

News In The Thicket



"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be though dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." - Joshua 1:9

A Letter From the Pastor

*- Mickey Adams,
Pastor*

John tells us in I John his purpose is that we will have a fellowship that results in joy that is full. That sounds like something wonderful and yet we continue to see the impact of Satan's devices. Peter pictures him as a roaring hungry lion. His distractions and distortions rob many of the joy John has in mind. My prayer for our church is to experience what John offers.

Our debt continues to shrink. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving. We are beginning to address those things that need repairs or replacement. Our plan involves identifying what needs attention and prioritizing that list.

A revised set of bylaws will be available soon for you to examine. It's time for a new budget, deacon replacement, and committee work. I'm praying God will move on hearts. So much to do.

Praying God's blessing on you.

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Fortson, GA, 31808

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(706) 323-3170

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Deacon's Notes

- Mike Hudson,

Deacon Chairman

The months of July and August you will see the Nominating team in full action obtaining people to serve on the various committees. They look at the talents, experiences, and background of the individuals to plug them into the right committee. All too often there are two or three church members that serve on more than one committee. Our pastor has said often that no one should serve on two committees until everyone has served on one. The talent and expertise of our church members are many times not exercised because they will not serve when asked. If you are not using the God given gifts and talents, then the church will suffer because the church functions the best when the members are serving and working. That's not to say that the church will fail it just will not operate as good as it could.

Do you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Can you read and write? Can you walk and chew gum at the same time? If your answer is yes to these questions, then you are qualified to serve. I think about our more experienced members and the wisdom and insight they could provide for our younger members. I think of our men that could be a wonderful mentor as a Sunday school teacher of younger boys. I think of the younger adults that could bring new energy to a committee.

Your deacons are assigned to different committees as a liaison between the deacon body and the committee. The assignment is not to lead or to be a member; it is to make sure the committee is functioning as it should and to provide assistance from the deacons if there is a need. We are looking for the committees to work as they are charged to do for the betterment of our church. As a committee member you will have the backing of your deacons.

I have a radical thought. What if you approached the Nominating Committee and asked them to find a place for you to serve? How radical is that? Steve Stowe is the chairman of the Nominating Committee, and he would love to hear from you.

Be aware that the Nominating Committee is looking for a place where you can serve. Pray now that God would place you where you can serve your church, serve the members of your church, and mostly serve Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:10; *As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

Acts 20:35; *"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

I ask that you ponder on these things and pray for Piney Grove and the leadership of your church.

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Women's Ministry

- Michelle Helms

Calling all PGBC women, we need you!! With July coming to an end and school starting soon, I would like to get a bible study started. If you would like to take part or have a study in mind, please let me know.

Our ladies night out was a big success this month! We raised \$167 for Goober. August ladies night out is set for the 27th at 6:30 at my house. We will have a game night. If you have a favorite game, please come and bring it.

September ladies night out will be a bowling night at Stars and Strikes. If you are interested, let me know. We need at least 10 people to get a church discount. I pray you will join us for great fellowship and loads of fun!!

It is my goal to make PGBC Women's Ministry fun and well known in our community!! Thank you!

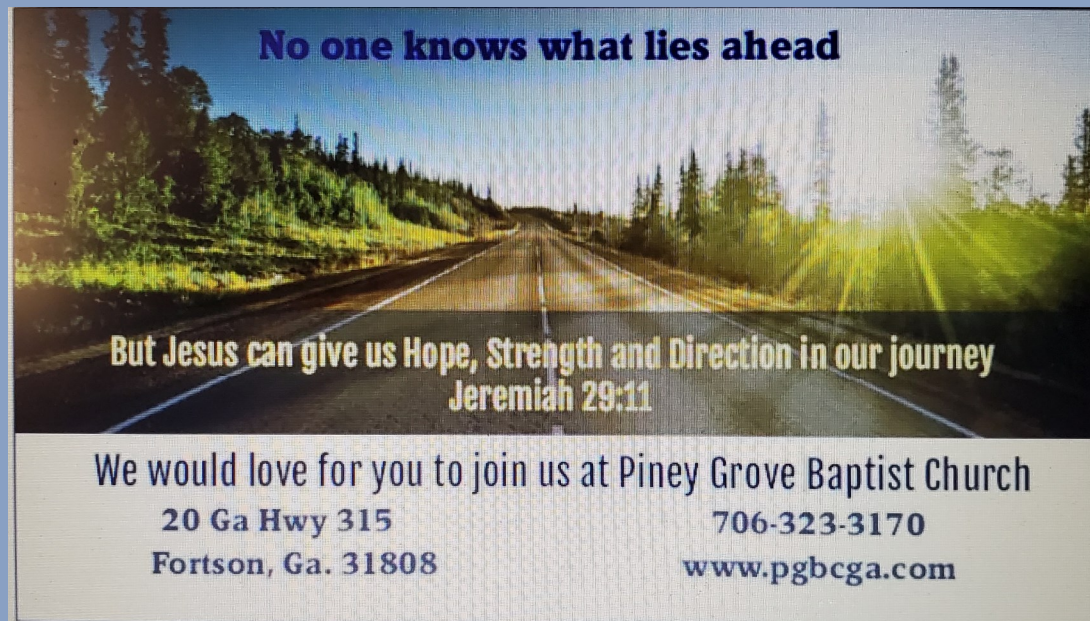
Michelle Helms

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Outreach

- Pam Carlisle

I have ordered more "business cards". These will go in visitor bags. The church family can also use these as an outreach tool to give when they invite someone to church.



No one knows what lies ahead

But Jesus can give us Hope, Strength and Direction in our journey
Jeremiah 29:11

We would love for you to join us at Piney Grove Baptist Church
20 Ga Hwy 315
Fortson, Ga. 31808

706-323-3170
www.pgbcga.com

Children's Ministries

- Cheri Corser

Playground

Our playground is complete! Thank you to so many who helped with this huge project- Frank Clouse, Terry and Charlotte Bush, Braden Simmons, Jeffrey and Braden Price, Art Ellis, Ralph Kingrey, and Paul Bowden. The children of Piney Grove are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Fruitylicious!

Wednesday August 4th will be Splash night in Fruitylicious. Wear shorts, t-shirts, and shoes that can get wet. Bring a towel. We will enjoy water activities on our new playground! 6:30-7:30

Wednesday Activities

Wednesday August 18 children's choirs and missions activities resume. We will have preschool/kindergarten choir and school-age choir (1st-6thgrades). Mission Friends for preschoolers/kindergartners, G.A.'s (Girls in Action) and R.A.'s (Royal Ambassadors) for boys and girls in 1st-6th grades.



Resourcing a Network of Churches



One-Day Total Church Equipping Conference going LIVE Thursday, August 12, 2021!

The goal of this year's event, which premieres on August 12, is to “spark” an intense fire among Southern Baptists for making and training disciples in local communities, across the U.S, and around the world.

At this year's SPARK premiere, keynote speakers will include Tony Evans, senior pastor of the 9,500-member Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas; Ben Mandrell, president and chief executive officer of LifeWay Christian Resources; Charles Lowery, president and chief executive officer of Lowery Institute for Excellence; and David Kinnaman, president of Barna Group, a leading research and communications company.

Plus over 40 session leaders!

A diverse team of practicing leaders is prepared to give you best practices in their field of expertise. Every part of the gathering - from our keynote speakers to our SPARK breakout sessions - has been intentionally designed by our team to equip and inspire your leaders. Make plans now to join us online for #SPARKcon2021!

[More Information and Registration](#)



Missions Tour

COVID slowed all of us down a bit when it comes to travel. As you know, this meant we had to put a pause on some of the mission efforts as well.

But praise the Lord, many countries are open and our people are excited to take the gospel around the world.

Each of Georgia's six regions are in partnership with a "new work" state convention, as well as a country in central or south America.

Beginning August 2, our Executive Director Thomas Hammond, Missions Catalyst Buck Burch, and Georgia Baptist Convention President Kevin Williams will be touring the state on six dates and twelve locations to share the vision of these partnerships.

Monday, August 23

Southwest Region Mission Tour

9:30 am

Schomburg Road Baptist Church

7155 Schomburg Road, Columbus, GA

Contact: Samuel Ayala

770-936-5597

We hope to see you and many pastors at these stops.

For information visit the website at <https://gabaptist.org/missionstour>.

MINISTRY LINKS:

[Columbus Baptist Association](#)

[Mission Columbus](#)

[MercyMed at Mission Columbus](#)

[Christian Women's Job Corps of Greater Columbus](#)

[International Friendship Ministries](#)

[Sound Choices](#)

[Church Music Academy](#)

[Georgia Baptist Mission Board](#)

[Southern Baptist Convention](#)

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We are currently building out our new church website! The new services it will provide are amazing. We look forward to sharing that with you very soon! Once our new site is up and running, we will then begin to focus on a new phone app. Our goal is to provide easy to access information wherever possible (push notifications of meetings and events!).