



**Volume 8, Issue 1
January Newsletter of Petal First Baptist**

Dear <<First Name>>,

It's here! The beginning of a new year and a new decade. A time of a fresh start. I don't want to overdo the idea of 2020 vision, but it is something that has been a part of our church family for the past 5+ years as we worked toward what we call Vision 2020. It is the layout and foundation of what we wanted to accomplish by 2020 and then beyond. We have launched many of those initiatives and goals and most importantly our **Vision Frame**. We will continue to work toward fulfilling this vision and implementing it throughout the year and even into the next decade.



Remember our **Mission**? **THE WHAT?** It's engaging people with the hope of the Gospel to see lives transformed! That's our focus, our hope and our direction. **THE HOW?** **The Map:** We must all Connect, Grow, Commit & Go as we work our way around that transformation journey. **THE WHY?** Our **Motives** guide us as a church to what we value the most. **THE WHEN?** When do we know that we are fulfilling this mission? We find it in our **measures** where we ask the tough questions of the ABC's: How Am I Living Authentically, Biblically, Connectedly, Desperately, Evangelistically & Faithfully? This then sets the **Vision** of where we believe the Lord is

leading us in the next few years and beyond. I'll share more about this on **Sunday, January 12th**, when I share my state of the Church Message as a part of our **brand new series entitled Worth It**.

One of our 1-3 year goals was creating a culture of generosity in our Church Family. We realized in order to do that we had to help people first come to a place where they could be free to give and for many to be out of debt. That's why we are launching this **new church wide emphasis entitled Worth It** we've been talking about for several months! It helps us fulfill our mission of seeing lives transformed. I can't encourage you enough to be a part of this and to not miss one single Sunday. We will do a pre-launch this Sunday with my message entitled "A New Normal". Then we will launch, **beginning January 12th, with Financial Peace University** that will involve our entire church. Groups will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays, 6 p.m. on Sunday nights and on Wednesday nights @ 6 p.m. (Starting January 15th).

I'm so excited about all that the Lord is going to do. I can hardly wait to see what the Lord will do and the freedom that will be found as many begin to find their way out of the bondage of debt!! Let me encourage you to sign up at church or online @ www.petalfbc.com/worth-it TODAY!! It's just \$90 per family and it will be one of the greatest investments of your life!

I can hardly wait to see each of you this coming Sunday at 10:30 for Worship only. Be sure to stop by the Worth It Table and pick up your FPU book for you and your family! Let's come ready to see what the Lord is going to do in the life of Petal FBC in 2020 and beyond!

In Christ Alone,

Brad

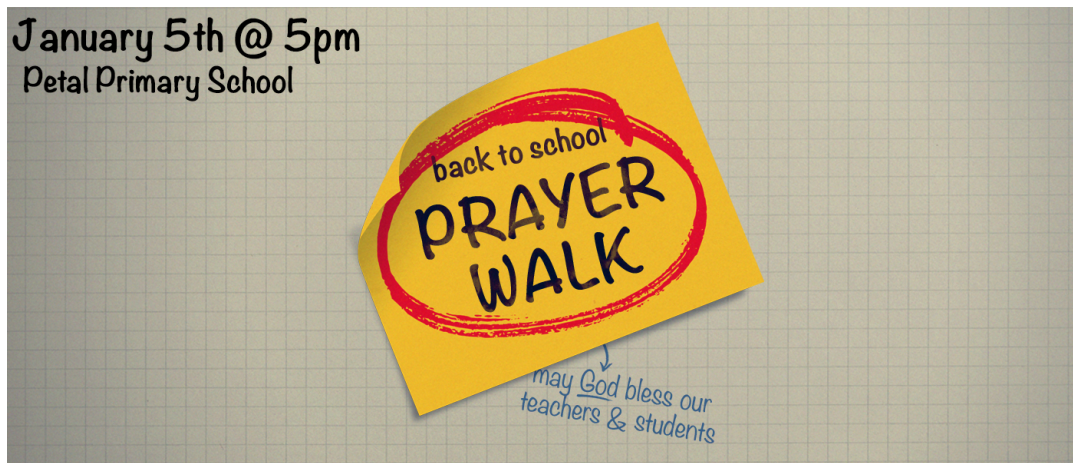


A BRAND NEW CHURCH WIDE SERIES COMING JANUARY OF 2020 that you simply cannot afford to miss! We are going to take our entire Church through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University including our students and children in LifeGroups, and Pastor Brad will be preaching a series entitled Worth It. (There will also be groups during the week as well.) This promises to

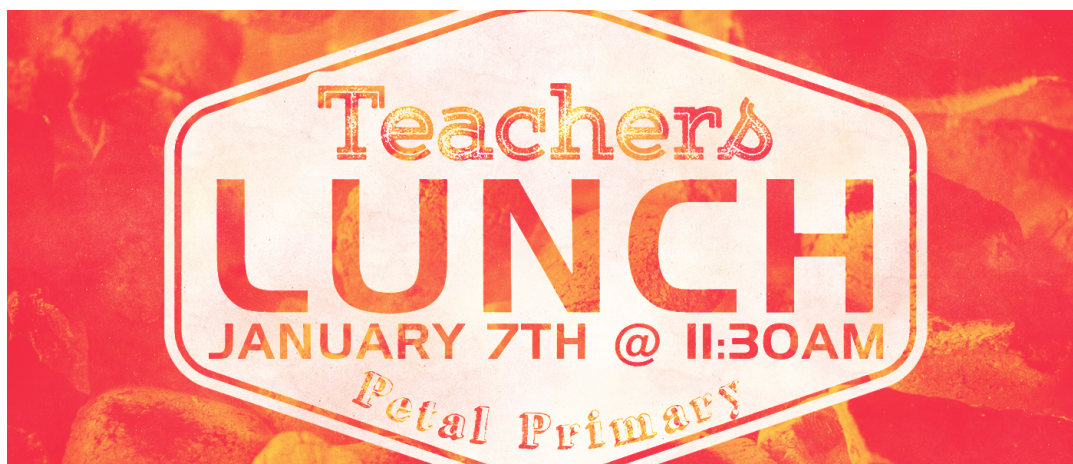
be a life-changing and altering series and opportunity for many to take their life back! More details are coming. The cost is \$90 per family and will cover everything. We guarantee you that it will be worth it! **Sign up TODAY** at church or online at www.petalfbc.com/worthit.

Dave Ramsey's
Financial *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

January 5th @ 5pm
Petal Primary School



Be sure to join us this coming Sunday night @ 5 p.m. with your whole family as we once again join together to pray over the entire PPS campus and also leave notes of encouragement, Scripture and prayer to remind the teachers, administration, staff, & students that we are praying and partnering with them! It will last about an hour! Don't miss this incredible opportunity to make an impact on PPS.



We need some help preparing beforehand and also serving the PPS Family on

our campus on **Tuesday, January 7th, @ 11:30 a.m.** Come join us as we love on and serve the teachers, staff, & administration of our adopted school, PPS.



Join us as we read through the New Testament together as a Church Family in 2020. Let's continue to dig into His Word and allow it transform our lives. It's just a 5 day reading plan and it's starts tomorrow on January 1st. See January's reading plan below.

- Wednesday January 1st: Matthew 1
- Thursday January 2nd: Matthew 2
- Friday January 3rd: Matthew 3
- Monday January 6th: Matthew 4
- Tuesday January 7th: Matthew 5
- Wednesday January 8th: Matthew 6
- Thursday January 9th: Matthew 7
- Friday January 10th: Matthew 8
- Monday January 13th: Matthew 9
- Tuesday January 14th: Matthew 10
- Wednesday January 15th: Matthew 11
- Thursday January 16th: Matthew 12
- Friday January 17th: Matthew 13
- Monday January 20th: Matthew 14
- Tuesday January 21st: Matthew 15
- Wednesday January 22nd: Matthew 16
- Thursday January 23rd: Matthew 17
- Friday January 24th: Matthew 18
- Monday January 27th: Matthew 19
- Tuesday January 28th: Matthew 20
- Wednesday January 29th: Matthew 21
- Thursday January 30th: Matthew 22
- Friday January 31st: Matthew 23



Thank you, Petal FBC, for your generous giving to the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. **Our Goal for 2019 was \$26,000+ and we have taken in \$15,754 to date. If you still feel led to give, it is not too late!** Because of your generous giving, people all around the world will hear the Good News!



2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- January 1** Church Office Closed - No Wednesday Night Activities
- January 5** Worship Only / NO LifeGroups (5 p.m - PPS Prayer Walk)



Adults and older teens (40-50 total) are needed to mentor students, K-6th grades, through the **Panther Partners Mentor Program**. Applications are available in both lobbies or on the table in the Worship Center. **An orientation is set for January 9th @ 9 a.m. at Petal Primary School for those who signed up.** Contact Brad or Rebecca for more details.



Sam's Club currently has the following items on sale through January 26:

Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli (15 oz., 12 pk.) for \$7.78

*limit is 4 per member

Kraft Easy Mac Microwavable Macaroni & Cheese (2.05 oz. Cups, 12 ct.) for \$6.98

*limit is 5 per member

Lance ToastChee Peanut Butter Crackers, Toasty Sandwich Crackers, or ToastChee Cheddar Cheese Crackers (1.41 oz., 40 ct.) for \$5.48

*limit is 5 per member

Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Variety Pack (0.9 oz., 45 ct.) for \$9.98

*limit is 10 per member

These are items that we use in the backpack ministry. If you have a Sam's card and would be willing to pick any of these items up, we would greatly appreciate it. You can turn in your receipt to the church office for reimbursement. Thanks in advance for your help!



Outlive Your Life Phase 2 Update

We completed 2 major projects in 2019: The parking lot patching/painting and 2nd Floor Student Ministry Space & unfinished side that holds the uniforms. **These projects are underway or will be in early 2020:**

- Parking lot lights upgraded and additional lights to LED
- Replacement parts for AC in mechanical building
- New Flooring in main hallways
- Renovation of preschool & children's area: new paint, decor, and flooring
- Worship Center lighting replacement/upgrade
- New Sign and & New Exterior & Interior Signage





Wednesdays @ Petal First Baptist



FAMILY FRIENDLY WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES RESUME JANUARY 8th starting with supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by opportunities for the entire family at 6:15 p.m.: Zip for preschoolers, TeamKid for children, Intersect for 6th graders, Refuge for students, and Refuel for adults. Impact for college students meets at 7:45 p.m. We hope you'll join us!

JUSTIN GRAVES



THE MUSEUM



PETAL

SAVE THE DATE

DNOW

FEBRUARY 14-16

2020

Make sure to mark your calendars **NOW** for Petal's city wide **DNOW** Weekend coming February 14-16. Parents & Students, watch for details on

cost, registration, etc. coming soon!!

THOUGH THE EARTH TREMBLES

FUGE CAMPS



2020

THE GOD OF JACOB IS OUR STRONGHOLD

PARENTS: Be sure to get in those deposits for your children and students for MFUGE and CentriKid. Students are going to Ridgecrest in North Carolina June 13-17 and children are headed to Pulaski, MS June 18-20. There are limited spots so get your non-refundable deposits in NOW!

CentriKid camps

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP AS WE DISCOVER HOW TO

WALK AS JESUS WALKED!

THE DISCOVERY

\$199 | June 18-20
\$60 Deposit - Jan 19th

1 JOHN 2:6



Cole & Kaylynn Morrow by Letter
David & Trixie Triggs by Statement
Austin & Brekae Horton by Letter
Kamiah Williams by Baptism
Harper Sims by Baptism
Kayla Grasty by Baptism



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