Encouragement From Pastor Peter

Keeping the people informed

"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, 'Says the LORD of hosts. Zechariah 4:6

Dear Church Family,

It is with great joy that I share with you that in October, I will be preaching a

new series of sermons on Sundays called "Spirit-Filled." This sermon series will focus on the ministry of the Holy Spirit, focusing on the ways He empowers, transforms, leads, and blesses the life of the believer in Jesus Christ. Do you understand the need that we have each day for God's Spirit to fill and empower us?



Imagine a sailboat on the open sea. The boat is well-built, the sails are strong, and the crew

navigating the seas aboard are skilled and ready for the water, but without the wind, the boat will struggle to go anywhere. Without wind, the sailboat will drift aimlessly at the mercy of the current. The crew can try with all their might to row the boat, but that would make both the journey and the joy of having the experience on the water in a sailboat slow, exhausting, and discouraging.

Now, imagine that same sailboat on the open sea traveling by the strength and power of a steady wind. The sails would catch it perfectly. The boat would surge forward, gliding over the waves, moving smoothly to its destination. The crew would find their joy in navigating along the sea due to the confidence they had in the works of the wind rather than having to rely on their own strength. Every gust of wind moves them closer to their destination. The wind, while invisible to the eye, proves powerful for their journey.

Just as the wind empowers the sailboat, so the Holy Spirit empowers us as believers in Jesus Christ. We live in a time where the power of human strength is elevated. We're at a place in society where people can create virtually anything that comes to mind, and this does not exclude spiritual experiences. While this can certainly be rewarding, it's also scary to think that we could try to "create" the impact or effects of the Holy Spirit. The danger of human strength is that it will fail. Human power may achieve goals for a season, but it will not overcome spiritual battles or accomplish eternal work. The sooner we embrace this reality in the life and ministry of our church family, the better. We desperately need the Holy Spirit. We need His unlimited strength; we need His peace and assurance; we need His abiding presence; and we need His incredible working in and through our life.

A.W. Tozier, a late pastor, magazine editor, and spiritual mentor, wrote: "The Holy Spirit is not a luxury, but a necessity. He is the power by which we live the Christian life, the very breath of God in our souls." Unfortunately, the Holy Spirit has become the forgotten God. He's not merely a force, an impersonal power, or a promoter of signs and wonders. He's also not a wish-granting genie, or a feeling in a worship service. He's infinitely greater than any of these ideas.

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Encouragement From Pastor Peter (continued.....)

My goal on Sunday mornings will be to show you in God's Word how beautiful the Holy Spirit is to the life, purpose, worship, and ministry of the believer in Christ. Together, we are going to discover who the Holy Spirit is; what He does; how He works; why



He is needed in our church; and how we can confidently and joyfully walk in His leadership. Even if you never make it to one of these messages, I want you to know and learn that the Holy Spirit is God. He inspired the Word of God. He illumines the minds and hearts of believers to understand His Truth (1 Corinthians 2:10-11; 2 Timothy 3:16). He brings us to salvation (John 16:8). He convicts of sin, makes us new, indwells our hearts, sets us apart, and seals us for the day of redemption (1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Ephesians 1:13-14). He gives us gifts to build up the Church and advance the

Gospel. He unites us in the body of Christ and produces in us spiritual fruit and holiness (Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 1:8). And even more, the Holy Spirit comforts our hearts in knowing that we have a glorious and eternal future with Christ and He will raise us to life when Jesus comes again (Ephesians 1:14; Romans 8:11). Charles Spurgeon so powerfully and accurately said: "The Spirit of God does not come to make a noise, but to make a life. He comes not to be seen, but to be felt in holiness, courage, and love." Join us on Sunday mornings (beginning October 12th), and let's learn how we can be "Spirit-Filled." Your prayers are greatly appreciated as I prepare for the messages, but please know that I am praying for you now and in the days to come that we will worship and walk in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them." **Ezekiel 36:26-27**

You are loved!



Grace Notes from Pastor Lincoln

A Reflection at 29 Years Old

Have you ever caught yourself thinking about the past or previous experiences in your life? I spent a lot of time reflecting on my birthday. I turned 29 this year. Thirty is just around the corner. People say a midlife crisis is coming, and sometimes I feel like I can already sense it. I also feel the little aches people warned me about.

I often think about the people in my life who have come and gone—some who are now in Heaven, and others who are simply no longer part of my journey. Reflecting on all of this led me to a good moment on my birthday. I want to share some thoughts I had about God—and that is truly the greatest part of what I'm going to share with you today.

1. God Is Faithful

I think about my journey to Pittsboro. When I started this path, I felt a mix of excitement and uncertainty. We had so many appointments leading up to Liam's birth, and thankfully, we made it through that season. I still remember the day I first led rehearsal with the band.

I had prayed and prayed that God would lead me to a place where the band would be faithful in His service and where they would follow Him wholeheartedly. My continual prayer during that time was: "God, I trust You. I trust You to place me in a good place and to use me where You will."

Fast forward to now—I can confidently say that God is faithful. We have so many dedicated leaders on our team, and I am thankful for their diligence in leading worship. I feel blessed that God has led me to PBC, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve here.

2. God Is Our Comfort and Provider

Life is not always easy. On our journey, we will experience both hills and valleys. While I may be young and not full of life's experiences, I can say that I've walked through both seasons. And through them all, I've found that God is both a provider and a comfort. Often, we don't think of God as our provider or comforter during the "hills," because those times feel good and easy. But even then, He is providing and comforting. Does that mean He is absent during the valleys? Absolutely not. God is our Waymaker. He may not provide or comfort in the same way during the valleys as He does in the hills, but the most important truth to remember is this: He is always providing, and He is always comforting.

3. God Has Given Us Gifts to Glorify Him

My late grandmother, who has been with Jesus for a couple of years now, suffered a lot in her life. Yet, she never allowed her struggles to steal her spirit or diminish the gifts God gave her.

She was an encourager—someone I could always call who knew exactly what to say. She was gifted in many ways, but one that stood out was her gift of service to others. When she was pregnant with my mom, she was in a car accident caused by a drunk driver. Her leg was severely broken, but when the police arrived, my grandmother—despite her own pain—took care of the man who had caused the accident. She gave him a towel to wipe his bloodied face after hitting the steering wheel and sought to comfort him. That man eventually came to faith—not because of my grandmother, but because of the way she used the gifts God had given her to glorify Him. I carry that lesson with me. No matter the circumstances, I want to use my gifts to glorify God, praying they will bless someone in need along the way.

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Grace Notes from Pastor Lincoln (continued....)

4. God Loves Us

I remember the day Liam was born. The rush of love I felt for him was overwhelming. I wanted him to know how deeply I loved and cared for him—and I felt compelled to give him as much of myself as I could.

If I, as a human father, could feel that much love, how much greater is our Heavenly Father's love for us? His love is vast beyond measure. He shows it by caring for us, gifting us with talents, remaining faithful, and drawing close to us daily. Most of all, He showed His love by sending Jesus to be the sacrifice for our sins.

This is where I'll close. God has always loved us first. He has always been there, always watching over us. As I reflect on my life, I know without a doubt that God truly loves me.

He has taken a broken man—certainly not the best of them—and He has loved me. He has comforted me through difficulties and celebrated with me in the good times. I know He will continue to do so.

God loves us all, and the greatest reminder of that truth is found in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

I love you, church family, and it is an honor to serve you.

Pastor Lincoln





September 10, 2025 Called Church Conference at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall (to approve Nominating Committee Report and Deacon election)

North Carolina Missions Offering WE ARE FUELED FOR AND BY THE LOCAL CHURCH

N.C. Baptist are sent across the state and around the world to share the hope of the gospel and bring relief to those in need.

Join the week of Prayer for the NCMO from August 31 to September 6, 2025.

Pray for...

THE SPIRAL

- Disaster relief volunteers with Baptists on Mission,
- · Physical and spiritual needs of those receiving medial and dental aid,
- Red Springs, Shelby and Rose Hill (Charity) mission camps,
- Baptist associations in North Carolina and
- SendNC sending churches and church planters. More information NCMISSIONSOFFERING.ORG

NC Missions Offering: Throughout the month of September we have the

opportunity to give to the NC Missions Offering to bring relief to those in need, help plant churches and mobilize NC Baptists for missions. Our churchwide goal for the NC Missions Offering is \$7,000.



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)

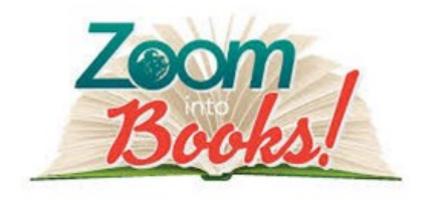
What: B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Single Truth) was designed to find joy in the ebbs and flows of this season! It's a great opportunity to get together with like-minded people to laugh, connect, and have fun in a safe, Christian environment

When: Held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 5:30 p.m.

September 13, 2025 September 27, 2025

Where: The Fellowship Hall @ PBC

Come check us out and invite your friends and neighbors!



Congratulations to the following for participating in the Pittsboro Baptist Church Pearle Johnson Memorial Library 2025 Summer Reading Program

Sofiya Chebotar*
Paisleigh Dietrich
Preston Dietrich
Jocelyn Harshman
Natalie Harshman*
Mackenzie Houston
Cassidy Howard*
Jacob Howard
Bentley Jurius*
Gabriel Jurius*

Judah Jurius*
Luke Jurius*
Reagan Kilpatrick*
Celia Parker
Kendrick Powers*
Eliza Smith*
Richard Smith*
James Vrvilo*
Palmer Walls
Preston Walls



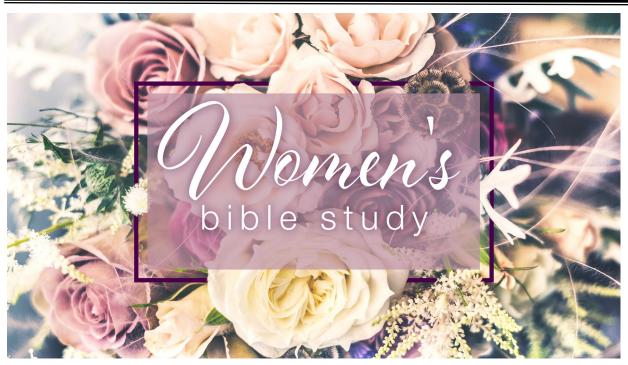
^{*} Indicates participants who completed all four levels.



Join the 3L's
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
in the Fellowship Hall
For a Covered Dish luncheon
And the Jubilee Choir



Ready to deepen your faith and sharpen your evangelism skills? Get ready for powerful teaching and practical insights that will equip you to to live out your faith boldly at our upcoming Women's Evangelism + Discipleship Conference on September 13th. #OnMissionTogether The registration deadline is September 7 and you can sign up at ncbaptist.org/womensconference. Contact Rachel Cain (940) 395-6785 to carpool.



Women's Fall Bible Studies will kick off on Tuesday, September 16th and run through November 18th meeting in the fellowship hall.

The morning session (9-10:30 am) will be studying God of Creation, A Study of Genesis 1-11and the evening session (6:30-8pm) will be studying God of Covenant, A Study of Genesis 12-50.

Please contact Rachel Cain (940-395-6785) by September 9th so we can place book orders.



Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

What to Expect

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an oasis on your long journey through grief. There are three key parts to your GriefShare experience:

Video seminar – Encouraging, information packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts. Support group – Small group discussion about the weekly video content Workbook – Journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

When & Where

GriefShare meets at Pittsboro Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Sunday afternoons, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Cost

There is a \$25 fee to participate in a GriefShare cycle. Scholarships available.

Seminar Topics and Calendar

Is This Normal? August 18 Your Grief Journey August 25 Loneliness & Sadness September 1 Self-Care September 8 September 15 Fearful & Overwhelmed September 15 Anger Regrets September 22 September 29 Grief & Your Household Grief & Your Friendships October 6 Questions for God October 13 Stuck in Grief October 20 Hope & Resilience October 27 What Do I Live For Now? November 3



You are welcome to begin attending our *GriefShare* group at any point. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will be able to pick up any sessions you missed in our next 13- week cycle.

How to Sign-up

Sign up at griefshare.org or call/text/email Julie LoRusso 336-202-7321 julie@jilcpa.com

Join Us for an Evening of Faith, Music, and Fellowship!

- Meet Pastor Andre Furmanov & his Family from Vyborg, Russia!
- Hear the Furmanov family share their inspiring testimony of God's work in Russia amidst the ongoing war with Ukraine.
- Hear beautiful music, and taste Russian delicacies

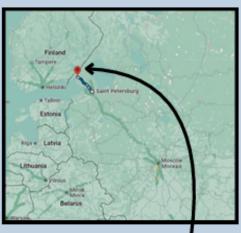
When: Sunday, September 7, 2025

- 6:00 PM: Food & Fellowship
- 7:00 PM: Testimony & Musical Performance

Where: Pittsboro Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall





Vyborg is closer to Finland than to St. Petersburg!!

Pastor Andre currently serves as the senior pastor of the Vyborg Christian Church. He also serves on staff with NOVO, raising Christian leaders and equipping churches with transformational resources. Pastor Andre and his family have taken a clear and courageous stance against the war in Ukraine, speaking openly for truth, justice, and peace. Currently, the family is spending time in the United States, where they are enjoying fellowship with the broader body of Christ and continuing their ministry with passion and purpose.



Erika is a gifted classical pianist at the Rimsky-Korsakov St. Petersburg State Conservatory, studying under the Mariinsky Theatre headmaster. She began her music training at age five and has won numerous competitions, including first place at the "Classic Stories" competition in Finland. Despite challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, she thrived academically and gained recognition in St. Petersburg. Erika also explores jazz, teaches music, and participates in her church's worship ministry. Raised in a bilingual Christian homeschooling environment, she speaks Russian and English fluently, allowing her to connect with diverse audiences. As she prepares for upcoming engagements, Erika merges her classical training with a unique artistic voice.

Emily (age 25) is a graduate of the local Medical College and now serves as a paramedic, motivated by a heart to care for others.



The Furmanov sisters have all excelled academically and professionally.

Elsie attends the Rimsky-Korsakov Music College, known for its excellence in musical training. She majors in the viola.



Guitar & Vocal Workshops

September 13, 2025

9:30am-10:30am-Guitar

10:45am-11:45am-Vocal

(If you are interested in attending one of these Workshops, please contact Pastor Lincoln).





We have our first "Feed the Stampede" for the Northwood High School football



team on Thursday, August 28, 2025. This meal will be before their home game against Asheboro High School.

We need five volunteers to help distribute the food and mingle with the players. Pastor Peter has arranged a speaker to give a short devotional to the team as they eat. If you are available to help serve, you would need to be at Northwood at 3:05 pm and plan to stay until 4:15 pm. We plan to start feeding the team at 3:20 pm.

I currently have Kathi Fassinger and me to help serve. If you would like to volunteer, please text me at 919/704-6480.

If you can't volunteer this week, there will

be other dates as we will also be serving the team on the following dates: 09/12, 09/19, 10/3, and 10/31.

God gave us a beautiful day (August 9) to love on children and youth from both the community and church for our first annual "Power Play" Sports Camp. We served over 30 kids with skills, drills, and competitions in basketball, flag football, kickball and pickleball all in a Christ-centered environment! We had a pizza lunch, Jeremiah's Italian Ice and shared a special message to everyone about how God calls us to "Power Up" through Him. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather, a wonderful space to play, an amazing group of coaches and volunteers along with the blessing of sharing the love of Christ with the young athletes! We are definitely "running this event back" next year!! To God be the glory!!













Youth Encounter/Parent Connect is our weekly ministry to children, and parents throughout the school year. We worship together weekly, have Bible studies for both children (JD's), youth (grades 6-12), and parents, share a meal, and will have a lot of fun in fellowship as we grow in Christ and spend time with God and one another. You're welcome to join us on **Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall**! Make plans now!



Come explore the life of Evangelist Billy Graham and experience the Gospel he preached for decades. We will take "The Journey of Faith" Tour together and have lunch at Graham Brothers Dairy Bar on site. Tickets for the library tour are free, but there is a cost for lunch (~\$15). Please sign up with Pam if you would like to attend! Seniors 60+ Event is on Tuesday, October 14th. We will leave PBC at 8am and return by 4pm.





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Owen Powers & Carter Melton

Greeters

Katherine Parker, Owen Powers & Ken Haynes

Infant

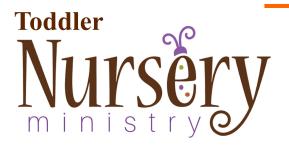


September 7 Jessica Vrvilo

September 14 Ashley Batcheller & Sunny Allen

September 21 Jon & Melissa Harshman

September 28 Tara & Jenna Smith



September 7 Tara, Micah & Mali McDonald

September 14 Kelly Smith & Karl Shaffer

Amber Kilpatrick & Brooke Smith

Hunter & Hannah Brown



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- 22 Aaron & Kelly Kivette ♥
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News from the Pearle Johnson Memorial Library

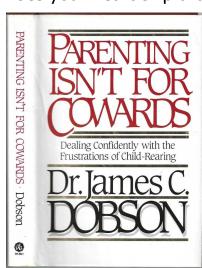
Sunday Library Schedule 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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

As children enter into a new school year, life can present new challenges. The PBC Library has numerous books that provide biblical advice from noted Christian leaders, theologians, and child experts. Some of those books may include the advice you need to face those challenges. There are two areas in the library that focus on the topic. One is under the Dewey decimal code 248.8 and the other 649. Ask the librarian where to look.

Parenting Isn't for Cowards by James Dobson

Does your heart skip a beat when



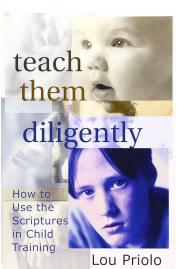
you think of all that could go wrong in the parenting years ahead? Anxiety is normal, but your worst fears don't have to become reality. Speaking both as a therapist

and a father--and drawing on a landmark study of thirty-five thousand parents--Dr. James Dobson helps you . . . prevent child-rearing troubles before they happen banish your guilt about hard-to-raise children protect your sanity during a child's ado-

lescence restore your energy when you're facing burnout enhance your relationships with your kids With more than one million copies sold, this confidence-building classic will help you experience the full joy of parenthood--and what may be the greatest sense of fulfillment you'll ever know. This description may be from another edition of this product. Teach Them Diligently- How to Use the Scriptures in Child Training

by Lou Priolo

Most of today's Christian parenting



resources fail to emphasize what is perhaps the most important aspect of true biblical parenting. That is, how to relate the Bible to the raising of our children in actual, practical ways. Whatever else you are doing to equip

your children, do you really know how to use the Bible for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness with your children? In *Teach Them Diligently* Lou Priolo has given a tool that will strengthen you in this vital area

 The option below is not a book but a study that includes DVDs and a study guide. It can be found in the Bible Study section in the library.

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Effective Parenting in a Defective World by Chip Ingram

Parents often feel helpless, as eve-



ry godly principle they teach their children seems to be contradicted by the corrupt principles of this defective world. But the good news is, God has a plan for effectively raising your children and

you can learn from it.
Packed with practical advice, this
DVD of Chip Ingram's series, Effective Parenting in a Defective World, will give struggling parents a vision for their children's future and life-changing help for today.

This series is full of practical tools

and biblical advice that will guide you through the plan God has for effectively raising children despite the world they, and you as a parent, are up against.

This eight part DVD includes the following messages:

- Intro/How to Raise Positive Kids in a Negative World
- How to Develop Your Child's Full Potential
- How to Prepare Your Kids to Win Life's Biggest Battles How to Discipline Your Child Effectively

Library Schedule

9-9:30a.m.
September 7 Judy Beaver Sue Devinney
September 14 Cindy Springle Susie Griffin
September 21 Deborah Dismuke Kathy Shaffer
September 28 Ann Mills Roderick Parker



September 2025

Learn from leaves

As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring

joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

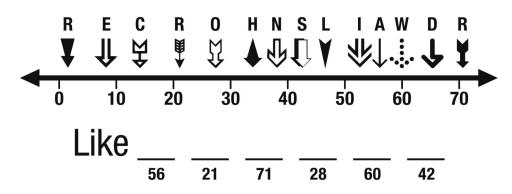
Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Office Closed— Labor Day	6:30pm— Women's Bible Study 7:00pm –Property Management Mtg	8:00am - Men's Bible study at Bojangles 10:00am - Prayer Quilters 5:00pm - "The Table" Community Love Meal	4	5	6
9:30am - Sunday School	8 10:00am—	9 10:30am—3L's	6:30pm—Dinner, JD's, Youth & Parent Connect (Returns) 10 8:00am - Men's Bible	11	12	13 5:30pm—BLAST
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Our heavenly Father loves families and has a special purpose for each generation.

Directions: Use the key to match the number of each arrow with the correct letter.



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born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

PSALM 127:4-5, NIV