



The Messenger

October 1, 2018

Moving Forward!

What an amazing congregational meeting that was! Your care for this church, your desire to do things that matter in the world, and to find ways to do them together was palpable in the room. I came away with two key points of feedback from you about our missions program:

You would like to work together. You do not want to individualize, or even divide into teams to do our missions.

You would like to have a focus. That focus might change over the course of the year (the Seasonal model, where we focus together on specific issues by season) or it might be a constant, central focus of this church (the Focus on One model), or some variant of those, but you would like for our missions to be focused enough to have an impact on the city (and local missions are key).

How exciting! **Now what?** So now, we will try to do that. Your missions team is going to offer some events through the fall and winter which give larger groups a chance to be part of mission projects. They won't vary too widely, but they will give us a chance to work with different not-for-profit organizations and to experiment with projects so that we can see what might really call to us. **Would you like to be part of planning those events? Email Susan Spencer (susan-spencer@earthlink.net) to join the Missions Team!**

Because we spent a fair amount of time (good time, but a great part of the time allotted to us) on missions, we did not get to really explore what else might be out there thoroughly. We got EXCELLENT response for teams who will be working on our Ground Floor Renovation, our Diaconate, and our By-Laws. **You can still join those groups by emailing Donna (peaklandbaptistchurch@verizon.net)**—she will pass your name along to leadership. There are also these opportunities:

Worship Team—plan worship themes through the year; help us plan different types of worship and worship events, as well as the look of our sanctuary (decorations, flowers, etc.)—the team would meet seasonally to plan for the next season—doesn't that sound fun?

Fellowship (Hospitality)—plan church-wide events; care for the hospitality of our building—how do we welcome people?

Outreach (Messaging)—what are we telling the world about ourselves? How do we wish to respond to the events around us? What words are our key phrases to describe PBC to others?

Denominational Relations—with whom do we associate? Who will receive money from us for global mission work or peace work in the world? How will we relate to others here in the city? What associations do we wish to have?

Finance—the stewardship of our money is important work—how do we allocate our funds? How do we plan for the future of the church? How do we have an impact on the issues we care about? How do we care for our staff and our building?

As you can see, there are lots of good things to do! Continue to think prayerfully about what you would like to be doing and let us know! If you're not sure who to talk with, email Donna (peaklandbaptistchurch@verizon.net) or Martha (mdkearse@outlook.com) and we will connect you with the leader of that area. I am grateful to be part of a community who care about each other and who care about their work in the world!

Martha



Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for our Sunday morning services, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office! Thanks!

Bible Study Group

**Every Wednesday
10:30 a.m.
Church Parlor**



Searchers' Sunday School Class October - November

***Jesus Before the Gospels*
by Bart Ehrman**

Bart Ehrman, Professor of Religious Studies at UNC, Chapel Hill, uses the latest research on memory and oral traditions to challenge how much we really know about Jesus from the Gospels. What do the Gospels tell us about the historical Jesus, the way we read and think about these sacred texts, and how we view history?

Come Grow With Us

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SEARCHERS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.
Jesus Before the Gospels by Bart Ehrman
(9:45 a.m.).

THE FORUM

Religion and current events are discussed in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs (10:00 a.m.)

ADULT STUDY

The Formations - Meets in the Parlor
Principles of Stewardship (10:00 a.m.)

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER



PENCIL IN THE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Monday, 1	7:00 a.m. McNeely Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, 2	10:30 a.m. Bible Study Group
Thursday, 4	9:30 a.m. Trip to Saunders Brothers Apple Orchard and Lunch
	6:00 p.m. WOM - Milano's - dinner/mtg.
	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 7	9:45&10 a.m. Sunday School Hour
	11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Communion)
Monday, 8	7:00 a.m. McNeely Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, 10	10:30 a.m. Bible Study Group
Thursday, 11	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 14	9:45&10 a.m. Sunday School Hour
	11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Monday, 15	7:00 a.m. McNeely Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, 17	10:30 a.m. Bible Study Group
Thursday, 18	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 20	10:30 a.m. Poplar Forest Folk Festival Trip
Sunday, 21	9:45&10 a.m. Sunday School Hour
	11:00 a.m. Worship Service
	Liberty Concert Choir
Monday, 22	7:00 a.m. McNeely Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, 24	10:30 a.m. Bible Study Group
Thursday, 25	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 28	9:45&10 a.m. Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Monday, 29	7:00 a.m. McNeely Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, 31	10:30 a.m. Bible Study Group

Rivermont Emergency Food Pantry



**Peakland's week to work the pantry
is October 1st - 5th.
There is a sign-up sheet
in the narthex!
Thank you for volunteering!**

Men's Breakfast!

**Join us
on October 20th, 8 a.m.,
Acorn Hill Bistro
2134 Old Forest Road**

Come join us!



October Mission Opportunities!

Rivermont Food Panty - Meet at Holy Trinity at 11:30 a.m. to pack the day's bags. Oct. 1 - 5. Sign up in the narthex at the church.

E. C. Glass Backpack Program - Thursdays: 9:45—Bring food into ECG and store in closet - Fridays: 1:50—Help distribute bags to ECG students

Make t-shirts/gifts for ECG students - Saturday, Oct. 7th
(Tie-dye shirts - Screen print shirts - Make fleece blankets and scarves)
Sign up by emailing Martha (mdkearse@outlook.com)

Knitting Group - Date TBA—let Martha (mdkearse@outlook.com) know if you're interested! Join us!

October Worship

During the month of October, and into November, our focus will be the theme of biblical hospitality. What does the Bible say about how we welcome others into our space? October is also our month to focus on the stewardship of our finances and our gifts. What work do we want to be doing? What do we want our impact on the world to be? Join us in October for rich, meaningful worship experiences!
On Sunday, October 21st, The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk will be our special pulpit guest, and the Liberty Concert Choir will perform the special music.

Join Us For Two PBC Road Trips!

Saunders Brothers Orchard - Thursday, October 4th

Join us on the Peakland Bus as we travel to Nelson County and the Saunders Orchard. Our first stop will be the Saunders Orchard for fresh peaches, jams, ice cream, and other local goodies. Then we will enjoy lunch in Amherst or Lovington.
Date and Time: Thursday, October 4th, - leave the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and return around 1:30 p.m. to the church.
There is some walking, so wear comfortable shoes!

Poplar Forest Folk Festival - Saturday, October 20th

- * Listen to some of Virginia's best folk music and Americana bands in the backyard of Mr. Jefferson's retreat home.
 - * Local foods will be available
 - * Shop for works by local artisans and explore Jefferson's octagonal villa
- Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.
Date and Time: Saturday, October 20th - leave the parking lot at 10:30 a.m. and return around 3:00 p.m. to the church.

Call Susan Spencer (384-3227) or the church office (384-2031) today!
Don't delay - the bus will fill up fast!

What Do You Want Our Impact to Be?

At our Sept. 23rd Congregational Meeting, you spoke clearly--you said that you would like to see Peakland Baptist Church have an impact in the city. Your leadership is taking that to heart--we would like to be part of making an impact! Your part involves the stewardship of your money, your time and your talents. During the month of October, we will invite you to prayerfully consider how you will make an impact here at Peakland. You will receive your pledge cards for you to consider your financial gift. You will be invited in to mission projects to begin offering your gift of time. And you have already been invited to consider where your talents might best match up to the tasks we have put to ourselves as a community. Thank you for faithfully considering how our community of faith can have an impact on the world!

Thanksgiving Baskets

Plans are being made by Women on a Mission to collect monetary donations towards our annual Thanksgiving Baskets project.

We will provide for 12 families this year. Watch for the upcoming bulletin insert about this very special local mission.

Thank you!



IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Contact the Church Office (434) 384-2031
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The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse
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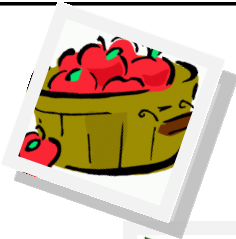
Women on a Mission

Our next meeting will be on
Thursday, October 4th,
6:00 p.m.
We will gather at
Milano's!!!



Hurricane Florence

We are collecting cleaning supplies in the narthex for our friends in North and South Carolina. Please remember to pick up a few extra items at the grocery store and bring with you on Sunday.
Thanks!



October, 2018



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01 *Jim and Amy Ray
01 *Phil and Lois Sanders
02 *Jack and Anne Flippin
02 Mimi Hermosa
02 Mackenzie Woody
03 *Knight and Dana Garrard
04 Fran Christie
04 *Gwynn and Betty Ramsey
05 Nancy Cardwell
06 *Dennis and Daphne Taylor
08 Louise Riley
09 *Buddy and Margaret Daniel
11 *Randal and Sandy Walton
11 Penny Barden
11 Dave Howard
13 Woods Cook, Jr.
13 Nancy Sale
14 Elizabeth Cook
15 Gus Hermosa

15 *Lee and Agnes Kirstein
18 Debbie Burton
18 Phyllis Thomasson
19 Dona DuVal
20 Jackie Asbury
21 Nikki Leggett
23 Sam Cardwell
27 *George and Verna Moseley
27 Trey Moon
29 *Brad and Penny Barden
31 Jan Daniels
31 Jenny Haga
31 Mary Lee Bell

CHURCH STAFF:

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse	Pastor
The Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, III	Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Debbie Burton	Music Director
Mr. Allan Heer	Organist
Mrs. Donna Johnson	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Kim Morales	Bookkeeper

VISION STATEMENT

We are faithful and loving servants of God who believe that Jesus Christ is the risen Lord. We are a spiritual, ecumenical congregation, called by God, bound by faith, united in fellowship, dedicated to freedom, and engaged in God's work of mission and outreach.