

The Proclaimer

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Philadelphia Baptist Church

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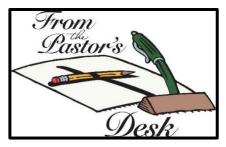
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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

There are times in our lives when we are given the opportunity to do something that have impact long after we are gone. The first time I had such an opportunity is when I was in eighth grade. At S. Ray Lowder Elementary School, they decided to have a nature trail behind the school and they needed volunteers to help do some of the "grunt work." I would like to tell you that I volunteered because I was such an altruistic child, but it was probably because we would be doing the work while I was supposed to be in English class. That nature trail is now 50 years old and as far as I know is still in use.

This month at Philadelphia Baptist, we are going to have some opportunities to give of our time and our resources in such a way that the impact will be felt for generations. Let me tell you about a few of them.

We have two excellent opportunities to invite people to get to know PBC this month. On April 8th, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please invite every child you know to come and participate in this. On that day, the children will not only have a great time, but they will hear the good news about Jesus' resurrection. It may be that one of those children will come to know Jesus at this event. On April 28th, we will have our Youth Fish Fry. This is an excellent opportunity for you to invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors, not only for a great meal, but for good Christian conversation around the table. People will come if you invite them. Not only will this help send our youth to Fort Caswell for spiritual renewal, it may be a door of introducing the members of your circle to Jesus.

On April 29th, our church will have the opportunity to partner with Love Life Charlotte and pray at the largest abortion clinic in the South East. Located in Charlotte, this clinic is responsible for thousands of abortions each year. By praying in front of their location, we are hoping that God will move on the heart of abortion minded women. It may be that our presence there will affect the legacy of those families for generations. Don't miss this opportunity.

Finally, on April 30th, we have committed ourselves to giving our best gift to retire the debt on the FLC. As you know, this building will be used by the PBC family for many years. Let's "finish the task" in time of our 250th celebration. May those who come behind us find us faithful!

Thanks for all you do for the Kingdom! It is a joy to serve our Lord with you. RCA



CHILDREN'S CHOIR The Children's Choir will perform on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. ALL children are welcome to join us. ©



Special Offering Dates for Building Fund

April 30th and July 30th



Men's Retreat March 31st – April 2nd at Fort Caswell



2023 Youth Fish Fry Friday, April 28th



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

TIME: 10:00 AM to 12 Noon

COME JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EGG HUNT, GAMES, CRAFTS, AND LUNCH. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!

WE NEED GUESSING JARS AND CANDY FILLED EASTER EGG DONATIONS BY SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd FOR OUR CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT. WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE CONTACT AVA STRAWN IF YOU CAN HELP. THANK YOU!

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, April 18th

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Beth's Restaurant

Girlfriends in Christ

Wednesday Nights ● 7:00 PM

In the Conference Room.

Men's Dinner

DATE: Thursday, April 6th

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Smoke Pit

Please contact Sheri at the church office to update the Birthday List. Thank you.

Note! Beginning in April, Mature Living and Home Life magazines will be available for pick up in the vestibule.

Thank you. Marie Pope



75 Plus Group

We had a great time visiting and eating with our group of 15 people. We were happy to have Donnie and Juanita (the peanut butter cookies were great.) Also a great pound cake baked by Catherine. The food is always good and the fellowship is greater. Some were missing due to sickness or doctor appointments.

We thank Sheri (the church secretary) for stopping by to up-date our new pictures for the future directory. She is so patient and kind to us seniors. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be April 11, 2023. We will meet in the Family Life Center at 11:00 AM. We will be looking for you. Bonnie Oster

Children's Church

April 2nd & 9th No Children's Church

April 16th - Chris & Lauren

April 23rd - Luisa & Sara

April 30th - Jill & Kathy

Nursery

April 2nd & 9th No Nursery

April 16th - Skyla & Doug

April 23rd - Sydney & Lisa

April 30th - Ava & Kyle Strawn

Mission Friends

April 5th - Lisa & Vanna

Easter Party

April 12 - Michelle & Lisa;

Snack-Luisa

April 19 - Chad & Lisa;

Snack: Sara

April 26 - Vanna & Lisa

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDA	AY SATURDAY
						1 Men's Retreat thru Sun- day, April 2 nd
2 Palm Sunday 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Children Sing/Worship 4:30 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth	3 PBC feeds the FCA @ Win- gate	4 Golden Age movie at The Ball Theater 1:00 PM	5 7:00 PM : Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM : Choir Practice	6 6:30 PM Men's Dinner at Smoke Pit	7 *	8 Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch 10:00 AM - Noon
Easter Sunday 7 AM Worship 8 AM Breakfast 9 AM Sunday School	10	11 75 Plus meeting in the Family Life Center 11:00 AM	12 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs in FLC, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	13	14	15

*Philadelphia Church Family,

You are cordially invited to join us for our Seven Last Sayings Good Friday Service. We are excited to see what God has to say through your Pastor as he shares with us, among others, on this evening. The service will take place on Friday, April 7th, at 7:00 pm. Come and be a part of what God has in store for us, you won't want to miss this! Rev. Alvin Summers & The East Campus FBCIT Church Family

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Worship/ Conference 4:30 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth	17	18 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast at Beth's Restaurant 9:00 AM	19 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs, RAs in FLC, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	20	21	22 Vanna (Nash) Rutledge Baby Shower in FLC at 2:00 PM It's A Girl!
23 (23- 29 Love Life Week) 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Worship 4:30 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth	24 Dea- cons' Meet- ing	25 UBA Spring Session @ New Salem Baptist	26 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth in FLC 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	27	28 YOUTH FISH FRY	PBC day at abortion clinic in Charlotte
30 "Finish the Task" Offering, Communion 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Worship 4:30 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth						



Movie Day at The Ball Theater, Pageland Tuesday, April 4th at 1:00 PM



Please arrive a little early to receive your tickets and get popcorn and drinks. Your admission is paid by the Golden Age group!



SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Monday, June 19th

Friday, June 23rd

Youth Caswell Week

July 17 – 22

Cost \$175.00

Eddie Briery will be the speaker for the week. See Jenks for details.

Rising 7th graders and up





The Week of Prayer for North American missions is annually observed by SBC churches to pray for missionaries, their ministries and their families. Prayer is the fuel for spiritually sustaining missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed, but often opposed.

The offering goal for this year is \$70 million.

We will receive offerings throughout the month of April.









April

First Week of May

Jerri Pittman	April 2
Raelyn Tucker	April 2
Kasey Medlin	April 3
Daniel Guffey	April 4
Darren Guffey	April 4
Ray Rickard	April 7
Michael Thomas	April 7
Kathy Newland	April 8
Michelle Simpson	April 8
Ciara Vaughn	April 8
Lennox Guffey	April 12
Bill McLaurin	April 13
Casey McClain	April 14
Kyle Pittman	April 14
Dustin McClain	April 15
Randall Wilson	April 15
Emma Ashcraft	April 16
Karen Haigler	April 16
Madison Bradley	April 18
Bob Oster	April 18
Tristin Patterson	April 18
Woody Altman	April 20
Karlie Strawn	April 20
Ashlyn Porter	April 22
Jackson Davis	April 23
Cara Krest	April 24
Kristen Robinson	April 24
George Davis	April 25
Luisa Price	April 25
Marvin Snead	April 25
Emma Simpson	April 26
John Romanello	April 28
Todd Rorie	April 28
Dean Jenkins	April 29
Bonnie Oster	April 29
Miley Ross	April 29

Joshua Baker	May 1
Kaley Fennell	May 1
Jayla Rapp	May 2
Hunner Wallace	May 3
Esther Medlin	May 4
Tiffany Romanello	May 4
Rick Benton	May 5
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"Finish the Task"

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AWANA NEWS

Once again, thank you for standing beside our ministry of building resilient disciples. Thank you for the value that you have placed on child discipleship. It is encouraging to hear from churches and leaders in the Carolinas as they continue to disciple the children in and around their churches.

Charlie, a second grader in the Sparky club, knew he needed to invite someone to his Awana Club to receive his first red jewel. It was a struggle at first, totally out of his comfort zone. He approached one of his cousins, who was not attending church then. Tucker attended Awana with him from that day on, and Tucker's family started attending church. A few weeks ago, Tucker trusted Jesus to be his Savior. Charlie felt so good about inviting Tucker and his family because it was something a Christian would do. Charlie and Tucker are on the way to becoming resilient child disciples because of the loving, caring adults in their lives.

Pastor Aaron Mcguffee, from Truett Missionary First Baptist Church, wanted to disciple his church's children so that they would come to know, love, and serve the Lord. He found a cabinet full of Awana literature from a few years back and decided to start an Awana Club. First, he contacted Rian Finn about becoming the Awana Ministry Director. Once she accepted, Pastor Aaron sent Rian and her husband, Chris, to Resilient Child Discipleship Training in Georgia. While there, they heard about the 3 Bs of Child Discipleship; Belong, Believe, and Become. Learning about the 3Bs gave Rian and Chris the foundation for leading Children's Ministry with loving, caring adults.

What a joy it is to continue to hear amazing stories like this! I love sharing this with you; you are essential to this ministry. Your prayer and financial gifts make this all possible. Thank you!

In His service,

Kathy & Randy Brock



a special word:	1. What Jesus was wrapped in 2. The site of Jesus' crucifixion 3. One of the rulers who questioned Jesus 4. He washed his hands of Jesus 5. Followers of Jesus 6. He denied Christ
aiscover	7. A large hill 8. The feast celebrating escape from Egypt
ine circied ietters to discover a special word:	9. Jesus' mother 10. A Jewish teacher 11. The doubting disciple 12. Jesus was mistaken for this 13. One of Peter's other names
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Answers: 1. cloth, 2. Golgotha, 3. Herod, 4. Pilate, 5. disciples, 6. Peter, 7. mountain, 8. Passover, 9. Mary, 10. rabbi, 11. Thomas, 12. gardener, 13. Simon; resurrection