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**HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES, please see
note inside about Graduation Recognition Sunday.**

VBS Information inside. 

Women's News

Monday, May 3rd: Ladies' Bible Study at 7PM in
the Conference Room.

Wednesday, May 5th: WMU REGULAR
MEETING at 7PM in the Conference Room.

Tuesday, May 18th: Ladies' Prayer Breakfast at
Beth's Restaurant in Pageland

(All ladies welcome to join us.)

Sunday, May 9th



Wake Forest Baptist Health
Mother's Day Offering
www.mothersdayoffering.org

CEMETERY Update inside



The Proclaimer

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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

I want to draw your attention to three very unique and exciting ministry opportunities that will be available for you this month.

1 The National Day of Prayer** this year will be on **May 6th**. Our Union County observance will be held at Crossing Paths Park in Indian Trail beginning around noon. If ever there was a time when our nation needed the body of Christ to come together for prayer it is now. If you are available during the daytime hours, please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important event.

2 Love Life Charlotte Adopt-A-Week will be May 16 – 22.** On May 16th, we will have a guest speaker from Love Life Charlotte. He will tell us about their important work in trying to stop the evils of abortion, especially in Charlotte. He will be asking us to fast and pray on Wednesday of that week for this cause. On **Saturday, May 22nd**, we will actually go to the abortion clinic in Charlotte to pray. If ever there was a place to be an eyewitness to the battle between good and evil, it is at the abortion clinic on Latrobe Drive in Charlotte. Don't miss this opportunity!

3 Shoebox preparation at Operation Christmas Child.** On **May 27th**, we have space for about 10 people to go to Charlotte and prepare Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Even though Christmas is 7 months away, this is an opportunity to experience the joy of Christmas and of helping children around the world.

As I close my article for this month, I can't help but tell you how grateful I am for the opportunity to serve at Philadelphia Baptist Church. On May 22nd, I will celebrate 20 years as your pastor. During those years, I have officiated 78 weddings, baptized 188 into the Kingdom, conducted homegoing services for 160 who are now a part of that "*great crowd of witnesses*," I have preached more than 3000 sermons, and found God to be faithful through it all.

In many ways, this past year has been the hardest of my ministry, and maybe of my life. I know this has been true for many of you as well. But I am grateful to God that we have endured this year together. And I am convinced if we will only remain faithful, that we will come out stronger than ever. I am also certain that our best days at Philadelphia Baptist are yet to come.

May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you. **RCA**

A NOTE FROM JENKS...

"April showers bring May flowers" is a common theme this time of year, rightfully so.

This old proverb is meant to remind us that out of some bad or miserable stuff comes something wonderful and refreshing. Out of an abundance of one thing comes an abundance of something better.

During Covid, we have seen almost the opposite. Our pews are not as full. Our Sunday School class attendance is down. Even Wednesday night services, youth and other organizations have experienced a drop. While I understand the safety aspect of not wanting to bring any sickness to church or take it home to other loved ones, it doesn't change the fact that church attendance has been affected.

This week a very funny thing happened to me on the way to work. I had planned on going back to work extra hours in the evening one day. I had run several errands and picked up the girls on opposite sides of the city. In the process, I became aware that I was low on fuel. All the running and rushing around had drained my tank. So, as I pondered the thought of going back in to work after spending several hours there earlier in the morning (3AM) and another full day of school and errands, I told myself I would refuel when I went back in. As I sat down on the couch to check my emails, I dozed off, only to awaken around 10:30 that evening. By this time, I was in no way going in then turning around and going back in at 3:30 am the next morning. Have I mentioned I was low on fuel? No big deal, I pass several gas stations on the way to work. As I left my neighborhood, I glanced at the odometer, and it read 14 miles. No big deal, I was only about 7 away from work. Still, I needed to fill up. As I was coming up on the first gas station, I realized it was closed. Again, not a problem there is another one on the corner. Much to my surprise, it was closed as well. As I proceeded on, I knew several more were on the way. Well, you guessed it, another one closed. A quick glance at the odometer says I have 6 miles left. I decide to just get to work and worry about it when I went home to shower and change for my day at school. When I leave work, I noticed I only had 2 miles left and didn't want to chance it, so I thought I would go to the Citgo on corner in front of Walmart. What are the odds that it would be closed? Well, pretty good let me tell you. Oh well, I thought. I will just go down further to the Exxon in front of Target. This is going the long way around to get home, but the gas station is on the same side of road, and I could coast in, if it came to that. Boy oh boy, it did come to that and guess what? Yes, this store is closed as well. It's Friday, a busy Highway and all these "Convenience" stores are closed. Just my luck. As I call Mindy to let her know where I am, I couldn't help but to bust out laughing. Here I am getting ready to call her and ask her to bring the gas can to the gas station because I am out of gas. OUT OF GAS AT the GAS STATION. Finally, a little before the hour, someone pulls in to open the store. I fill up and rush home to shower and change for school. On that drive home, I thought there is a lesson or two in this. Ever wonder about how many people do the same thing? Sitting on empty and continue to drive by the very help they need. What about the churches? Are they open to help people when they are running low on fuel, spiritual fuel? Are there people in those churches willing to stay open 24/7 to help those in need? How about

A Notes from Jenks continued...

those people that think they can coast on till the next big occasion, the CEO crowd as some have called them, Christmas and Easter Only? I'm positive we all can find ourselves in one of those categories.

As I said earlier, numbers in churches county, state and nationwide are down on average. This is no reason, we as Christians should take time off. If anything, we should be even more alert for opportunities to bring Honor and Glory to God.

I don't want to be the one that could help someone only when it is convenient for me. We should be open 24/7 to be there when times get tough for others.

If you are reading this, it means you have some connection to Philadelphia Baptist Church. If you ever are finding yourself running on fumes or at the end of your road, I want you to know there are many people here in this congregation that would love to help you. I am always here whether you know me or not. I don't claim to have all the answers, but I do know where to look.

I'll leave you with this quote... "THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STUMBLING BLOCKS AND STEPPING STONES, IS HOW YOU USE THEM" UNKNOWN

JENKS



Congratulations to *Heaven Leigh Simpson* on her AWANA Citation Award.

The **Citation Award** is the highest **award** that can be earned in **Awana**. **Given** only to those who **have** completed 10 years' worth of **Awana**.

Heaven is the first to receive this award from Philadelphia Baptist Church. After graduation, Heaven wants to continue showing others the love of Christ.

If you would like to watch the replay of the "Live Stream" please go to:
<https://summit-journey.blog/2021/04/17/summit-2021-virtual-event-replay/>

Cemetery FUND Update

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Cemetery Fund.

Received as of Wednesday, April 21st: \$3,782.00



2021 High School & College Graduates

If you would like to participate in our Graduate Sunday on June 6th, please go to: <https://www.pbcmarshville.org/graduate-form/> fill out and submit. Thank you.



Men's Retreat at Fort Caswell

DATE: May 14th - 16th, 2021 **Cost:** \$100.00

See Pastor Carroll to sign up.



Nursery Volunteers

May 2nd: Whitney Beard & Lindsey Jenkins

May 9th: Kelly Gouch & Lexi Jenkins

May 16th: Luisa Price & Jana Turner

May 23: Skyla Anderson & Lindsey/Mindy Jenkins

May 30: Ava & Kyle Strawn

We need nursery volunteers. Please contact Sheri in the church office if you are willing to help. Thank you.

LOVE  LIFE

Love Life Charlotte

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Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Preparation

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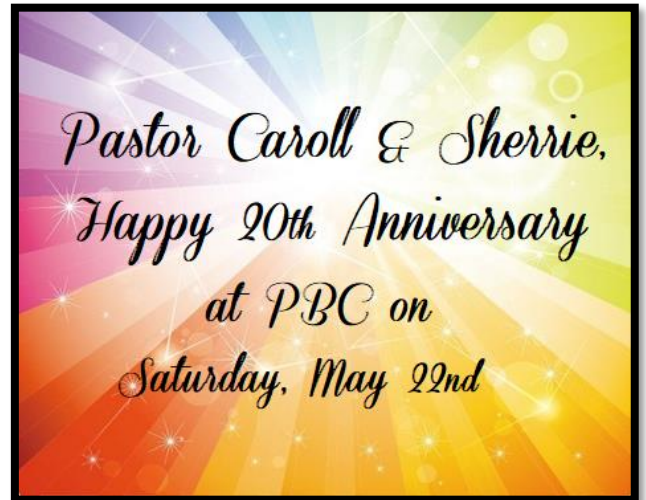


May Birthdays

- 1-Joshua Baker, Kaley Fennell
- 2-Jayla Rapp
- 3-Amanda Tarlton, Hunner Wallace
- 4-Esther Medlin, Tiffany Romanello
- 5-Rick Benton, Caroline Rushing, Cora Rushing
- 8-Leah Ciucevich, Ralph Pope
- 9-Liam Clay
- 12-Katie Autry
- 13-James Knight, Roger Newland, Dallas Stanley
- 14-Dillon McClain, Christa Rushing
- 15-Joy Autry, Hunter Strawn
- 17-Shirley Helms
- 18-Lauren Davis, Billie Ann M. Lee, Billie Lee, Heidi Strawn
- 19-Brooke Parker Lamberth,
- 20-Richard Tucker, Luke Tarlton
- 21-Jerry Atkinson, Melvin Woodward
- 22-Tyler McClain
- 23-Courtney Mabe Nelson
- 25-Nellie Moore, Amber Robinson
- 26-Christy Mabe, Mary Vaughn
- 27-Lisa Stutts
- 28-Cameron Vaughn
- 29-Alyssa Brock, Lenore Day, Jerry Autry Jr.
- 30-Ashley Severt, Jessica Speight
- 31-Harlann Gainey, Summer Speight

June Birthdays (First Week)

- 1-Finley Farthing, Leigha Rollins, Brystal Wallace
- 2-Jeff "Jenks" Jenkins, Devin Layser
- 3-Chad Forester
- 5-Kole Jenkins, Henry Rape'
- 6-Jerry Rollins



SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 21st – Friday, June 25th

See Lauren Davis or contact the church office at:

704-624-5121 to volunteer 😊



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May God richly bless you as you continue to partner with us each month through your prayers, Financial gifts and monthly support. We are so thankful that God has selected you to be part of this ministry.

Every Spring, I would spend weeks preparing my children for Easter. They had to have the right outfits, new shoes, and a new pocketbook for the girls. Sometimes this meant hours in front of a sewing machine making dresses with ruffles and lace, and a matching shirt for my son.

I wanted my children to be present every year, dressed in their very best when we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This year, as I reflect on all my previous preparations, I think about the preparations God made for us so we could enjoy a relationship with him. From the birth of His Son, to picking out the perfect disciples, to the baptism of His Son, and the ultimate sacrifice, watching His Son on the cross in agony for our sins.



He made sure that all the prophecies from the Old Testament were fulfilled and Jesus Christ rose from the dead in victory. He also inspired people to record the events for us so that thousands of years later we can rejoice each year as we celebrate His resurrection.

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 1 Corinthians 9:15 (NKJV)

I'm so thankful that you are part of my support team. God has richly blessed me and I'm looking forward to serving churches in my ministry area soon.

Sincerely,
Kathy & Randy Brock, Awana Carolinas

Prayer
REQUESTS

For my sister-in-law Donna as she battles cancer
For my cousin Andy as he battles tongue cancer
For new contacts as I continue to raise support

kathyb@awana.org/843-672-8408

To donate please visit <https://www.awana.org/missionary/kathy-brock/>

Good evening,
It's so great to be able to minister with you. Thank you for your continued support as prayer or financial partners. Please note that my sister-in-law Donna did not survive her health battle and went to be with the Lord Saturday morning April 17th. Her birthday is Saturday April 24th. What an awesome gift she was given to see Jesus for the 55th birthday. She truly lived her life as a Godly woman. Please continue to pray for her husband Barry as he learns to adapt to life without her. Thank you, Kathy Brock

May 2021

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<p>2 “Mother’s Day Offering” Week of Prayer May 2nd- 9th 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM *Morning Worship 4:30-6:00 PM AWANA & Youth</p>	<p>3 Ladies Bible Study 7PM</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 WMU, Mission Friends, GA’s, RA’s, Youth, 7:00 PM; Adult Bible Study streaming on Facebook at 6 PM; Choir Practice 8 PM</p>	<p>6 National Day of Prayer: Crossing Paths Park in Indian Trail @ noon</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 FLC: Clay</p>
<p>9 Mother’s Day Mother’s Day Offering Church Conference 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM *Morning Worship 4:30-6:00 PM AWANA & Youth</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Mission Friends, GA’s, RA’s, Youth, Adult Bible Study streaming on Facebook 7 PM; Choir Practice 8 PM</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Men’s Retreat @ Fort Caswell 14th – 16th FLC: Strawn</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Love Life Charlotte Adopt-A-Week 16th-22nd 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM *Morning Worship 4:30-6:00 PM AWANA & Youth</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Ladies Prayer Breakfast TIME: 9 AM PLACE: Beth’s Rest.</p>	<p>19 Mission Friends, GA’s, RA’s, Youth, Adult Bible Study streaming on Facebook 7 PM; Choir Practice 8 PM</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 ** Love Life Charlotte/ Philadelphia Baptist prays @ abortion clinic</p>
<p>23 9:30 AM S. School 10:30 AM * Morn. Worship 4:30-6 PM AWANA & Youth</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Deacon’s Meeting</p>	<p>26 Mission Friends, GA’s, RA’s, Youth, Adult Bible Study streaming on Facebook 7 PM; Choir Practice 8 PM</p>	<p>27 Philadelphia Baptist to work at OCC.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM *Morning Worship 4:30-6:00 PM AWANA & Youth</p>	<p>31 Memorial Day Office Closed</p>					

*Morning Worship in Sanctuary and is Live Streamed on Facebook and in the Family Life Center; Parking Lot radio station 107.7 FM

** Pastor Caroll & Sherrie’s 20th Anniversary at PBC