





PBC SPOTLIGHT

# **New Member Notebook**

It's Here! All the information you've always wanted to know about Peakland Baptist Church and then some! Leslie Willman has been hard at work collecting the important documents from our church, such as:

- Our covenant and history
- Our bylaws and leadership structure
- Our budget and updated reports
- Our proposed statement of PBC Values In addition, the booklet has some inserts and brochures, including:
- Cornerstone Society
- Memorial Garden & Columbarium
- Messenger
- Principles for Giving
- Directory
- Architecture & Christian Symbolism of our building



Anyone who would like to have a copy of our notebook is welcome to have one by requesting one from the office (pbcoffice@peaklandbc.org). New members and friends will receive one the next time we see you. Get yours today and be the envy of all your friends and the next party when you know the answer to the

question, "How do you get things done at Peakland Baptist Church?"

#### **PBC** Podcast

That's right—we've started a podcast! What is a podcast? Think "radio program" but on the internet. Our PBC Podcast will be focused on themes and topics that go along with our other Spiritual Formation work and with the church season and will include interviews with local clergy and other leaders, with our members and friends, and with other experts in fields of study that are relevant to the conversations we are having here together.

Our first series is on the four Baptist Freedoms:

- Religious freedom
- Church autonomy
- Bible freedom
- Soul freedom

Our first episode is on religious freedom and features Rev. Dr. Todd Blake (a member and board member of the Baptist Joint Committee) and Rev. Dr. Adam Tyler (pastor of Farmville Baptist and board member of the Baptist Historical Society). Here is a link to our first episode:

Stream Pbcpod.freedomrel.tylerblake by Peakland Baptist
Church | Listen online for free on SoundCloud

## **Peakland Connects**

Peakland Connects is off to a great start! We began on the first of June and since that time we have visits made, dinners delivered and shared, cards sent, cinnamon rolls dropped off and so many good connections from one person in our community to another. Just a reminder of how the program is set up: volunteers can choose any four weeks out of the 52 weeks from June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

<u>Week One:</u> Bonnie Benedict will give you 3 PBC names from the list of people who may be dealing with illness/recovery from surgery, who are homebound, or who might be in need of some general encouragement, like our students or those (Peakland Connects, cont'd)

who are looking for jobs. Volunteers will choose how you would like to make contact with those on your list. At the end of the seven days, I will make contact with you for your update. The subsequent three weeks of your choice will work exactly the same way. Our goal will be that, at some point during the year, everyone will receive care from a **Peakland Connects** volunteer and everyone will have had a chance to be a volunteer! This just in: Peakland Connects is covered (except for week of 9/24-30) through October!

There are <u>no meetings</u>, just one on one contact with Bonnie. If you would like to join, contact:

Bonnie Benedict tel. 434-386-3749 Email bonben4557@gmail.com Text 434-841-4557

## Communion Volunteers –July-December

Leslie and Tom Willman joined PBC more than a decade ago and were promptly asked to take over the duty of preparing communion each month, a task which they have faithfully carried out since then.

With gratitude for their willingness to cover this task for so long, we're letting them step down and opening up a chance for each of you to participate in worship leadership by preparing communion one Sunday each year. Email Martha (marthakearse@peaklandbc.org) to sign up for the simple task of preparing communion on one of the following Sundays:

 July 2
 Aug. 6
 Sept. 3

 Oct. 1
 Nov. 5
 Dec. 3

Leslie is happy to show you the process. Let us know which Sunday works for you!

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# July Birthdays

- Bob Bailey, Jr.
- 6 Ed Lovern
- 7 Wyatt Miles
- 8 Harold Templeton
- 9 Georgia Fauber
- 10 Samantha Dempsey
- 10 Sandy Walton
- 13 Matilda Sloan

- 21 Pat Blackburn
- 21 Paden Garrard



- 22 Susan Allen
- 25 Conner Kearse
- 26 Emily Sloan

- 17 Bundy Potter 27 Knight Garrard
  18 Katie Sale 27 Katie Miles
  19 Cliff Potter 28 William Cook
  20 Kathy Hammitt 31 Robert Cook

# Thank You from Martha

Thank you for all the many ways you reached out to me as I recovered from my procedure. I got many lovely cards, texts, cookies, meals, and calls. I was well cared for by my children and felt very loved by this community. I also got one of the first of the Peakland Connects visits! I feel very fortunate. I have recovered well and appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers over the last few weeks.

# **Bible Study**

Our Wednesday Bible Study meets weekly via Zoom to discuss and unpack scripture. We have just begun studying the book of Acts. Join us at 10:30am each Wednesday via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86502791928

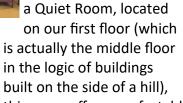
#### **The Quiet Room**



Looking for a little peace and quiet in your life? Some space to meditate or pray, to connect with God or with your own



thoughts? Church seems like a good place for that and so we have created





this room offers comfortable chairs (recliners) for reading or sitting or napping

a multitude of items for coloring, tangling or painting, and a peaceful atmosphere. The room is open during the day from 9am-5pm, but if there are other times you'd like to access it, just let us know! Come by and check it out!

# Congratulations!

To Tom and Leslie Willman on the birth of their grandson and to Susan Luce (great-aunt). Levon



was born on June 15th to their daughter, Adrian and her husband, Kyle and to big brother, Crawford (pictured here with Levon):

To Jim and Amy Ray on the arrival of their new puppy, Ghillie, who is making life both fun and very interesting!



Share some good news with us! Send me an email about good things going on in your life—pictures are always great!

#### **July Events:**

Every Tuesday/Thursday: 2:30pm Yoga with Carolyn Kardan

Every Wednesday—Bible Study @ 10:30am

- 4—Office Closed for the Holiday
- 6—Brown Bag Lunch—12pm
- 9—Congregational Council 12:15pm
- 11—Westminster-Canterbury Lunch—11:30
- 14—Cookout and Firepit Friday at 238 Coffee Rd 5:30pm-9pm—bring a bathing suit if you want to try out the pool!

24-26—Youth Trip to Emerald Pointe Waterpark and the National Whitewater Center in CLT

#### **Church Office July Schedule**

Our Regular Office Hours:

Monday-Friday—9:30am-2pm Martha in Office or available by phone: Monday-Thursday—9am-5:30pm Day Off—Fridays

Out of Office—July 6

Leslie in Office or available by phone: Monday-Tuesday—9:00am-2pm Thursday-Friday—9:00am-2pm Day Off—Wednesdays

Out of Office—8-15

Susan Allen is available by email at: pbcfinance@peaklandbc.org