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**VBS**

Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Commencement**

Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**June  
Blessing Bags  
Item  
Toothpaste**

**We need a two-  
year-old teacher  
and craft  
volunteers for  
VBS. Thank you.**

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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

There is no way to adequately express all that I want to write in this, my final newsletter article, as the pastor of Philadelphia Baptist Church. I am so thankful to God for allowing me to “watch over the souls” of the Philadelphia Community. It has been my honor and my joy to serve our Lord with you.

Thank you for providing for my family and me throughout the years. Not one time did I feel like a “hireling” who was paid to minister only to the needs of the congregation. Instead, you allowed me to fulfill my calling by ministering to whomever or wherever God opened the door. This helped the light of Philadelphia to shine brighter and farther than it would have otherwise.

Thank you for helping me, and going with me, to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Having grown up in a small home on Broome Street, in the Masapoag Mill Village of Lincolnton, I could never have imagined that I would take the Gospel to 10 foreign countries, have lifelong friends in Africa, and stand on the Great Wall of China. Some of my greatest memories have been spent with you traveling down long, dusty roads to “wash the feet” (literally and figuratively) of the “least of these.”

Thank you for your generosity in supporting, and your willingness to love, those who came to minister to us. Thank you for your consistency in giving to support missions through our Baptist institutions. And thank you for “giving extra” so that we could provide land and facilities for generations to come.

Thank you for loving the children that God brought through our doors. Thank you for serving, volunteering and coaching in our local community. Thank you for ministering to those who were hurting or who were walking through the deep waters of grief. And thank you for doing that for me when I needed a lifeline to survive.

I want to thank the other PBC staff who always did whatever was needed, and were willing to be flexible when their “weird pastor” wanted to make changes. Thanks to the choir who blessed me each week, the Sunday School leaders who served so faithfully, the AWANA leaders who helped our children to learn God’s Word, the committees who helped us to function, and the deacons who were true servants of God.

May God continue to bless PBC for another 250 years. It has been my joy to serve our Lord with you. RCA

## June 2025

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

<b>1</b> <b>Graduate Recognition</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GA, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth <b>8:00 p.m.:</b> Choir Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship Church Conference	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 75 Plus meeting in FLC at 11 a.m.	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA in FLC, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth <b>8:00 p.m.:</b> Choir Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> July Newsletter Articles Due <b>Happy Father's Day</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship Baby Dedication <b>11:30 a.m.</b> Church Conference	<b>16</b> VBS 6-9 p.m.	<b>17</b> Ladies' Prayer Breakfast @ Beth's at 9 a.m.  VBS 6-9 p.m.	<b>18</b> VBS 6-9 p.m.	<b>19</b> VBS 6-9 p.m.	<b>20</b> VBS 6-9 p.m.	<b>21</b>



**DATE:** Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

**PLACE:** Beth's Restaurant



**DATE:** Sundays

**TIME:**

Following Children's Sermon

**PLACE:** Fellowship Hall

Ages 7 to 11

### **Mission Friends**

June 4<sup>th</sup>: FLC/Snack-Mrs. Lisa

June 11<sup>th</sup>: Karoline & Lisa;  
Snack-Karoline

June 18<sup>th</sup>: VBS

June 25<sup>th</sup>: Michelle & Lisa;  
Snack-Sheri

*Baby  
Dedication*

**Sunday, June 15th**

**10:30 a.m.**

### **June Children's Church Workers**

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Luisa & Sara

June 8<sup>th</sup>: Lauren & Chris

June 15<sup>th</sup>: Father's Day-No CC

June 22<sup>nd</sup>: VBS Commencement-No CC

June 29<sup>th</sup>: Jill & Kathy

### **June Nursery Workers**

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Graduation-No Nursery

June 8<sup>th</sup>: Mindy & Lindsey

June 15<sup>th</sup>: Father's Day/Baby Dedication-  
No Nursery

June 22<sup>nd</sup>: VBS Commencement-No Nursery

June 29<sup>th</sup>: Lisa & Jana

### **PBC History Books**

We will be placing an order for more PBC History books. The cost is \$30.25 per book. If you would like to purchase one or more, please call or text Sheri at 704-292-5277. Deadline to order is Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

### **Pastor Carol's New Address**

Rev. & Mrs. Carol Anthony  
124 Grove Park Drive  
Anderson, SC 29621



**Graduate Recognition Sunday**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**

## 75 Plus June 2025 Newsletter

May is an awakening of the world. All flowers, grass, trees, rain, ball games and fish fries, etc. Thank God for all our blessings.

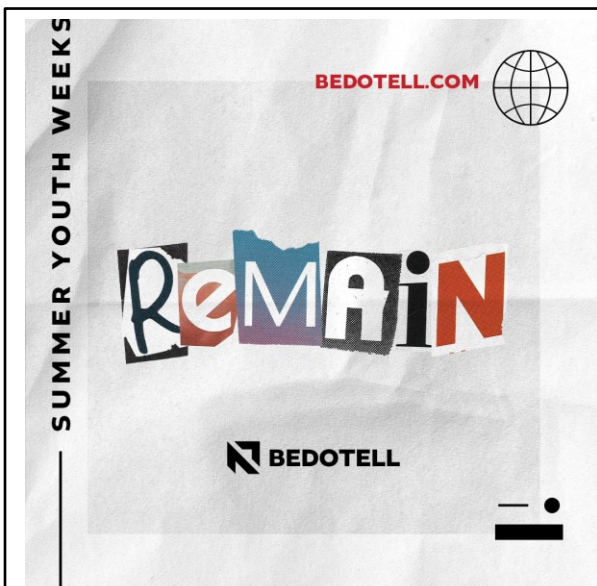
Our 75 Plus group (24 present) had a great meeting. Everyone was happy and looked beautiful. We all joined in eating lunch, then a game of bingo. Dark clouds started rolling in, rain and ice pellets (hail). I think and pray everyone was home before the bad weather. Thank God for the sunshine, moon, rain and stars. Great is our beautiful world.

We missed some folks and pray you are safe and we will see you next month.

Our meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Have a great day! Bonnie Oster



We need more volunteers for Children's Church, Nursery and Mission Friends. Please contact Ava Strawn if you are willing to help out in Children's Church and contact Lisa Stutts for Nursey and Mission Friends. Thank you.



**Fort Caswell**  
**Youth Trip:** July 7 – 11  
**Theme:** REMAIN  
**Speaker:**  
Curtis Andrusko  
**Cost:** \$150  
See Jenks for details.

**Dr. Phil McRae will be with us the second through fifth Sundays in June and also Wednesday nights during the month of June.**

<b>22</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 a.m.</b> VBS Commencement	<div>23</div> PBC serves at Community Shelter	<b>24</b> Deacons' Meeting 7 p.m.	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 PM:</b> Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth in FLC <b>8:00 PM:</b> Choir Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship <b>Communion</b>	<b>30</b>					

June 2025, continued

### A Note from Jenks...

Well, June is now upon us. Just wanted to say thanks for all the prayers and support we received during the Fish Fry. What a day it was. I am so thankful for everyone that took part in making it happen. I love the fellowship, even though I am stuck in a small room by myself most of the time. I can say I literally prayed over every pound of fish, close to 700 Lbs. Most of those prayers were selfish I admit. I prayed my back would hold up for the days after. It was a 17-hour day for me followed by an all-day regional track meet for the High School. By the way, both days were a huge success, but my body suffered the next day or two. :) Leading up to the Fish Fry, I had planned, prepped and prayed for that day to be a rewarding experience for all. Things got hectic several days before the event. Our supplier called to say that there was a slight issue with our order. Slight issue? It was more like a major problem. The flounder that we normally get was packaged wrong and they decided to send it all back instead of going through it and repackaging it. Really? Did I mention this all happened on a Monday, three days before the Fish Fry. Kind of hard to have a Fish Fry without Fish. Now what? He assured me they had a different brand comparable to what we normally get. I told him we wouldn't waver on the flounder, and I had no time to try another flounder or another brand. Yes, I could probably use it, and it would be good, but it wouldn't be the same. Yes, I probably could have made more \$\$ using that brand but it is more than that. It is a standard that we have set. Many people may not come back the next time if we substitute our calling card, the flounder. I spent time and \$\$ on trying to contact other businesses that afternoon. I must have called or visited 5-7 places looking for anyone

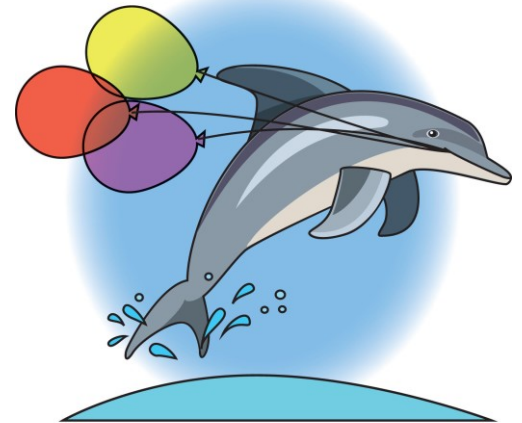
that might have what we use. Finally, I reached out to a smaller distributor that was more of a specialty group. The guy I spoke to was awesome. I had called 5 minutes before they closed for the day. I explained my problem and that I needed the product ASAP. He said his normal route for our area was the next day but it was already loaded. He said he would call me first thing Tuesday morning with pictures to make sure this was what we wanted. I didn't sleep at all that night. So many thoughts went through my mind. Do we use a lesser fish? Do we cancel or postpone it? What do we do if this other product wasn't good? Will the faithful customers refuse to purchase a plate next year? I finally just said a prayer and let God handle the details. The next morning, I eagerly awaited a call from Thomas, my new best friend:) He sent me a text with pictures of what he had on hand. I hesitated before opening the picture text. Boom!! Thomas had hit it out of the park. It was exactly what we were after. I told him I would do whatever I needed to do to get it. I didn't even care about the cost; well...., I did but I was willing to take a hit this year to keep from cancelling or settling for a lesser product. He said come on up anytime and ask for him. I had planned on going up on Wednesday to pick it all up. Keep in mind it is 650+ lbs. of fish. Preacher Carroll asked what he could do to help. I told him I had to be there to shake Thomas' hand (and give him a hug). Preacher said it was no big deal. He would leave early get some lunch with Dianne and maybe see his mom. Another problem taken care of. Thanks Preacher Carroll, of course Dianne as well. :) It was after all, 650+ pounds of fish. Well, the rest is history. Another year, another fish fry success. Many different people helped make it special.

Now we transition into Summer. Some students will transition to a new school, some will transition to the work force, others will continue their schooling in various colleges and universities.

We, as a congregation at PBC, will transition into new leadership. No matter how much we prepare, prep, plan, and even pray about something, things can still pop up and hinder our progress. The biggest thing we should do is understand that if God is in it, things will always work as long as we give him the glory. Many behind the scenes have prayed for the fish fry as soon as last years was over. We have prayed that God will get the glory and honor in the next one. We prayed that new friendships would be developed during the time prepping for that day. We prayed that relationships would be cultivated even more during our time together. We prayed that our youth (even those that don't attend our church regularly) would bring some comfort and joy to those they served that night. We did Plan, we did Prepare but we first Prayed. Don't stop Praying in the things we do. If they are important enough to pray during the tough times, it is just as important to Pray in the good times. Start with prayer, go through it with Prayer and lastly Pray at the end of any situation. Pray without ceasing. Prayer works. Years ago, a Sunday school teacher taught us this phrase, and it has stuck with me for years. If you

are going to Pray, why Worry? If you are going to Worry, why Pray? Doesn't mean things will be easy. We just need to understand the right place to go with our struggles or tough times. I hope you will continue to pray for our church and our community but also for Preacher Carroll and his family as well. The Lord has blessed us in many, many ways during his time here. Jenks

Finley Farthing	June 01
Leigha Rollins	June 01
Brystal Wallace	June 01
Jenks Jenkins	June 02
Devin Layser	June 02
Chad Forester	June 03
Kole Jenkins	June 05
Henry Rape'	June 05
Jerry Rollins	June 06
Shepherd Beard	June 11
Deanna Belk	June 11
Joyce Kirkley	June 11
John Baker	June 12
Joshua Query	June 12
Chad McClain	June 13
Jamie McGriff	June 14
Luke Hinson	June 15
Alexis Jenkins	June 15
Madeline Wilson	June 15
Becca Altman	June 17
Brooke Baker	June 17
Camila Cox	June 19
Juanita McClain	June 19
Cindy Mangum	June 20
Roger Cox	June 21
Tommy Parker	June 23
Jamie Ross	June 23
Lynn Moore	June 24
Maci Deese	June 26
AJ Starnes	June 26
Jase Davis	June 27
Sean McClain	June 27
Sheri Bradshaw	June 28
Cooper McClain	June 28



JUNE  
BIRTHDAYS  
**Happy Birthday!**

#### First Week of July Birthdays

Jared Lowery	July 01
Piper Moore	July 01
Enzo Romanello	July 01
Kelly Rorie	July 01
Dex Stanley	July 01
Tricia Lilly	July 02
Jacob Ross	July 05
Cathy Bradford	July 06
Brayden Helms	July 07
Aly Mills	July 07
Tyler Pittman	July 07
Candace Pope	July 07
Jana Turner	July 07