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The newsletter of  
 Polkville Baptist Church ♦ Polkville, NC

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### Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday**  
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*For the most up-to-date  
 information,*

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[www.polkvillebaptist.com](http://www.polkvillebaptist.com)

### Weekly Opportunities

**Sunday**  
 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:00 am Morning Worship  
           Kingdom Kids Worship  
 6:00 pm Children's Bible Drill &  
           Sunday Night Kids  
           Adult Choir  
           Youth Meeting  
 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study  
 8:00 pm Committee Meetings

**Monday**  
 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

**Wednesday**  
 6:00 pm Youth Bible Drill  
 6:15 pm Fellowship Meal  
 6:40 pm Preschool, Children &  
           Youth Mission Groups  
 6:45 pm Adult Prayer and  
           Inspiration  
 7:05 pm Adult Ministry Projects  
           and Studies  
 8:00 pm Committee Meetings

## THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

Journey thru the entire story of the  
 Bible over the course of this next school year!

**BEGINS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18**

Worship at 10:00 am

Bible Study at 7:00 pm

Book \$5 | Study Guide \$5



Invite friends  
 and neighbors:

*Reach out  
 to make HIM  
 known*

**WHILE**

*digging deep  
 to know HIM!*

## Rick's Write

Dear Church Family,

Some thoughts about vision for our church...

***"That every member would allow everything to be about Jesus."***

***"Digging deep to know HIM and reaching out to make HIM known."***

***"Better Together."***

Together We **WORK**: In all our ministries we work for Jesus — that He may be glorified and His kingdom increased.

Together We **INVEST**: We give our time, energy, talents and money that the next generation (and their parents) might be won to Christ.

Together We **GO**: We develop and work toward a strategy to preach the gospel to the entire world, and we support our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world.

Together We **GROW**: We grow in Christlikeness as we grow in unity as His family/We grow in unity as we grow in Christlikeness.

Together We **LIVE**: All members are encouraged to be a part of a small group in which ministry, missions, growth, and worship all take place as we "do life together."

Together We **WORSHIP**: Worship is in God's plan for unifying the entire world around a common purpose — our service to God growing out of worship and our worship of God resulting in service.

My work this church year — in my personal service and in my work with church leadership and various teams — will revolve around the concepts of this vision for Polkville Baptist Church. My prayer is that **together** we can move forward to be the church God is calling us to be!

Love,



## August Birthdays

8/03 Michael Carpenter	8/10 Craig Carpenter	8/19 Pam Seagle
8/04 Rob Bumgardner	8/12 Charles Gettys	8/20 Katlyn Connor
8/07 Wayne Christian	Judy Gettys	8/22 Lauren Clark
Landon Cook	Amanda Toney	Freida Gibbs
8/08 James Cook	Rosemary Watson	Ethel Pedersen
Sandy W. Hamrick	8/13 Rev. Rick Hamrick	Jayson Phillips
Cindy Milling	Jeff Shuford	8/25 Spencer Crow
8/09 Suzanne Canipe	8/14 Alan Gossett	8/26 Joshua Meade
Peyton Cook	Leslie Phillips	8/27 Karen Elliott
Will Davis	8/16 Brian Branch	8/29 Darrin O'Donoghue
Gabriel Falls	Brad Bumgardner	Elizabeth McSwain
Larry White	8/17 Destiny McFarland	

## September Birthdays

9/01 Eliza Cook	Bailee Cook	9/21 Adam Larsen
Randy Robbins	9/13 Chrissy Helton	Cody White
Jack Shytle	Ronald Melton	Judy Wright
Beth Thompson	9/14 Gay Beam	9/23 Jackie Blanton
9/03 Grant Moorehead	Chris Gettys	9/28 Josh Queen
Ryan Mikeal	9/15 Gary Greene	9/29 Kenneth Ledford
9/04 Virginia Sigmon	9/16 Janet Ledford	Mateo Lopez
9/06 Emmitt Queen	Linnie Wright	Joni McMurry
9/07 Jenny Shuford	9/17 Larry Canipe	9/30 Chris McCraw
9/08 Debbie Rayborn	9/19 Camille Blanton	Marilyn Powell
9/09 Marcus Blanton	JoEllen Cornwell	
Cindy Gilbert	Renee Fortenberry	
9/11 Kale Meade	Lois Shuford	
9/12 Jeanne Blanton	9/20 George Wilson	

## August/September Nursery Schedule

08/07 Barbara Bumgardner & Leslie	09/04 Lalisa Carpenter & Katie White
08/14 Chrissy Helton & Michelle Davis	09/11 Isaac & Angie Hannah
08/21 Kim Swink & Haley Cook	09/18 Bobbie Walker, Tammy Carter, Brooke Stewart
08/28 Sandra Gossett & Lisa Carter	09/25 Don & Kelly Nygren



**We give to our state missions offering in September. Envelopes will be made available. A portion stays right here in Cleveland County to be used by our association of Baptist Churches!**



**Brandon Bridges**

*Joined by Statement of Faith*

**Elizabeth Bridges**

*Joined by Transfer of Letter*

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(daughter, Lillie)

**Jason and Jenn Butler**

*joined by Transfer of Letter*

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(daughter, Hallee / son, Zeke)

**Sarah Melton**

(daughter of Billy & Jaime Melton)

*Joined by Profession of Faith*

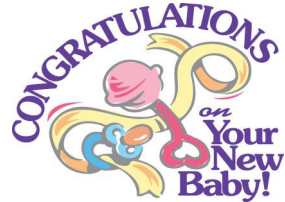
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**Jack Wilson**

(Son of Chris & Jaime Wilson)

*Joined by Profession of Faith*

1933 New House Road  
Shelby, NC 28150



**Grahame Davidson Anakin Bell**

Born July 8, 2016  
to David & Rachel Bell

**Ryland Adam Larsen**

Born April 17, 2016  
to Adam and Kylie Larsen



**Ministry Opportunities**

**Operation Christmas Child Collection Items**

August — School Supplies  
September — Games

**Operation Christmas Child Breakfast**

Sunday, August 14 @ 8:00 am  
Cost: Donations for Operation Christmas Child

**School Supplies Collection**

The Clothing Closet will be collecting school supplies through August 19. These items will be distributed to families on Saturday, August 20 from 9 am – 11 am.

Any and all school supplies will be collected focusing on elementary students. Gently used book bags will also be accepted.

Anyone that wants to come out and minister to these families on the 20<sup>th</sup> is more than welcome.

**Cleaning Ministry**

Check the sign-up sheets in the vestibule hallway and sign up to be part of the ministry of cleaning our church facility. It's always a blessing!



Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am  
Sunday Worship at 10:00 am  
Wednesday Impact at 6:50 pm

**August Life App:**

**Preschool**  
*Blast Off - God Loves Me*

**Elementary**  
*Weird Science: An Experiment in OBEDIENCE* —Trusting those who lead you by doing what you're asked to do.

**September Life App:**

**Preschool**  
*Dive In - I Can Trust God*

**Elementary**  
*High Wire: Daring to TRUST* — Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.

**Impacting the Next Generation**

**TRAINING** for all Preschool, Elementary, Middle/High School Leaders  
**Sunday, August 21st @ 11:11 am Lunch & Childcare is provided!**



**Family Experience! Returns**

**Wednesday, September 14th**

Family Dinner @ 6:15 pm  
(suggested donation for adults is \$5 / students FREE)

Family Worship Experience @ 7:00 pm

**ALL in the Family Life Center!**

**2 great family events in August:**

**Wednesday, August 10th**

**End-of-Summer Cookout**

6:15-8:00 pm  
Cookout, Games, Summer Slide Show **AND** a brief meeting for parents with the pastor as he shares plans for our ministry to kids and prays with you over the new phases your children are entering. Every child & parent should attend!

**Saturday, August 27th**

**Back-to-School Blast**

5:00-9:00 pm  
@ Sandy Plains Baptist Church  
**FREE EVENT**  
Hot Dog Supper, Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Bounce House, Obstacle Course, Mini Golf, School Supply Distribution, Fireworks!

# from the **YOUTH** minister

## I don't Care That You Are a Sinner; Neither Does Jesus

In Luke 7, Jesus is invited to a meal at the house of a Pharisee; while he is there, a woman who had lived a sinful life begins to wash his feet. This act unnerves the Pharisee because of the Jewish mandate to avoid uncleanness, which was certainly found in this woman. I love Jesus' response to this Pharisee's visible unsettledness — He does not rebuke him or call him out on it, He simply proceeds to tell him a little story. In this story, Jesus highlights how sin impacts an individual's appreciation for forgiveness — the greater the sin, the greater the appreciation.

The woman (a sinner) understands how precious Jesus' words are when He says, "You are forgiven" because she realizes that she has much for which to be forgiven. The Pharisee misses this, not because he does not have a lot of which to be forgiven, but because he refuses to acknowledge that he does. Out of the woman's realization, she desires to show her love in a tangible manner. She gets it!

In an earlier passage in Luke (Luke 5), Jesus is eating at a table with tax collectors (gasp!) and those called "others". Once again the Pharisees miss it and can't understand why Jesus is eating with them—Jesus is making Himself unclean and defiling any ministry He might have! The reality of it is the Opposite — Jesus' ministry is genuine and effective because of His willingness to associate with the "others", the disenfranchised, the rejected.

Too often we see Christians and Churches assuming the roles of the Pharisees in these passages, sitting in judgement over other people and deeming them unfit. When in reality, we are called to sit and eat with those "others". Jesus doesn't condone their sin, but neither does He condemn them for it (John 8:11). Jesus loves them and spends time with them; I think the Apostle was tracking with this when he wrote in 1 Corinthians 13, "If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." Why does the world have a picture of the church as not only not loving, but openly hostile?

My prayer is that we, as the body of Christ, follow after the example of Jesus.

God bless!

David

# Koinonia Konnection

## August/September Happenings!

### **Wednesday, August 10**

Church-wide End of Summer cookout and Slide Show

### **Friday, August 19**

Youth Summer Finale @ the Beavers' / 6pm-9pm

### **Sunday, August 21**

Children/Youth small group leader training / 11:11 am

### **Sunday, September 4**

Moving Day! This will be our rising 6th graders first night with the youth group!

### **Wednesday, September 14**

Return of FX! (Family Experience!) / 7pm in the FLC

### **Saturday, September 24**

Christian Music Day @ Carowinds with Toby Mac, Chris Tomlin and Lauren Daigle! If you are interested please let David know by August 15. Price is determined by the number going: *Group of 20+ tickets are \$35 each, 10+ tickets are \$40, single tickets are \$42.*

## **Polkville Baptist Church Rock 'n' Rollers (Senior Adult Group)**

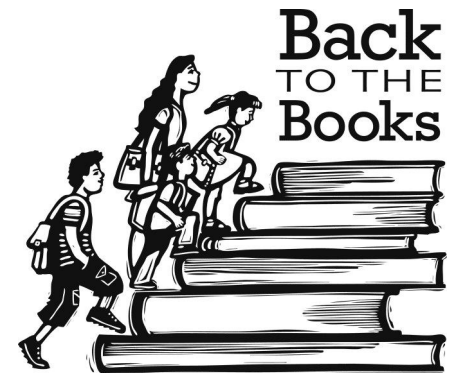
*Our Feet are on the ROCK and  
our Names are on the ROLL!*

### **Friday, August 12th**

Meet at the church at 5:00 pm to go to Kale and Pam Meade's home for a cookout.

**September activities will be announced soon in the Sunday bulletin.**

*Rock 'n' Roller activities are for all senior adults in our church and community. Join us any time!*



**Pray for students,  
homeschool parents, and  
school personnel as a new  
school year begins in August.  
May God grant wisdom and  
courage. May He be lifted up in  
the lives of His children!**