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**October Newsletter of Petal First Baptist**

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Dear <<First Name>>,

Fall is finally here though it doesn't feel like it! So looking forward to that first cool crisp fall morning that seems to put an extra pep in my step and seems to bring some refreshing to my soul. But in the meanwhile it's too hot and way too dry. Sometimes our spiritual lives can get like that too! Jeremiah needed refreshment in the midst of some difficult moments in Israel's history and things had not gone so well and sometimes our faith and our passion can go dry and we even have those moments of despair. Yet, in the midst of that Jeremiah writes, "Surely my soul remembers and is bowed down within me. This I recall to mind, therefore I have hope. The Lord's lovingkindness indeed never ceases, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning, Great is Your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I hope in Him. The Lord is good to those who wait on Him, to the person who seeks Him." Lamentations 3:21-25 Let me encourage you if you happen to be there for whatever cause, turn to Him, trust in Him, put your hope in Him for Great is His Faithfulness to you and to me!

One of those ways that you can be refreshed is by being in a small group whose diving into the Word and fellowshiping together each week. Let me challenge you in the month of October to be in a LifeGroup. We are having a special emphasis this month by having breakfast each Sunday beginning October 13 @ 8:40 followed by LifeGroup and then a brand new message series entitled Fall Back. We will take a look at our Map of Petal FBC of connect, grow, commit, and go and some strategic things we want to accomplish together.

I hope you'll join us tonight for the Tailgate at the Petal Football Game and then I look forward to seeing each of you this Sunday for LifeGroups and Worship where we will bring our Margaret Lackey MS State Missions offering and also nominate deacons to serve for the coming year. I pray you have a great weekend!

In Christ Alone,

Brad

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**JOIN US TONIGHT** for our Petal FBC Tailgate at 5:30 p.m. The Dyer LifeGroup will be hosting. Come out and join in the fellowship and fun - it's a great opportunity to invite a friend to come hang out with us while also supporting our Petal Panthers. **We ask everyone to bring a snack food, dessert, etc.** It's going to be a night of fun!

Also, join us in 2 weeks for the last tailgate of the year - the Rhodes LifeGroup will be hosting.





**Sunday is the ingathering day for the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions.** Our goal this year is \$4,500. An envelope will be included in the Worship Guide for your convenience. Gifts to the offering go to support mission efforts in the state including mobilizing Baptists to be engaged in missions. This year, we received funds to help with the trip in April to Southeast Asia.

SEPTEMBER 29 / 5-9PM / SOUTHERN LANES / \$15

# BELIEVERS BASH

ESCAPE ROOM • TRIVIA MAZE (FOR 3-4 PERSON TEAMS)  
TEAM ADVENTURE COURSE (FOR 7-8 PERSON TEAMS)  
3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNEY • OTHER CRAZY GAMES  
BOWLING • TSHIRT • PIZZA • DRINKS

SIGNUP AT A LOCAL CHURCH BY SEPT 22 TO  
ENSURE YOUR SHIRT SIZE & SKIP THE LINE

FOR ALL STUDENTS  
GRADES 7TH-12TH

**Believer's Bash is Sunday Night from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Southern Lanes in Petal.** The cost is \$15. Believer's Bash is for all students grades 7th-12th. There will be activities for everyone - from a trivia maze to 3 on 3 basketball to bowling and much more. Pizza and drinks are free! Students, this is a great opportunity to invite your friends! See Chris Sunday morning for more information.



**Our Student Fall Retreat is approaching quickly!** This year the retreat will be at Timber Creek Camp October 13-14. Register by October 6 to secure your student's spot. The group will leave after church on Sunday and return home Monday at 9 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person. See Chris to register.

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**Our annual Trunk or Treat will be October 27 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.** We need lots of help with this outreach! Don't miss out on this opportunity to serve our community. We will need greeters, security, parking lot attendants, candy, and trunks for the event. Contact the church office with any questions.

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Join us **Sunday morning @ 10:30 a.m.** as we finish up the **"Our Imperfect Family" message series!** Whether it's a perfect family picture someone posts on social media or a family TV show, we all know a perfect family doesn't really exist. The reality is no family is perfect. Problems and challenges aren't usually solved in 30 minutes either. Even when you look at the Bible, there were no perfect families. We know families come in all shapes and sizes, whether traditional, blended or single family homes. Our perfect Heavenly Father designed marriage and families to be the primary place of love, joy, faith, and unity.

**Beginning October 13,** we will start a new message series entitled **Fall Back,** which will be a 4 part series that will focus on our Map of Petal FBC: **Connect, Grow, Commit, and Go.**





### Update on OutLive Your Life Phase 2

**Oh what a difference just 7 months make!! The 2nd Floor space is now finally complete** (except for the technical booth) and it has been used by our Student Ministry on Sundays and Wednesdays where they have averaged over 75 students each week. Plus, our college ministry meets on Wednesdays, too, and they've been averaging over 20. This has given our students a space to call their own and additionally has freed up LifeGroup space for adult groups, too! We are continuing that journey with the next phase launching in October where we will begin work on the Children's & Preschool space, plus signage and a few other smaller projects - watch for the progress! Thank you for you giving and please continue to give so that we can continue to complete additional projects. We can't do it without you!



# Wednesdays @ Petal First Baptist



**FAMILY FRIENDLY WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES** start 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 will join us!

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## October WNS Menu

### October 2:

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese  
Brownies

**October 9:**

BBQ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans  
Banana Pudding

**October 16:**

Tacos, Rice, Refried Beans  
Cupcake Variety

**October 23:**

Spaghetti Variety, Salad, Garlic Bread  
Cheesecake Variety

**October 30:**

Pizza, Salad  
Ice Cream, Cake

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**OUR GOAL: 300 BOXES**  
**BOXES DUE NOVEMBER 17TH**

**Operation Christmas Child will kick off October 20.** Our goal this year is to send 300 boxes. These boxes are distributed to children in more than 100 countries each year. Be on the lookout for an insert in the bulletin on how to pack a shoe box. Boxes and other supplies will be available within the next few weeks. Get ready to shop! **Boxes will be due by Sunday, November 17th.** Contact the church office with any questions.

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**Don't forget to text PFBC to 970-00** to sign up for our **NEW** texting platform! Be on the lookout for more information about how you can receive updates for more specific categories. We need everyone who would like updates via text messaging to sign up, even if you were signed up for our previous platform.

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## rightnow MEDIA

We are excited to share that our church now has access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV.

Some LifeGroups are using RightNow Media as their curriculum. If you are in a LifeGroup, you should have received an official invitation email to give you FREE access to RightNow Media. **If you have not received an email but you would like a link, please let the church office know.**

Once you find the email, simply click the link, sign up for an account, and you're all set to explore more than 20,000 videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you and your family!

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Josh & Debora Grasty by Letter  
Chad & Carol Tyner by Letter  
Ben Bullock by Letter  
Jamie, Gavin, Clint, Sandra Bullock by Baptism

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*Thank You!*

Dear First Baptist,

Thank you so very much for the food, visits, and prayers during my hip surgery. What a wonderful church family! Please continue to pray for me.

God bless you,  
Paula Meadows

Petal First Baptist,

We would like to thank you for being Faithful Hope Partners. Your selfless act allows us to not only provide the necessary medical care, but to also provide them with the Hope of the Gospel to see their lives transformed. Please continue to pray for us as we pray for you.

In His Love,  
Hope Clinic Staff, Volunteers, & Board

Petal First Members,

Thank you so much for the prayers for Brock's healing and strength. There is no doubt in either of our minds that God alone deserves the glory for his remarkable recovery. We are extremely blessed to have so many people willing to pray for us throughout every phase of his recovery, and we are forever grateful. We will be forever in awe of our merciful Heavenly Father and His gracious rescue.

With our deepest gratitude,  
Brock & Nicole Whitson

Petal First Baptist Church,

Words cannot express the gratitude we have for everything you have done for us this year and all the years past. We are so blessed and thankful that you have adopted us and taken us in as your own. You have bettered the lives of many of our students by feeding, clothing, loving, and praying for them.

Thank you so much for all you have done for our students, faculty, staff, and community. We are blessed to have your support and prayers. Thanks for everything! We love you!!

PPS

Dear First Baptist Church,

Once again, you showed our new teachers true caring and fellowship! Thank you for hosting our new teachers for breakfast on their second day in our school district. They enjoyed getting to know some of you personally and you helped them feel welcome. Our theme for this year is "Better Together". This theme illustrates perfectly the relationships we have in our community. Our schools truly are better because of the partnerships we have with our churches, businesses, local organizations and community. We are thankful for your continued support of our employees and students. Please continue to pray for our students, their families and our employees as we begin this new school year.

In true appreciation,  
Margaret Tynes

Petal First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for hosting the breakfast for our brand new teachers, walking our building and praying for our students and staff, feeding the entire staff lunch on the last Friday before we received a new set of students, and for all the hard work that went into hosting the Health Fair. So many people have been touched by all of your good works. We are blessed to have all of you supporting us. Thanks for everything! We love you!

Sincerely,  
Tessa Trim  
PPS

To the body of Christ at Petal First Baptist,  
Thank you so much for your generosity to new Petal teachers! Feeding us during our training was so kind and hospitable. Thank you for serving us, praying for us, and supporting us. Your loving actions are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Key

FBC Petal Family,  
What a wonderful breakfast you provided! Thank you for taking the time to make our first few days at Petal so memorable.  
Petal is a wonderful place to live and work, and you - our churches - are the greatest factor in that truth. Thank you again for caring!

Better Together!  
Wendy Hogue  
PUES/PHS

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**Oct**  
**OnCall**  
**Deacons**

John Marsh - 601-674-1977  
Ken Sewell - 601-467-9458

The banner features a green background with a white telephone handset icon inside a circular frame on the left. The text is in white and grey, with 'Oct' in a large, bold font at the top right, 'OnCall' in a smaller font below it, and 'Deacons' in the largest, bold font at the bottom. Contact information is listed at the very bottom.



**ONLINE**  
*Giving*

CLICK HERE

The banner has a red and white background. The word 'ONLINE' is in a bold, white, sans-serif font. 'Giving' is written in a white, cursive script. To the right is a framed button with the text 'CLICK HERE' in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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monthly  
church  
calendar!



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