#### A word from your Pastor ...

As we step into the New Year, many people are making resolutions, commitments, or striving to "turn over a new leaf." There's something refreshing about this season—a sense of excitement and opportunity for a fresh start. Whether it's beginning anew, starting over, or adopting a new habit, the New Year offers a chance to refocus and realign our priorities.

I recently came across a statistic that only 38% of people make New Year's resolutions. This didn't surprise me—I find myself among the other 62%. This year, instead of a resolution, I made a commitment.

My hope for you is that you don't let this new beginning pass by without embracing the opportunity to start something meaningful in your life. Throughout Scripture, we are called to commit ourselves wholeheartedly to the Lord.

1 Kings 8:61 - "Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."

Proverbs 16:3 - "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

Psalm 37:5 - "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."

This year, I challenge you to make a commitment to the Lord. Commit to growing in your relationship with Him. Commit to being faithful to the church. Commit to joining a Sunday School class and deepening your understanding of His Word. If resolutions don't feel right for you, let this be the year you make a meaningful commitment to the Lord.

In Him, Bro. Justin

Thoughts from your Youth Minister

Hey Pine Grove, Zeke here! I just wanted to briefly inform you of some of the things going on our youth ministry this year! First of all, we are extremely blessed and excited to be partaking in the Pearl River Baptist Association's joint youth Disciple Now! This year's theme is pursuit, and our desire follows that theme, to see youth faithfully devote their lives to Christ and pursue Him without reservation!

Later in the year, we have a great deal of fundraising activities that we plan to host in order to raise money for our upcoming summer camp, which will be held at Shocco Springs in Talladega, Alabama! One which is already available in the form of our Hoodie Fundraiser! If you would like a hoodie, please reach out to the office or come see us in the office! If you know anyone who would be interested in attending youth summer camp, please reach out and we'd be happy to answer any questions you might have!

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for their support in these months! The youth and I have been absolutely blessed by y'all's prayers, generosity and presence. I would ask that you continue to pray for our youth, that they would continue to be transformed by the living Word of God!

God bless, Zeke Tatum

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me" –CS Lewis.

PS: check out Psalm 95 today! :)

#### A Message from your Music Minister...

As we enter 2025, let us draw inspiration from Psalm 95:1-2, which says, "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song." Christians, your voices are a gift from God, a vessel to bring hope, healing, and joy to His people. Every note you sing is an offering of praise, touching hearts and lifting spirits. Remember, your ministry is more than music—it is a divine calling to spread His love and light. Step into this new year with renewed passion, unity, and faith, knowing that your dedication glorifies the Lord and inspires all who hear you.

Choir practice will resume January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @5PM. Come and join us to use the gift He has given us to glorify His holy name.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthday to Youl

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| 1 – Jeanette Stuart | 22 – Roma Daughdrill     |
| 4 – Janet Guidry    | 23 - Brett O'Neal        |
| 5 – Ernest Odom     | 23 – Ricky Ramos         |
| 11 – Judy Byrd      | 24 – Lindas Duncan       |
| 11 – Mary Ann Kirk  | 24 – Hannah Hopkins      |
| 15 – Darren Cochran | 24 – Becky Simmons       |
| 15 – Chloe Guidry   | 25 – Howard Barrett      |
| 18 – Elizabeth Seal | 27 – David "Baker" Baker |

If your Birthday isn't listed, please contact the Office so we can add your Date of Birth to our system.

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

<u>Sunday School:</u> 58 <u>Wed. Night (Student Ministry/Nursery)</u>: 14 <u>Super Seniors:</u> 18 <u>Iron Sharp:</u>9

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

January 5: Happy New Year January 12: Gary Mitchell January 19: Billy Floyd Seal January 26: Dave & Pat Suttora



### <u>NURSERY</u>

JANUARY 5: Wendy Hunter JAN UARY 12: Erica Guidry JANUARY 19: Hannah Hopkins JANUARY 26: Janet Guidry

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## TODDLER'S CHURCH

JANUARY 5: Terri Cochran JANUARY 12: Jessica Oneal JANUARY 19: Carrie Spiers JANUARY 26: Wendy Lee

### <u>COUNTERS</u>

JANUARY 5: Wendy Lee, GeAnna Ladner JANUARY 12: Lesa Haselmaier, Wendy Hunter JANAURY 19: Dianne Dusang, Rhonda Bates JANUARY 26: Heather Thompson, Sandra Seal

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<u>Sunday:</u> Fellowship (Coffee & Donuts) – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

<u>Tuesday:</u> Iron Sharp (Men's Bible Study) 8:00 AM

<u>Wednesday:</u> Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 10:00 AM(Adults) and 6:30 PM (All Ages)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6 - Heaven's Helpers - 1:00pm

- 8 Deacon's Meeting 7:30 pm
- 9 Super Senior Lunch Southern Char Steakhouse @ 11:00 am

16 – Food Pantry at 10am

17-19 - Youth D-NOW

- 26 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 27 Men's Evangelism Conference Brandon Baptist Church (Van will leave at 6:30 am)



Every Tuesday @ 8:00 am





For Visitors



Every Wednesday 10am & 6:30pm





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| SUNDAY                                 | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY      | SATURDAY                               |
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| Happy New Gearl                        |   | Iron Sharp<br>Every Tuesday @ 8:00 am<br>IRON<br>SHARPENS<br>IRON | Morning Prayer Meeting<br>Every Wednesday<br>@ 10:00 am      |  |             |  |
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| 5                                      | 6<br>1:00 pm<br>Heaven's Helpers  | 7   | 8<br>Deacon's Meeting<br>Following<br>Evening Prayer Meeting | 9<br>SUPER SENIORS<br>LUNCH<br>Southern Char<br>Steakhouse<br>11:00 am | 10          | 11                                     |
| 12                                     | 13  | 14  | 15   | <b>16</b><br>10 AM Food Pantry   | 17<br>D-Now | 18<br>D-Now                            |
| D-Now                                  | 20  | 21  | 22   | 23   | 24          | 25                                     |
| 26<br>Sanctity of Human Life<br>Sunday | 27<br>Evangelism Conference<br>at Brandon Baptist<br>Church<br>Van will leave @6:30am | 28  | 29   | 30   | 31          | ************************************** |