



# The Trumpeter

The monthly newsletter of  
**Polkville Baptist Church ♦ Polkville, NC**

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## Independence DAY

**Begin your celebration at Church!**

**Special schedule**

**Sunday, July 4th**

**8:30 am Worship**

**9:50 am Sunday School**

**No other services or meetings**

**Casual Attire**

## **ADULT** **Vacation Bible School**

**Sunday Nights — 7:00**

**Lower Level — Education Building**

**June 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1**

**Books will be provided.**

*Roundin' up questions  
Drivin' home answers*

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**Please be in prayer for our  
*Minister and Worship and Dis-  
cipliship Search Committee***

**Kathy Beam, Doug Clark, Brenda Cook**

**Jan Crow, Kenneth Ledford**

**Pete Pedersen & Elaine Sain**



**Do YOU believe? ...that Jesus is the Son of God**  
**Do YOU belong? ... to the Family of God**  
**Are YOU becoming? ... the person God created you**

## *Rick's Write*

Dear Church Family,

We are born with an independent spirit, a deep-down desire to be free. We see this trait expressed very early in life. I just spent a few days in amusement parks with my family and believe me, I saw kids all day long struggling against the constraints of their strollers and trying to jerk free of the firm hand of a parent as they walked through the crowds. We want to be free!

This “spirit yearning to be free” is a gift from God. He created us to be free beings with a free will. That means that he loves us so much that he is willing to let us decide whether or not we will follow him. We see this all the way back in the garden of Eden. God could have said, “You WILL obey me!” Instead he says, “You have the freedom to choose to obey me.” Our obedience is not forced on us by God, it is given by us to God as a gift from someone grateful for all God has done. We can decide whether or not we will accept his gift of salvation offered through his Son, Jesus.

Obviously, and quite naturally, we think that if God allows us to be free, then what right would a man-made government have to control our every move. So, we find ourselves beginning the 235th year of a great experiment — a government that gets out of the way of the people and allows freedom. Chief among those freedoms are the freedom of speech and the freedom of worship — in other words we are free in our country to live in obedience to God.

These freedoms we enjoy are God-given. God created us with the love of freedom and he offers us freedom, and he has blessed us with a country that, historically, has respected our need for, and right to have — FREEDOM! When you are celebrating your independence this 4th of July, don't forget to thank God and give him the praise for all the blessings he has allowed in your life.

And... remember... in your freedom, you are perfectly free to live your life for Jesus! You are perfectly free to worship him! You are perfectly free to devote your life to the One who gave up his life for you on the cross of Calvary. And, you are perfectly free to persuade others to give their life to Jesus. What a celebration of freedom that would be!

I hope you choose to exercise your freedom to worship by being in church on Sunday, July 4th — wherever you might be that day!

Love,

*Rick*



# JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/01	Kim Lawson	7/04	Bobby Floyd	7/20	Richard Cook
7/02	Macy Falls	7/06	Tim Branch	7/22	Robert Thomas
	Sarah Shytle		Joey Cornwell	7/24	Karlye Clay
	Hannah Summerlin	7/07	Patsy Turner	7/25	Brandon Greene
7/03	Hillary Blanton	7/08	Juanita Beam	7/26	Avery McKee
		7/08	Sarah Meade	7/27	Johnny Blanton
			Bill Pruett		Carolyn Hamrick
		7/09	Georgette Greene		Charles Pruitt
			Karen White	7/28	Nikki Cook
		7/10	Barbara Murray	7/29	Gary Travis
		7/11	Derrell Blanton	7/31	Nikki Watts
			Ruth Davis		Lance Beam
		7/12	Edwin Lee		Linda Greene
			Denene Wright		Bill Elliott
			Sue Peeler		Brian Gettys
			Emma Wright		Tracy Queen
		7/16	Susan Beaver		Will Britt
			Virginia Lattimore		Pat Kralovic
			Marcy Smith		Beth Kale
		7/17	Millie Tallent		Brian Greene
		7/19	Annie Ruth Bridges		Shelia Lail

## Altar Flowers for July

July 4	Elizabeth Davis
July 11	Beth Ann Blanton
July 18	Brenda Bridges
July 25	OPEN

## Vacation Bible School Report

**Enrollment: 164**  
**Average Attendance: 127**  
**Salvation Decisions: 5**

## Nursery Helpers



7/04	Infants	Eric Richard Family
7/04	Toddlers	Tina Sisk & Ronetta Lackey Family
7/11	Infants	Derrell & Beth Ann Blanton
7/11	Toddlers	Tony & Susan Beaver
7/18	Infants	David Gosnell Family
7/18	Toddlers	LaLisa & Katie Carpenter
7/25	Infants	Rick & Tammy Falls
7/25	Toddlers	Renee Spivey Family

# Fun in the "SON" Activities

**July 1** 9:30 a.m. Leave for YMCA pool in Boiling Springs. Bring snacks NO GLASS items  
Cost: \$7.00 Return: 12:30

**July 5** 10:00 a.m. Senior Adults  
"Friday's Friends"

**July 6** 9:00 a.m. Kool Park. Bring a picnic lunch.  
Drinks are provided. Cost: \$8.00 13 and over  
\$5.00 12 and under. Return: 1:30

**July 8** 9:30 a.m. Art Blooms. Cost: \$5.00—\$10.00 to paint your favorite piece, plus lunch at McDonald's. Return: 1:30

**July 12** 10:30 a.m. Senior Adults will leave for the Crawford's Lake House  
Those of you who would like to meet there, be there at 11:00.

**July 13** 9:30 a.m. Bowling at Autumn Lanes  
Cost: FREE bowling, money is needed for lunch there. Return: 12:30

**July 15** 9:30 a.m. Kidsenses Cost: \$4.00 plus lunch at McDonald's  
Return: 1:30

**July 19** 10:45 a.m. Senior Adults will eat lunch at Alston Bridges BBQ

**July 20** 9:30 a.m. Bubba's Cost: \$4.00, lunch will be provided. Return: 12:30

**July 22** 10:00 a.m. Meet at Bruce & Carol Martin's pool. Pick up there: 12:00

**July 26** 10:00 a.m. Senior Adults leave for Lake James

**July 27** 9:15 a.m. Catawba Science Center Cost: \$4.00 plus lunch money  
Return: 2:00



**A Word From Dale:** Most Christians know the importance of praying and reading God's Word. Most of us have been encouraged by someone to read our Bible a little everyday. Even so most Christians, myself included, at times have felt like the time spent reading my Bible was not working. Have you ever felt like the time you are spending reading your Bible was useless? If so, take a moment and read this little story. I believe there is a lot of truth to it and I hope you enjoy it and are encouraged by it as much as I was. God bless and encourage you to keep reading God's word. I am pretty sure God's Word is changing us.

Dale <><

### **The Wicker Basket**

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could. One day the grandson asked, 'Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?' The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, 'Take this old wicker coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water.' The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, 'You will have to move a little faster next time, and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again. This time the boy ran faster, but again the old wicker basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was impossible to carry water in a basket,' and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, 'I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough, and he went out the door to watch the boy try again. At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, 'See Papa, it's useless!' 'So you think it is useless?' the old man said. 'Look at the basket.' The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old wicker coal basket, it was clean. 'Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.'

# Youth Stuff:

## Summer Youth Schedule:

- July 4 No meeting
- July 11 Youth & Families Lake Day
- July 18 Mission Trip (No Youth Meeting)
- July 25 Youth at the Martin's pool
- Aug. 1 Open
- Aug. 8 Youth at the Biddell's pool
- Aug. 15 Youth at the Blanton's pool
- Aug. 22 Open
- Aug. 29 Youth & Families Lake Day

## Prayer Partners are need for our Youth Mission Team

We would like to have one or two prayer partners for each Youth Mission Trip participant. A prayer partner is asked first of all to pray for your assigned mission team member(s). In addition most prayer partners choose to send encouregrams which are notes and small candies or snacks to be placed in their encouegram envelope throughout the week of the trip.

Please call, email, or text Dale if you are willing to be a prayer partner.  
dale@polkvillebaptist.com  
704.472.6276

## Mission Serve Youth Mission Trip

July 17th - 24th  
Final Meeting - 7:45 PM - Wed. July 14th in the basement

## Decision Weekend Lock-in August 27th-28th

Upcoming sixth graders are encouraged to become a member of the Polkville Baptist Youth Group by taking part in all the activities during Decision Weekend.

### Decision Weekend Activities:

- Friday, Aug. 27th - Lock-in following Crest vs Burn football at Crest (Time TBA)
- Sunday, Aug. 29th - Youth Sunday Youth lead in both worship services
- Sunday Aug. 29th - Youth and Families Lake Day at the Crawford

## Youth Parents are needed!

- **Chaperones needed for the Decision Weekend Lock-in**  
Friday, August 27th - approximately 10 PM - 8:30 AM  
1 male and 1 female chaperone must stay all night during the lock-in.
- **Breakfast cooks needed for Decision Weekend Lock-in**  
Saturday, August 28th - need to cook breakfast in the Family Life Center kitchen for students at Decision Weekend.

Please call, email, or text Dale if you will assist in one of these areas. Thank you ahead of time for helping!

## Staff Directory

### Pastor

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### Minister of Education and Youth

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## Weekly Opportunities

### Sunday

8:30 am Early Worship Service  
9:50 am Sunday School  
10:50 am Morning Worship Service  
6:00 pm Youth Meeting  
6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Evening Bible Study  
7:45 pm Committee Meetings

### Monday

7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday

6:00 pm Youth Bible Drill  
6:30 pm C.A.R.E. Meal & Ministry  
7:00 pm Preschool, Children and  
Youth Mission Groups  
7:00 pm Mid-week Bible Study  
7:45 pm Committee Meetings

## Office Contact Information

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