

Encouragement from the Pastor



PITTSBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

The Spiral - "Keeping the people informed"

"God's Word Still Speaks"

A few years ago, a company executive received a phone call that seemed completely ordinary and familiar. The voice on the other end of the conversation was unmistakable – it was the voice of his CEO. The voice had the same accent, tone, and style. He requested of the executive to transfer a large sum of money to a partner account through a confidential wire transfer – something that he had done many times before. Trusting the voice, he did. To his horror, he later learned that the voice of his CEO was an AI-generated imitation designed to deceive him. The words sounded right, but sadly, they weren't real ("Fraudsters Used AI to Mimic CEO's Voice in Unusual Cybercrime Case", WS Journal Article, 2019).



We live in a society filled with false voices, presentations, photographs, news articles, television dramas, and news outlets. From fabricated news stories to AI taking the world by storm, there is an incredibly fine line between what is genuine, true, and authentic and what is counterfeit, fabricated, and deceptive. We have more information at our fingertips and before our eyes than ever before, but uncertainty has also never been at a higher level. Deceivers are everywhere. Who can be trusted? Where can we turn for truth in a world shrouded in falsities and deceit? I'm grateful that as believers in Christ, we have the Word of God. God still speaks clearly, powerfully, perfectly, and sufficiently into our lives.

In a recent and very interesting conversation I had with another young man, the question of how God's Word came into existence, and how it could be trusted, was the focal point. I shared with him the beautiful story of the Bible. I started with 2 Timothy 3:16-17 that states, *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."* The ancient words of Scripture were not the thoughts and opinions of men, but the voice of the living God, spoken to us for His glory, for our salvation, and for the building up of the life of the one who reads those timeless words (2 Peter 1:21).

I shared how God's Word is authoritative, directive, trustworthy, and protective. The Psalmist declared that "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes... the decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous." (Psalm 19:7-9). There is no weakness or fault in the Word of God. It is complete, constant, and convicting.

Encouragement from the Pastor continued....

Last, I shared that God's Word is faithful, final, and forever. No document has been more tested, scrutinized, observed, tried, and proven trustworthy than any other document in history (answersingenesis.org, "Bible Section," 2025). Even as the Bible has been challenged, it has proven trustworthy and true. D.A. Carson once said, "What Scripture said, God said. However derived its authority, what the Bible says is stamped with God's authority, for its words are God's words" (Approaching the Bible, 1994). Our Lord gave us a book to tell His redemptive story through the ages. Its content draws us near to His heart, His will, and His eternal plan for humanity. Without it, we are lost, hopeless, and we perish. We can trust God's Word. Across the centuries, God's Word is a steadfast help and anchor for His people. Through fear, God's Word brings confidence (Psalm 34:4). In danger, God's Word brings us to safety (2 Corinthians 1:10). When we experience loss, God's Word comforts (Psalm 23). When we are confused, His Word brings clarity (James 1:5). And when we were without hope, God's Word brought us to Jesus Christ, our Savior (1 Peter 1:23).

I love the Word of God. I am thankful that He still speaks into our lives today. I'm grateful that His truth is what our church is built upon, what our church family faithfully preaches, teaches, and shares, and what drives us to mission. God's Word still speaks. His truth is alive and powerful.

*Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.
Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.
Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart.
Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.
Words by Lynn Deschazo*

You are loved!

Peter



ANNUAL

TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Pittsboro Baptist Church is collecting
Food Lion gift cards (\$25 increments appreciated),
Frozen Turkeys and canned goods
To give to local needy families.

Donations should be dropped off
at the Fellowship Hall by Nov. 23.
Please place frozen turkeys in the kitchen freezer and
give gift cards to Jennifer Cashion.

Join us
November 23, 2025 at 12:00pm
Have lunch, pack up and deliver to
needy neighbors.

Are you single? Feeling like you're missing out on connecting with others in this season?

Looking for fun things to do on the weekend in a safe and inviting atmosphere?

PBC's new ministry might be just the thing for you!



Who: Singles, ages 25+ (never married, divorced, with or without children, widowed)

What: B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Single Truth) was designed to find joy in the ebbs and flows of this season! It's a great opportunity to get together with like-minded people to laugh, connect, and have fun in a safe, Christian environment

When: November 8th at 5:30pm (Due to Thanksgiving we will not meet the 4th Saturday of this month)
(2nd and 4th Saturdays)

Where: The Fellowship Hall @ PBC

Come check us out and invite your friends and neighbors!



As we enter a season of Thanksgiving and celebration of God's favor, love, provision, and protection, we have an opportunity to reemphasize the importance of family devotion, prayer, and drawing power and strength from the Lord.

The family altar is predominately a foreign concept for many families. In the Scripture, the altar was a dedicated and sacred space for homes to gather to seek God, renew their faith, and pray for one another. It's where covenants with the Lord were renewed, sacrifices were made, and worship was given. On **Sunday, November 16**, we are going to revisit the family altar in our worship throughout the day.

"The Family Altar Sunday" will be a day set apart for our church family to restore this practice of gathering before the Lord. The day will include Bible studies in the morning (Sunday School) and evening (small groups) for every age that focus on the priority of family worship, having a daily quiet time, living your life with an expectant heart, and more! We will have two worship services on this day, each featuring family testimonies, intentional church-wide prayer time, songs of worship, and messages focused on "altar" living.

We will also enjoy a fellowship meal together after the morning worship service, so please plan to bring your favorite dishes to share with one another for a great time together. Our prayer for "Family Altar Sunday" is that it will serve as an unforgettable day of worship, teaching, prayer, and fellowship—a time when God will be glorified as we seek Him together.

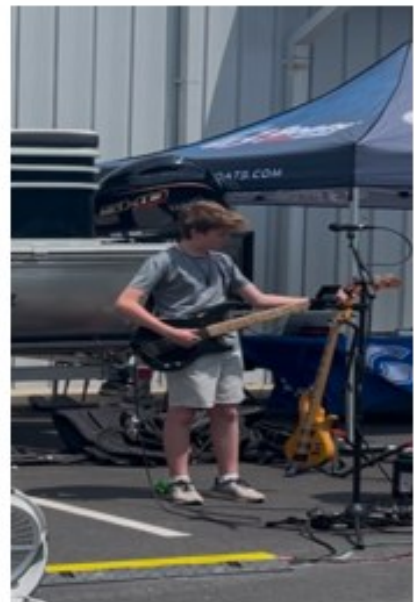
Shining His Light: Jack Holland

At PBC, we're blessed with some incredible students in our youth ministry. Each one has a unique story of how God is working in and through their lives. Our hope is that you'll not only get to know them better but also be encouraged by the ways they're living out their faith and making a difference for Christ in their everyday world. Each month, we'll highlight a different student, and we can't wait for you to be inspired by their journey.

This month, meet Jack Holland, a 7th grader at Haw River Christian Academy. Jack is 12 years old, enjoys History and moved here a few years ago from White House, Tennessee with his family (Parents – Jason and Peyton Holland, Sister – Emma, and grandparents Pastor Jerry and Deborah Holland). He plays basketball and over the last year has been playing the bass guitar, something that he hopes he can use to praise the Lord.

Jack has been playing bass for about seven months. He loves to use his talents for God by playing in church, youth events, and encouraging other musicians to play for their church. Inspired by his dad (Jason) and his music teacher, Jack is learning that he can use his God-given talents to honor the Lord and help draw others into God's presence through worship. When you see and hear Jack play, it's a beautiful reminder that when we give our gifts back to God, He can use them to touch hearts, build His kingdom, and encourage them to worship.

When you see Jack at church, encourage him as he plays music with the worship team. Let him know much his music and service mean to our church family. A few kind words can go a long way to encourage him to keep learning and growing in his love for the Lord and for playing music. We're proud of you, Jack!



~ PBC Youth Ministry at a Glance ~



PBC Youth had a great time enjoying a beautiful Fall afternoon at Christian and Ashley Batcheller's home playing flag football, capture the flag, and enjoying a fireside fellowship and devotion. We discussed how the Lord has given us a banner to display for Him because of the identity we have in our relationship with Him, but also in celebration of the victory we have in Christ every day.

In November, we are looking forward to being a part of the PBC Operation Christmas Child Packing Party and Celebration! We always enjoy preparing these boxes filled with love and gifts that will go all over the world with the Good News of the Gospel.

Wednesday nights continue to be the place to be for Bible study and fellowship. In November, we will begin a new study called "Alive and Free." As believers in Christ, our lives are to be set apart. The Christian walk should be contagious, so people see the difference Christ makes and want to experience it for themselves. The call upon believers in the book of James describes a life full of action and virtue. Come join us for Youth Encounter, JDs (Children), and Parent Connect on Wednesday nights (6:30pm).

And... it's never too late to begin preparing for Crossroads Summer Camp! PBC Youth is heading to Anderson SC for camp June 22-26, 2026! Signups for camp begins the first week in November! We have 55 spots for camp to be reserved until February 1st with a \$75 deposit due to officially lock in your spot. Let us know if you're going!



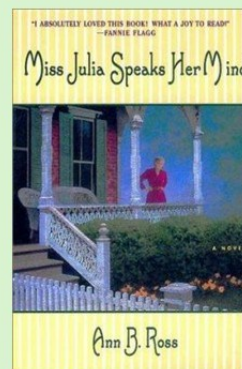
Rock of Pages Book Club

Next meeting: **November 17, 7:00p.m.**

Church Fellowship Hall

All ladies invited to join us.

We will be discussing
Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind
by Ann B. Ross



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

packing party



Youth and Children's Packing Party
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
6:00pm-8:00pm dinner included. Please bring a
"WOW" item to include in your box, otherwise
supplies are provided.



Thanksgiving for God's Faithfulness

Heavenly Father, as I step into the month of November, my heart swells with gratitude. I reflect upon the months that have passed and stand in awe of Your unwavering faithfulness.

Through seasons of joy and valleys of trial, Your steadfast love has been my anchor. Every morning has been met with Your mercies, and each night has been enveloped in Your peace.

Lord, as the leaves change and the year nears its end, let my lips continually offer praises to You. Each day of November, may my heart find reasons to celebrate Your goodness, and may I not take for granted the countless blessings, both big and small, that You bestow upon me.

Lamentations 3:22–23 *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

Psalm 107:1 *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*

PBC Committee Leadership Meeting

**Rescheduled for:
January 12, 2026
6:00pm—8:00pm**



Guest Speaker: Todd Unzicker,
Executive Director Treasurer of NC
Baptist State Convention

2026 Vision Casting and
Planning for Committee
Leads and Members

**How will your committee REACH,
DISCIPLE, and LOVE this year?**

REACH
Matthew 5:16

DISCIPLE
Matthew 28:19-20

LOVE
1 John 4:19



**The holidays are
challenging when you're
grieving a loss.**

GriefShare

Surviving the *Holidays*

provides encouragement, support, and valuable
tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar

Location

Pittsboro Baptist Church
121 West Salisbury Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Date & time

Sunday, 2:30pm - 4:30pm
November 9, 2025

Contact info

Julie LoRusso
Julie@jilcpa.com

griefshare.org/holidays



Journaling Disciples
**BIBLE JOURNALING
WORKSHOP**

LEARN TO LOVE STUDYING THE WORD
THROUGH BIBLE JOURNALING

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

A FULL DAY OF HAND LETTERING, BIBLE
JOURNALING, LUNCH, GIVEAWAYS AND FUN!

9:30 AM-3:00 PM

\$40 PER PERSON

All needed materials and lunch included

REGISTER AT
WWW.JOURNALINGDISCIPLES.COM

Registration Deadline October 22, 2025

Pittsboro Baptist Church

121 W Salisbury St, Pittsboro, NC 27312



Celebrate the Holidays with Children's Ministry

Pumpkin Carving
October 29th, 7-8pm

Thanksgiving Outreach
November 23rd, 12-2pm

OCC Packing Party
November 19th, 6-8pm

Christmas Caroling
December 19th, 6:30-8pm

Christmas Party
December 21st,
Children's Church

Pumpkin Carving: Join us as we carve pumpkins from start to finish and learn how being a Christian is like being a pumpkin!

Thanksgiving Outreach: Join us as we canvas neighborhoods in our community handing out thanksgiving meals and sharing the love of Jesus with our neighbors. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at the start of the event.

OCC Packing Party: Join us as we prayerfully pack shoeboxes for children that will receive our gifts and the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall at the start of the event.

Christmas Caroling: Join us as we visit local businesses and restaurants in our community as we share the wonderful story of our Savior's birth through timeless Christmas hymns. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall at the start of the event, and hot chocolate too!

Christmas Party: Join us in children's church and wear your favorite PJs as we have a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party with some yummy food, all-time favorite games, and a Christmas lesson on Jesus' birth.



Our monthly community meal will be this Wednesday,
November 5th at 5:00pm,
join us if you can for a great meal and fellowship with our neighbors.





It's time for Operation Christmas Child!

- *Empty shoeboxes are in the church sanctuary; take as many as you are able!
- *Inserts with instructions and labels are inside the boxes.
- *The church is covering the shipping costs for all our shoeboxes this year! Shipping is FREE!
- *We are once again a drop-off location for our area and will be collecting shoeboxes from surrounding churches and individuals and are in need of volunteers. A sign-up will be distributed on Realm.
- *Please contact Ashley Batcheller at 919-869-4798 if you would like to help with Collection Week this year!
- *We have a church-wide goal of 300 shoeboxes, so let's GET PACKING!
- *Shoeboxes due back to the Sanctuary by Sunday, November 23rd.
- *Important Dates:
 - Sunday, October 26th: Shoeboxes available
 - Monday, November 17th-24th: National Collection Week
 - Wednesday, November 19th: Children and Youth Packing Party - 6-8 pm
 - Sunday, November 23rd: All shoeboxes due to the Sanctuary



**Good News!
Great Joy!**
Pack a box. Impact a life.



**Drop off location
Hours of operation**

November 17 - 1pm-4pm
November 18 - 1pm-4pm
November 29 - 1pm-4pm
November 20 - 1pm-4pm
November 21 - 1pm-4pm
November 22 - 10am-Noon
November 23 - 1pm- 4pm
November 24 - 10am - Noon

Volunteers Needed!

Pittsboro Baptist Church
is a drop off location for
Operation Christmas Child

Volunteers are needed
to accept donations.

You select times and days you
would like to work.

To volunteer, contact:
Ashley Batcheller
Home: 919-869-4798
ashleybatcheller@yahoo.com

November



2	Carter Melton	21	Jay Beaver
7	Adrian Watson		Cari Ann Walls
	Debbie Holland		Palmer Walls
10	Beth Deichler	22	Susie Griffin
11	Robert & Patsy Johnson ♥		Ronnie Myers
	Melissa Harshman	23	Kathy Shaffer
15	Harry Cain		Nathan Dibb
16	John May	24	Charlie & Rachel Brooks ♥
17	Jimmy Griffin	25	Marilyn Tyndall
	Patrick Walton		Jeremy & Tara Smith ♥
	James Walton		Cari Jurius
	Sandra Goodwin	28	Beth Parker
18	Jay & Danette Baker ♥	29	Adam & Erica Melton ♥



Thank you to those Serving!



Ushers

Jimmy Griffin, Ron Watson,
Matt Cashion & Rich Trogon

Greeters

Al Goodwin & Henry Cain

Infant

Nursery
ministry

November 2 Jessica Vrvilo & Brooke Smith
November 9 Ashley Batcheller & Sunny Allen
November 16 Jon & Melissa Harshman
November 23 Tara & Jenna Smith
November 30 Jessica Vrvilo & Brooke Smith

Toddler

Nursery
ministry

November 2 Tara, Micah, & Mali McDonald
November 9 Kelly Smith & Meredith Tetterton
November 16 Amber Kilpatrick & Darby Powers
November 23 Hunter & Hannah Brown
November 30 Chelsea Shandrick & Sunny Allen



November 2 Cari-Ann Walls & Olivia Melton
November 9 Cari-Ann Walls & Olivia Melton
November 16 Cari-Ann Walls & Olivia Melton
November 23 Cari-Ann Walls & Olivia Melton
November 30 Cari-Ann Walls & Olivia Melton

checkout

News from the Pearle Johnson Memorial Library

Sunday Library Schedule

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

Small Books, Big Impact

As one who did a lot of writing in my career, I can testify it is more challenging to be brief than using lots of words to make a point. The three authors highlighted this month, however, provide potentially life-changing insight in less than 200 pages. Take some time to check-out and read one of these Pittsboro Baptist Church Library's books. Perspectives may be changed. *KTS*

Creation and Fall: Temptation by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

In this enlightening study, renowned twentieth-century theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer offers a careful textual analysis of the story of creation, approaching the biblical tale with the eye of a philosopher and the soul of a true Christian. "Creation and Fall" is Bonhoeffer's lucid, brilliant analysis of the first three chapters of Genesis. Here he discusses the seeming scientific

naivete behind the creation story, God's love and goodness, and humanity's creation, its free will, and its blessedness. Bonhoeffer also tackles difficult questions that are raised in the first book of the Bible, questions about the seemingly redundant second story of creation, about God's own beginning, about the source of the light that was created on the first day. The author then expounds on Adam and

Eve's fall from How could they, creatures made in God's image, have thought to oppose God so foully? Where did the first evil come from? How did humanity lose its right to live in paradise?

In "Temptation," Bonhoeffer questions how temptation appeared in the midst of Eden's innocence, and he explores the very nature of evil. Bonhoeffer explains that Jesus Christ helps us to understand and conquer physical and spiritual temptation through His grace and goodness. *(copied from Apple books.com)*

These are the Days of Elijah- How God Uses Ordinary People to Do Extraordinary Things by R.T. Kendall

Bestselling Author and Theologian Explores the Life and Ministry of Elijah.

Known for his in-depth yet accessible teaching, beloved author R. T. Kendall delves into the life of one of the most famous and most relatable persons in the Old Testament: Elijah.

Drawn from a popular sermon series Dr. Kendall preached at Westminster Chapel in

London, this discussion taken from 1 and 2 Kings traces the prophet's life and ministry from his first appearance and his confrontation with King Ahab until the time he is taken up to heaven. Kendall shows how even this revered prophet--an ordinary man with many imperfections--was used tremendously by God. A great study for both individuals and groups. *(copied from christianbook.com)*

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The Red Sea Rules- 10 God-given Strategies for Difficult Times
by Robert Morgan

Bestselling author Robert Morgan offers ten strategies for dealing with hard times and discouragements in order to move from fear to faith—a divine protocol for handling life.

Life is hard, especially for Christians. It is certain that we will face difficulties and that God will allow them. But just as certain is the fact that the same God who led us in will lead us out. *As The Red Sea Rules* makes comfortingly clear, He is in control.

Using the Israelites' story in Exodus 14 as an example, Robert Morgan offers ten sound strategies for moving from fear to faith. Just as Moses and the Israelites became trapped between Pharaoh's rushing armies and the uncrossable Red Sea, so are we sometimes overwhelmed by life's problems.

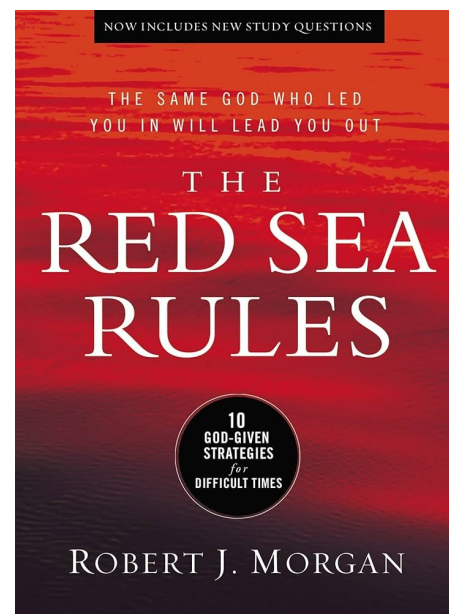
In *The Red Sea Rules*, readers will learn strategies to:

- Realize that God means for you to be where you are
- Acknowledge your enemy, but keep your eyes on the Lord
- Stay calm and confident, and give God time to work

View your current crisis as a faith builder for the future

The Red Sea Rules reveals that even in the midst of seemingly impossible situations, God promises to make a way for us. His loving guidance will protect us through danger, illness, marital strife, financial problems, or whatever challenges Satan places in our path.

(copied from amazon.com)



LIBRARY SCHEDULE

	<u>9:00-9:30am</u>	<u>10:00-10:30am</u>
November 2 -	Judy Beaver	Sue Devinney
November 9 -	Cindy Springle	Susie Griffin
November 16 -	Deborah Dismuke	Roderick Parker
November 23 -	Ann Mills	Kathy Shaffer
November 30 -	Kathy Shaffer	Kathy Shaffer

November 2025

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. PSALM 69:30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						9:30am—Bible Journaling Workshop
Daylight Savings time 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30am—Sunday School 10:30am— Sunday Service 2:30pm—Griefshare	9:30am—Staff Mtg 10:00am—Monday School	3L's meeting 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study 7:00pm—Property Mgmt Meeting	8:00am—Men's Bible Study at Bojangles 10:00am - Quilters 5:00pm—"The Table" Community Love Meal. 6:30pm - Dinner, JD's, Youth and Parent Connect			9:30am—Guitar 10:45am—Vocal 5:30pm—BLAST
9	10	Veteran's Day 11	12	13	14	15
9:30am—Sunday School 10:30am— Sunday Service 2:30pm—Griefshare - Surviving the Holidays	9:30am—Staff Mtg 10:00am—Monday School 7pm—Deacon's Meeting	6:30pm—Women's Bible Study	8:00am—Men's Bible Study at Bojangles 10:00am - Quilters 6:30pm - Dinner, JD's, Youth and Parent Connect			
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9:30am—Sunday School 10:30am— Sunday Service Family Altar Sunday	9:30am—Staff Mtg 10:00am—Monday School OCC 1:00pm-4:00pm 7:00pm—Women's Bookclub	OCC 1:00pm-4:00pm 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study	8:00am—Men's Bible Study at Bojangles 10:00am - Quilters OCC 1:00pm-4:00pm 6:30pm - Dinner, JD's, Youth and Parent Connect (packing party)	OCC 1:00pm-4:00pm	OCC 1:00pm-4:00pm 7:00pm—Dwell Event	OCC 10:00am—Noon
23	24	25	26	Thanksgiving Day 27	28	29
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9:30am—Sunday School 10:30am— Sunday Service (Lord's Supper)						