

Pleasant News

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church

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WORSHIP TIMES

8:45am	Bible Study Groups
10:00am	Worship in the Sanctuary

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Inspiration Point

Luke 7:36-50 (Paraphrased). A Pharisee asked Jesus to come and have dinner at his house so Jesus went. When he sat down to eat, a sinful woman from town came and stood behind him and broke out a beautiful Alabaster Box full of ointment. She stood at his feet and began to weep, washing his feet with her tears and drying them off with her hair! She kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who invited Jesus saw this, he thought to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known what manner of woman this is that touched him for she is a sinner!"

Jesus said to the Pharisee, "Simon, I have something to say to you." The Pharisee answered, "Say on." "There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pieces of silver and the other one owed fifty. When they had nothing to pay, he forgave them both. Tell me now, which of them will love him the most?"

The Pharisee answered and said I suppose that he to whom he forgave the most. Jesus said unto him, "You have judged rightly." Jesus turned to the woman, and said to him, "Do you see this woman? When I came into the house, you gave me no water to wash my feet, but she has washed my feet with her tears and has dried them with her hair.

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You gave me no kiss, but since I came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Her sins which are many are forgiven for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven he loves little." Jesus said unto her, "Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you, go in peace."

In the Scriptures that we have just read, we see the story of a woman who brought an expensive ointment and anointed Jesus' feet as He sat at dinner. She was a sinner and would have been considered unclean. For her to touch Jesus or for Him to touch her would have made Him unclean. The Pharisee wondered about all that, but you see, Jesus loved the sinners! He loves us while we are yet sinners! This woman's name is Mary and she is a sister to Martha and Lazarus. Mary was forgiven of much and so she loved much!

I too was a vile sinner. I was a professional sailor! I cursed, I drank, I partied, I ran around, I lied and many other things. But one day some 49 years ago, I met the Lord Jesus Christ and He changed me! He changed me from the inside out! He delivered me from all those things and set me free from the guilt and condemnation that I was under because of all those things! I had a mountain top conversion experience! It took me three years to get my feet back on the ground. I was so heavenly minded that I was of no earthly good! But God decided that I was trustworthy and that He could use me. He has put me through many trials and tribulations, and many of them have been very painful! But I can tell you now that it has all been worthwhile! "He touched me! Oh, He touched me! And oh, the joy that fills my soul! Something happened and now I know, He touched me and made me whole!"

Many of you have had marvelous conversion experiences too! Some of you have shared those experiences with others, and many of you have seen the lives of others changed as a result of hearing your experiences! This is a good thing! Those troubles and trials that Jesus brought you through have become your testimony. They are powerful tools for you to build upon and to use to share your faith with others! What you do not realize is that everyone else out there in the world is hurting just as you were when you found Jesus and made him Lord! No one has shared the Good News with them yet on a one-on-one basis! The things you have to share will have the same effects on them as it did on you when you heard about what Jesus can do for you!

This is my message for you today, I want you to begin to share what Jesus has done for you as you go about your daily life! I don't want you to make a long-drawn-out story about all the sin and evil that you were into, but share enough of it to demonstrate what the Lord had to pull you out of! Then, tell of His love for you, and how you felt as He acted in your heart to change the way you think and act! Then tell about what He is doing in your life today!

Christianity is a lifestyle and it is exciting and dynamic! If we are following Jesus and being obedient to His calling on us, we can see miracles every day! Right now is the perfect time to begin! May you be especially blessed today!

Brother Phil

From the Pastor's Desk



<u>One of the most important reasons for coming to a live worship service is to sing hymns</u>. When you are not physically present in Sunday worship, **(and most of us miss church because we choose not to come for reasons of convenience)** you miss out on the Scriptural teaching that the hymns contain within their words. That is why I want to share with you this devotional that came across my desk this past week. These are words of wisdom that you should consider as it relates to your spiritual commitment to Jesus Christ. – Pastor Byron

"Why the Songs May Matter More than the Sermon"

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. - Colossians 3:16

CONSIDER THIS

Have you ever thought of singing songs to God as a way of teaching and admonishing one another with the message of Christ? I haven't either.

We pretty much think of teaching and admonishing as coming from one person who stands in the front of a room, delivering a message to a group of people who listen.

As I reflect on today's text about letting "the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts," I can't help but think of the church of my childhood. I grew up in a small church in rural Arkansas. We were there every Sunday, and I have the Perfect Attendance pins to prove it. When I get still and listen, I can still hear the singing . . .



- On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering of shame. And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain . . .
- A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amidst the flood of mortal ills prevailing . . .
- 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word; just to rest upon his promise; Just to know thus saith the Lord . . .
- When we walk with the Lord, in the light of his Word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey!
- Love divine, all love's excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art, visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

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I never imagined that while we were singing to God we were teaching and admonishing one another, but when I think about it now, that's exactly what happened. The singing wasn't particularly good, but the message of Christ was undeniable. I can still hear Peepaw's voice singing out above the crowd, loud, proud, and slightly off-key. I could pick my parents' voices out of the choir. My best friend, Jeff, sat a few rows back. Though he couldn't carry a tune in a bucket, he added his voice to the cacophony of teachers anyway. At the time it seemed pretty ordinary. I see it now as a glorious treasure, extraordinary richness.

So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.

Though I know they mattered, I can't remember a single sermon. I can't forget the songs. Same for you? I think Paul may be onto something here . . . but what?

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. (v. 16)

Never Stop Singing. Write it on the back side of Domino #3/16.

THE PRAYER

Abba Father, we thank you for your Son, Jesus, who is our story and our song. He is the message and the melody. Awaken me to my singing voice, even if I can't sing, because it's not about the singing but the song. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



THE QUESTIONS

- 1. What songs come to mind in your memory?
- 2. What is it about songs and singing that teach us at another level than speaking and sermons?
- 3. What about this dynamic of a group of people teaching and admonishing each other in this way? Ever considered that?

For the Awakening, J.D. Walt

> Christ above all, Pastor Byron

THE FOLLOWING GIFTS WERE MADE TO THE CHURCH IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF:

IN MEMORY

Glen Reynolds Peggy Pace – Family Life Center

Foy Lee Phillips Peggy Pace – Family Life Center

Louise Cobb Peggy Pace – Family Life Center

Grace Nixon Tim and Terri Honeycutt – Cemetery Fund Roy and Margaret Parker – Family Life Center

Nancy Brown Don Brown – For Mother's Day

Iola Burns Winesett Peggy Pace – Family Life Center

Anna Therrell Peggy Pace – Family Life Center

Carson Watts Cathy Hammond

Judy Smith Steve and Maria McClure Peggy Pace – Family Life Center Sylvia Chapman Steve and Maria McClure Ray and Trena McClure – Cemetery Fund

Judy Watts Double Ring Sunday School Class – Family Life Center Nadine Williams – Family Life Center Laura Gilleland Cathy Hammond Roy and Margaret Parker – Family Life Center Don Chewning Jody Jessup Michael Bledsoe Steve and Karen Dellinger **Hazel Sanders** Brenda Watkins – Cemetery Fund Steve and Maria McClure Anonymous Terry Kelly – Cemetery Fund Ray and Trena McClure – Cemetery Fund Tim and Terri Honeycutt Bob and Bonnie Bridges Don Brown **Robert and Coretha Ferrell**

IN HONOR

Ted Mitchell Double Ring Sunday School Class – Family Life Center



The Recipe Box

Ahhh...The foods of summertime!!! When we think of foods that are enjoyed during the summer months many of us think of homemade ice cream, cold slices of watermelon, juicy tree-ripened peaches, and the bounty of fresh vegetables that come from our backyard gardens. But there is no daily dish that rivals the many variations of the most basic, staple, and time-saving summertime offering...the humble sandwich! For many of us summer truly arrives when we put a thick slice of home-grown tomato, slathered with Duke's mayonnaise, between two slices of white bread. For others the easy, cool, egg salad, chicken salad, and pimento cheese sandwich fits the bill. And most adults can say, as they look back over their childhood, "We wouldn't have grown up at all without the peanut butter and jelly sandwich!"

Have you ever thought about elevating the sandwich? Adding a couple of simple ingredients that will just take this simple fare to the next level? Delighting your palette with a new twist on the flavors of the club sandwich? <u>The Turkey Cobb Club</u> sandwich takes the basic club and adds boiled egg and avocados with a sprinkling of blue cheese crumbles, to put together an explosion of flavors that is sure to delight! This recipe comes from Our State Magazine and first appeared in the March 2021 issue. The out-of-the-norm ingredients provide additional protein and with a little bit of advance preparation, the sandwich comes together quickly and easily. Put some fresh fruit, a side of coleslaw, or a pile of crisp potato chips alongside this beautiful sandwich and your simple lunch becomes a real treat!!!

Turkey Cobb Club (makes four whole sandwiches)

16 strips thick-cut bacon, cooked crispy
4 hard-boiled eggs, sliced
12 slices white bread, toasted
¾ cup to 1 cup Duke's mayonnaise
10 Romaine lettuce leaves
3 avocados, sliced
Salt and pepper to taste
4 ounces blue cheese crumbles
16 slices roasted or slow-cooked turkey breast

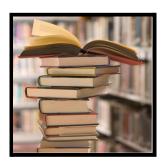


Arrange three bread slices in a row. Spread a tablespoon of mayonnaise over one side of each slice. Place a lettuce stack on top of the first bread slice, top with two avocado slices, and

season with salt and pepper to taste. Place two bacon strips over the avocado and top with two slices of turkey. Sprinkle turkey with salt and pepper to taste.

Repeat with the second bread slices and add sliced eggs and blue cheese crumbles. Carefully place the second stack on top of the first, turkey side up. Cover with the third bread slice, mayonnaise side down. Use four long toothpicks to secure the sandwich. Using a serrated knife, cut through diagonally to make four wedges. Repeat the entire process with the remaining ingredients to make three more sandwiches.

Recommended Reading



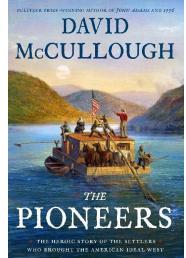
This month, we have another selection for all the history buffs out there!

So much of the time we become fixated on our times, our problems, our challenges, our hurdles. And, without a doubt, we have all experienced a degree of difficulty as we navigate this life. However, if we take a good look back at what our forefathers experienced, in order to advance society and bring our nation to maturity, we can quickly realize that our hardships don't hold a candle to what they endured. It is in taking stock of the sacrifices that have been made in the past that we can gain a better perspective and appreciation for the life that we are afforded today.

<u>The Pioneers</u> – The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who al West, by David McCullough, gives the reader insight in

Brought the American Ideal West, by David McCullough, gives the reader insight into an important chapter in the American story that's as resonant today as ever – the settling of the Northwest Territory. This story of courageous pioneers who overcame incredible hardships to build a community based on ideals that would define our country comes alive in a way that we have come to expect from Pulitzer Prize-winning author McCullough.

As Great Britain recognized the new United States of America as a part of the Treaty of Paris, Britain also ceded the land that made up the immense Northwest Territory. The Territory was comprised of a vast wilderness empire northwest of the Ohio River containing the future states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Manasseh Cutler, a minister from Massachusetts, was instrumental in opening this territory to veterans of the Revolutionary War and their families for settlement. As a part of the ordinance that made this move possible, three remarkable conditions were included: freedom of religion, free universal education, and most importantly,



the prohibition of slavery. In 1788, the first band of pioneers left from New England for the Northwest Territory under the leadership of Revolutionary War veteran General Rufus Putnam. They eventually settled in what is now Marietta on the banks of the Ohio River.

With David McCullough's signature narrative energy, this revelatory American story is told through five major characters: Cutler and Putnam; Cutler's son Ephraim; and two other men, one a carpenter turned architect, and the other a physician who becomes a prominent pioneer in American science and natural studies. They and their respective families created a town in a primeval wilderness, while dealing with such frontier realities as fires, floods, wolves and bears, the lack of roads and bridges, and no sure promises of any sort, while continually negotiating a sometimes hostile and always contentious relationship with the native people of the land.

McCullough uses, as the basis for a great part of his writing, a rare and all-but-unknown collection of diaries and letters by the key figures. The resulting work, <u>The Pioneers</u>, is a uniquely American story of people whose ambition and courage led them not only to survival, but also to remarkable accomplishments.

<u>The Pioneers</u> is well worth your time. You will find yourself drawn into the story of these tenacious and optimistic settlers. You will become invested in their story and will come to better appreciate all that it took to achieve this chapter of our nation's story. We truly believe that you will learn from, and enjoy, the time you spend in this part of our story!!! This book is available from many booksellers and can now be found in Pleasant Grove's Lending Library. Happy Reading!!!

News from United Women in Faith



The United Women in Faith will have their Spiritual Growth Retreat this year at Lake Junaluska from June 9th to June 11th. The theme this year is "Come to the Water," and the retreat leader is Rev. Tammy Ingram. To attend, all participants are required to be fully vaccinated with a booster and provide proof of vaccinations. Registration is online. If you are interested in attending and would like more information, please contact Jeannie Upton. It

has been some time since Pleasant

Grove was represented at this retreat and it would be great to have one or more of our members there.

Circles #3 and #6 will have a joint meeting in July. This will be a covered dish supper on July 12th beginning at 5:00 PM. We hope to have a Metro District officer to join us for this time of food, fellowship, and a little bit of business. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.



Thanks to Circle #6 for visiting many of our shut-ins on May 10th. This is a very

important part of who we are as a church and we are sure that our ladies were welcomed by these precious church members. Circle #6 encourages the church family to visit those who can't get out and about. You will be blessed more than you could imagine! And it's always good to see someone from the Family!!!



Here We Go Again, Pleasant Grove!!!

Pleasant Grove has supported Roof Above in many different ways over the years. We were one of the first congregations to host Room in the Inn and we continued to do so for many years. We have collected cold weather gear for use with their street ministry. We have, most recently, donated Fresh Start Kits for their clients who are moving into transitional housing for the first time. And with each of these efforts we have been attempting to live into their motto, "Uniting the community to end homelessness."

Now, as the hot, humid weather of a Carolina summer approaches, we have become aware of some pressing needs. During the month of June, Pleasant Grove will be collecting five very specific items to help our homeless neighbors. The items needed are:

New bath and hand towels Foot powder Deodorant Individually wrapped toothbrushes Travel-sized toothpaste

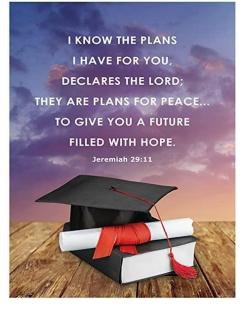


Please plan to bring your donations to the bins located at the front of our church sanctuary. At the end of June these will be delivered to Roof Above and will offer some much-needed aid to those in need. This is just another way for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus...giving His love to His people!!!

Honoring Our Graduates

Each year, at Pleasant Grove, we are so blessed to be able to recognize an amazing group of graduates. These young people leave us awestruck with all that they have accomplished. They have grown up in our church family and have now come into their own as they strike out into higher education or the grown-up world of jobs and responsibilities. No matter their plans, we know that these graduates are grounded in their faith and will serve as a strong witness for Jesus Christ, whether on campus or in the job place.

On Sunday, June 5th, we will once again honor our graduates. Some of our graduates finished in December of 2021. Others have just now finished in the Spring of 2022. On this very special Sunday our graduates will be together with us in the sanctuary for worship, to be recognized in front of their church family, and they will give us the privilege of praying over them as they move on to what's next. Please make plans to be present on Sunday, June 5th, as we celebrate together as a family.



Here are our graduates for this year:

<u>Kaylan Maria Brown</u> – Kaylan has graduated from Mountain Island Charter School. She is the daughter of Eric and Karen Brown. During high school Kaylan enjoyed her high school dances, including the prom. She loved being a part of the softball team and making it to the final four round of state playoffs. She also enjoyed her senior trip to Universal Studios. Kaylan will be attending Lenoir Rhyne University in the fall and plans to study nursing.

<u>Emma Leigh Sanders</u> – Emma has graduated from South Point High School. She is the daughter of Steve Sanders and Jennifer Sanders. As a junior in high school Emma served as Junior Marshal for the Class of 2021. During her senior year she fondly remembers the entire senior class running the halls of the school on the first day of senior year. Another fun memory for her is that their football team went to the fifth round of the state playoffs this year. Emma will be attending North Carolina State University in the fall and plans to study accounting.

<u>Cameron Scott Brown</u> – Cameron is the son of Eric and Karen Brown. Cameron has graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He now has a job with Rodgers Builders.

<u>Michael Gray</u> – Michael is the son of Bobby Gray and Maria Chamberlain. Michael has graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in Physics and Marine Science. He is currently working on his Master's degree in Physical Oceanography at North Carolina State University.

Brittany Primm Henderson – Brittany is the daughter of David and Lynette Primm, the wife of Jarryd Henderson, and the mom of Carleigh, Abby, and Lucas. Brittany has graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in Business Administration and Healthcare Management. She plans to move into a new management role within The Retina Institute, where she is currently employed.

<u>Kyle Price Holcomb</u> – Kyle is the son of Todd and Windy Holcomb. Kyle has graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a degree in Marketing and a minor in American Studies. He is currently seeking employment in the field of marketing.

After-School Care Post



School is almost over and the children are excited! Some are testing and soon the end of year parties and goodbyes will commence. Here at After School Care, the kids made cards for Mother's Day and gave their moms a drawing of their silhouette. We send a big "thanks!" to Mrs. Upton, as she did the silhouettes and they were absolutely beautiful! We are sure that the moms will cherish them for many years to come. As of now we are working on art projects that reflect the beauty of May flowers.

We are excited about Summer Camp with NO MASKS! We are still being cautious so that we won't have to return to wearing them. If you know anyone who needs child care for the summer, please have them contact us soon as we have limited spaces available at this time.





We are also looking for someone interested in working at Summer Camp this year. If you would like to join in some summer fun, give Sherrie Cannon a call at 704.393.7895. We are available from 2:30-6:00 PM, Monday through Friday until the close of school. We would love to hear from you.

Last, but certainly not least, we would like to thank our Pleasant Grove Family for the wonderful acknowledgement and gifts on Teacher Appreciation Day! Thank you!!! We are so blessed to be a part of this church. We hope that Pleasant Grove knows what a much-needed service we provide for the families of our community and we thank you for providing us the space to make this ministry happen. Thanks again!!!





PG Prayer Lunch

The PG Prayer Lunch meets every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at The Stockyard Restaurant. Everyone...men and women, church members and friends, are welcome to join us. We would love to have you with us for this time of food, fellowship, and prayer as we come together seeking God's power and presence in our lives and in the world around us.

Thursdays - 11:30 AM - The Stockyard

Happy Father's Day

In many places in the Bible, we read about Fathers and their sons. In the King James Translation they called them "Begat". In my family it would read, Harden T. Turner who begat James R. Turner who begat Hugh G. Turner, who begat James B. Turner, who begat James P. Turner, who begat James P. Turner, Jr. and so on. Each of you have your own line of begats going back into your line of ancestors! Most times, as we learn about our ancestors, we are surprised about how long they lived, and how many children they brought into the world. There was no birth control back then, and the practice of medicine was crude at best. Many children died at very young ages! I would expect that that is the reason we still practice children's baptism. I want to remember one Biblical Father and his love for his children in this article!



To start with, we want to wish all our Fathers a very Happy Father's Day! June 19th is Father's Day and all of us want it to be special for you this year! Our story is found in Luke 15:11 – 32, and we are talking about the Prodigal Son Story! But we want to look at the father, not the son! The story is too long to print here, but please read it for yourself! Dad had raised his children (two boys) right and had taught them how to live peacefully in their society! However, the youngest son was rebellious and thought he could do better than his father! He wanted to strike out on his own and maybe live a little! Dad was a property owner with lots of cattle and sheep. He had made a decent living for his family! The younger son wanted his share now, while he was young and

could enjoy himself. Working the farm was boring and limited his good time ideas! Dad did not like the idea, but decided to cash him out anyway, which he did!

As soon as he was out of sight of his father, he found new friends! They had seen him spending his funds on all sorts of naughty and foolish things, and they wanted in on it! Now, the Bible teaches us that "A fool and his money are soon parted!" It was not too long before the son's money ran out and he became hungry! While they hung around closely while he had money, they were nowhere to be found now! Poor Dad is worrying about his son! He knows that his son is not wise in the ways of the world, so he goes down to the road and watches for him every day, with no luck! Finally the son decides it is time to go home and beg for mercy!

Many of us have had foolish children who strike out on their own following their foolish friends or maybe even drugs or alcohol! They are out there and we hear no word from them for months or maybe even years! We may have had seriously bad words and a harsh falling out, but if you are where God wants you to be, it is time to seek them out and bring them home! Maybe they have illegitimate children now, or maybe they are still crackheads, but they need our help! Go get them and bring them home! Welcome them! Get them the professional help they require! Love them! No condemnation! Our story's father welcomed his son with open arms, and restored him to the family with celebration! Be the father God wants you to be! Love those God gave you, and remember, they need your love and respect!

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Here is a little poem for you, the author is unknown: There are little eyes upon you, and they are watching night and day; There are little ears that quickly take in every word you say; There are little hands all eager to do everything you do; And a little boy who is dreaming of the day he will be like you. You are the little fellow's idol, you are the wisest of the wise, In his little mind about you, no suspicions ever rise. He believes in you devoutly, holds that all you say and do, He will say and do in your way when he is grown up to be like you. There's a wide-eyed little fellow who believes you are always right, And his ears are always open and he watches day and night; You are setting an example every day in all you do, For the little boy who's waiting to grow up to be like you!

Now this little poem is describing a little boy, but it is no less relevant about little girls and their fathers too! Remember, Fathers are who give their daughters away to other men who are not nearly good enough so they can have grandchildren who are smarter than everyone else's!

Happy Father's Day! Be sure to honor your fathers on the 19th!

Happy Father's Day "The righteous who walks in his integrity blessed are his children after him!" Proverbs 20:7

Brother Phil





A Partnership That Benefits The Community

Our neighbors at Oakdale Elementary School recently expressed an interest in supporting one of our community outreach mission efforts. They acknowledged the work that Pleasant Grove does to help out at the school and wanted to join with us in making a difference elsewhere in Oakdale. So, for two weeks in May, they put out a call to their teachers, staff, and students to donate canned goods for Oak Grove



Food Pantry. The result was a generous gathering of canned goods and shelf-stable items to add to the full bin of food that we have collected during May.



Now, with the partnering of church and school, we have an awesome amount of food to take to Oak Grove! These donations will, no doubt,

help numerous families as they struggle to put food on the table during these trying economic

times. Thanks to Oakdale School for reaching across Pleasant Grove Road and joining hands and hearts with our church family! Together, we can, and DO make a difference!!!





Recent Sighting



It has been reported to the volunteers at Pleasant News that Byron Alexander and Colin Winslette were recently spotted engaging in some parking lot outreach here on our campus. Witnesses tell us that these two wonderful men were seen handing out breakfast biscuits and coffee to the parents of the children who attend our daycare program! What a wonderful way to reach young families...the mission field that comes to our doorstep five days a week! Along with the gifts of food, good conversation, and a smile to start the day, these young parents had it

clearly communicated to them that they are loved by Pleasant Grove and by God!

While Byron and Colin eluded the camera, it does not go unnoticed that they represented our sweet church in a truly remarkable way! Thanks to both for just putting themselves out there and loving on the young families of our community! What a blessing these two men are to Pleasant Grove!



The Church Family received this note of thanks from the family of Judy Watts:

The Watts family would like to thank the church and all of Mom's friends and family for the outpouring of love and support that we have received. It has been a difficult time since our dad only passed away 13 months ago. We brought our mom home from the hospital under hospice care on February 21st. During the eight weeks and six days we had with her, we received 73 cards, approximately 30 meals, baked goods, snacks, flowers, visits, and more texts and calls than we can count. God's goodness was displayed at every turn. You have been the hands and feet of Jesus to our family and we are so grateful.



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The Church Family extends our deepest sympathies to:

The family of Judy Watts upon her passing.

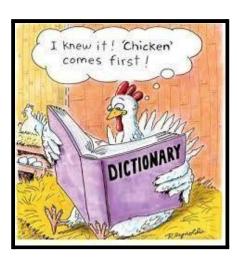
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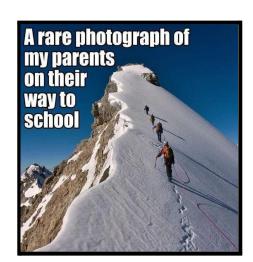


I was at lunch with an old friend & pointed to two elderly ladies across the room and said "That will be us in 10 years." She said: "That's a mirror."



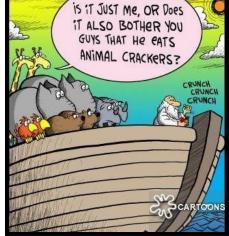














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