

# News in the *Thicket*

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## A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

- Mickey Adams

Fall is a wonderful time of year. For us Homecoming on October 3 is a special moment. Significant because we will burn the note and celebrate being debt free. We can be grateful to have a building for children and youth to minister with long after we are gone. Thankyou Piney Grove for faithfulness.

The future absent debt still is challenging. There is a need for leadership. After Homecoming we have in past had a Fall Festival. Our ministry to Harris County football concessions is limping along. Children's ministry has some challenges. I could go on but you see the picture. I believe in prayer and so I'm asking us to pray for God to touch hearts. Our future is in our hands. We must step up to meet the needs.

Some will remember Prime Timers. It was a fellowship of older members that met monthly, ate, sang, went on day trips and even longer ones. I'd love to discover the interest level and so soon I will invite those interested to come together and see if we can do it.

I am so very thankful for the many expressions of support I've received lately. It is when we are tested that we see the real nature of things. Thank you for always being so kind to Dianne. Together we treasure what these past 27 years have meant to us. The good far outweighs the bad. Remember one another. There is much sorrow and difficulty. The fellowship and friendship mean far more than you know.

## Church Events

- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> - Homecoming
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - Church Conference

# Deacon's Notes

-Mike Hudson

As the new church year is about to begin so is the time to select deacons to serve. I want to emphasize the word serve. Jesus tells us in **Mat 20:28** *just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.* A deacon is to be a servant of the church.

The first church as mentioned in Acts was growing and devoted to each other and to the teachings of the Apostles. The first church was also powerful, powerful because they were full of the Holy Spirit and every effort was led by The Spirit. Despite all that still "a complaint arose" from within the congregation. Not all of the widows were being cared for as the Hebrew widows. So, the apostles asked the church members, "select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task,". The term deacon is not used in these bible verses but I believe they were chosen to be servants in order to care for the needs of others.

We will ask the members of Piney Grove to select from among us men to serve as deacons. I would ask that you read Acts 6: 1-6 and 1Timothy 3: 1-13 to ponder the biblical qualifications of men to serve. Please prepare yourself by praying and reading God's word that the Spirit will direct you to choose wisely.

# Conference

There will be a church conference **October 10th at 6:00 PM.**

**We are having a HOMEMADE ICE CREAM social following the church conference. You will not want to miss this either!**

# Homecoming

**HOMECOMING Sunday, October 3rd - 10:30 a.m. Lunch to follow in fellowship hall.**

**This day is always special - you will not want to miss it!**

**The church will provide the fried chicken and we ask that you provide the sides and desserts. We will have men in the parking lot by the side door to help you get your dishes downstairs. We ask that you please bring your dishes in disposable containers if possible and if that isn't possible, please remember to pick up your dish as you leave. If your dish needs to be served warm, please bring it warm. If the food needs to be sliced and you can do that before bringing it to the church, that would be helpful also.**

**Please invite your friends and family. We always have plenty of food!!! If you have any questions, please call, text, or email me.**

**Thank you,  
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# OUTREACH

*-Pam Carlisle*

Extra Greeters are needed for Homecoming! We would love to see greeters of all ages posted at our doors to welcome guests and make sure they know their way around. Please sign up to be a greeter or let Pam Carlisle know that you want to help in that area.

Speaking of helping, is God speaking to you about helping in any area of the church? We have a form that you can fill out and check any area that you are feeling lead to serve in. These forms are located in our visitor's area as well as on the table near the adult Sunday School area. Please fill that out, drop it in the offering plate and we will get back with you.

If you would like to serve outside of the church in our community or in our state, there is a bulletin board of information about local mission projects that you can be involved in. Check the websites listed there for more information. If you have further questions, ask Pam Carlisle for help.

One of the goals of the Outreach Committee is that every first-time visitor receives a personal visit, phone call, card sent in the mail or a text message from us. Each one is important to God and to us. We can only follow up if we have their contact information, so please help us in that area. If you know of someone visiting with us, please make sure they leave their information with us in our welcome area and receive a visitor's bag.

Thank you for helping us to reach out to our visitors and beyond!

## Nursery

*-Pam Aldridge*

**We need new toddler and baby toys in the nursery. Please try and buy toys without fabric on it. Also, we would like to replace the wooden kitchenette with a plastic one. If you are interested in purchasing one, let me know. I will put a box with BABY SHOWER GIFTS in front of the water fountain. Thank you, Pam Aldridge**

**We need volunteers in the nursery. Please call or text Pam Aldridge at 706-681-8422 to be placed on the nursery list.**

# Cemetery

*-Pam Aldridge*

Have you noticed the improvements made at the cemetery?

A big THANK YOU to the men at Prospect AME church for clearing the tree line and to Jim Young, The Stumpman, for removing all the old stumps. Our goal is to complete the black fence all the way around our cemetery. We have 2 bids, but both are more than what we have in the cemetery bank account.

If you're interested in giving toward the fence fund, please let me know. You can make your tax deductible check out to Piney Grove Baptist Cemetery.

Also, for burial arrangements at PGBC cemetery, call me at 706-681-8422.  
Pam Aldridge

# New Website

**The new PGBC website build is complete. We are in the process of transferring our existing URL's over to the new site. Once this is complete, we'll have a new source for information.**

**Our new website has some additional capabilities that we're not quite used to. I encourage each of you to think of ways to use these new resources. One example is the calendar. It has functionality to make reservations for meals. Just an example.**

**As we progress, my goal is to schedule a meeting for anyone interested in learning about the new technology available to us.**

**We will also begin working on our very own mobile app. More details to come about what this will do for our members and community.**