emiro
- 17 Michael & Angela Mandley Joe & Pat Oglesby
- 23 Shane & Traci Oglesby
- 25 Chris & Melissa Davis
- 30 Charles & Dorothy Robinson
- 31 Justin & Charla Douglas



Kendal Crinklaw's birthday was June 15th. I'm so sorry it didn't make it into last months newsletter.



#### **Backpack Buddies**

Each 5th Sunday, we will collect single packaged items such as oatmeal, grits, mac n cheese, fruit cups, tuna, canned chicken, cereal bars, granola bars, and ravioli. Next 5th Sunday, July 30th



#### Candidates <sup>for</sup> Church Membership

#### By Baptism:

OSTRANDER, Eric BANKS, Alena HENLEY, Alyssa



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

The McCranie Family at the death of Luther David McCranie on June 27th.



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 / Sylvia Pace 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

#### Pilgrim's Progress — July 2017

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church	
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Sunday	
Morning Worship	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Evening Worship, Kid's SLAM,	
& Youth Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday	
Awanas, M.S. & H.S. Youth	6:00 PM
Adult Bible Study	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
Assoc. Pastor to Children & Discipleship	Michael Barksdale
Office Manager	Connie Morgan
Part-time Secretary	Lindsay Carlisle
Temp. Custodian	Tom Moss

## July 23rd **PROMOTION**

All children and youth classes will promote on Sunday, July 23rd. Please report to your current class as usual. Bro. Michael will come and take those promoting in the children's department to their new classes. Bro. Justin will direct the youth as to when classes change.





July 19th, 2017



Ladies, our next Stampin' Up meeting will be Monday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.