

PASTOR'S NOTES

Dear Friends,

How I praise the Lord for you. Here are two commendations. The first has to do with giving. In November we found ourselves in a difficult place financially. I went to God with my request. His answer was simple. Tell the truth and trust His people. So I told you what was happening and you really came through. No we haven't caught up with our budget goals, though with God's help that may happen. But we are back in the black. Giving, so far in this fiscal year exceeds expenses. So, thanks to all who have given. Remember, the fiscal year ends on March 31. Let's do our best to end well.

The second praise has to do with ministry. This comes from the pastor of a church in DC:

Happy new year to you and to the entire family of God at the Groveton Baptist Church,

We want to thank you once again for the love your church has shown to our congregation, through the donation of clothes, shoes, material for our Sunday school etc. We are a small congregation of some 30 to 40 members including the children. Everyone has benefit for these generous free will donations.

We would like to extend our special thanks to our dear sister Joyce who has worked diligently and sacrificially to make this happen. In the name of the Church of Faith in Jesus Christ, we say thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts. May the blessings of our Lord God be poured upon your ministries for opening your heart to reach others in need, keep on with your mission work.

Sincerely, your brother in the Master's vineyard,
Rev. Prosper Mupenda Bin Muzumbi, Pastor

Obed Pandit made the contact with pastor Muzumbi and arranged our assistance. Joyce Hearst, clothing ministry director, made it happen. Don Barnes just "happened" to be in the area when the van load of clothing was being loaded and helped to fill it.

Keep us informed on what is happening in your ministry. We want to write about you but can't unless we have the news about what God is up to in your work.

Join the Joy,

Dr. Phil

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

By baptism: Ephram Easley
5516 Dunsmore Road
Alexandria, VA 22315
Phone: 703-971-6510

Missed a message? Go to www.grovetonbaptistchurch.org/sermons to hear sermons by Pastor Phil.

Financial Peace University

Imagine what the people of God could do for the Kingdom of God if they were debt free!

Learn more about FPU at www.grovetonbaptistchurch.org or pick up a brochure on the free literature rack. Free Preview Sunday, February 12, 2012, 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall.

View the display of the materials in the FPU Resource Box near the entrance to the church offices. Know someone who needs FPU but many not be able to afford the materials? Two half price scholarships for \$46.50 are available on a first come first serve basis.

Recyclables Will Help Local Sewing Guild!

Please save your empty 2.2lb. Folgers Coffee containers from now to the end of February. 20 containers are needed for a special project. Place in bottom of East Hall Mailbox area or give to Mary Elizabeth Castles for delivery.

Transportation Needs

Do you know someone who has specialized transportation needs. Reach A Ride provides individuals who require transportation assistance with information about the transportation providers in their area. If you would quickly like to know who provides transportation services in our area contact <http://www.reacharide.org>.

A Big Thank You!

Approximately \$350.00 was raised for Snow Camp costs last Sunday evening at the Spaghetti Dinner! Thank you to every one who helped to make our winter trip to snow country Pennsylvania a reality. Remember to pray for our students and chaperones as they go during the weekend of January 27-29, 2012.



"We Get Letters"

The family of Sadie Mullins Reeves Sexton acknowledges with sincere thanks the kind expressions of your sympathy.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. They were appreciated very much.

Sam Reeves and family

Birthday Celebrants

January 16-31

16—Queen Makell	24—Marvin Johnson
Ted Prince	Michael Lloyd
Jordyn Renzi	25—Jerry Frazier
17—Michael Pelletier	Joseph Richards
Betty Scutt	26—Edith Kancler
18—Joetta Lloyd	27—Taylor Mack
19—Linda Surridge	28—Oliver Lloyd
20—Doris Overton	Richard Woodward
21—Manju Uddin	29—Susan Poff
23—Madu Bhatti	Ryan Rice
Frank Reeves	31—Susan Canaday

This list is compiled from resident church members and members of Adult Bible Fellowship and Sunday School. If your birthday does not appear---please send your date (including year) to info@grovetonbaptistchurch.org

PRAISES AND THANK YOU

Our Groveton Baptist Church Christmas Angels program shows God's love to our GBC families, Mt. Eagle Elementary School, our community and the Alexandria Pregnancy Center. The congregation shows God's love by sponsoring angels, donating their time, money, gifts for Gift Room and food for our party.

This year was a true blessing. We were able to bless so many families with children. We had 20 families and 46 children signed up for Christmas Angels; 5 families and 21 children more were invited to the Christmas party. I prayed over each of these families.

We received so many blessings. Mike Richards gave a concert benefit for GBC Christmas angels. We received toys and money donations. Mrs. Dorothy Courtney made beautiful hats and scarves for each of the children. The members of our church donated so many lovely gifts for our gift room. The clothing closet supplied gifts and clothing to our angels. We had so many wonderful workers setting up for the Christmas party and working during our party. Everyone gave from their hearts.

Thank you and God bless you. Keep showing and loving people into God's kingdom.

Leslie Adewale and Mission Team



Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Audrey Binder who passed away on January 11, 2012. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 13, 2012 at Greenspring Village Chapel.

Committee Assignments

January 22, 2012

Counters Group 4: Roy Poff, Bob Overton, Richard Hevenor, Cora Lee Hevenor and Richard Tyner

Ushers Group 4: Roy Poff, Bob Overton and Glenn Corrie

8:30 am Usher: Roy Poff

Extended Teaching Care Workers Week 4: Welcome Desk: Nancye Campbell; Bed Babies: Rita Nolan and Marjorie Shaner; 15 Months to 4 years: Tanna Mitee and Sharon Marshall

Deacon of the Week / Offertory Prayer: Frank Reeves

Flower Committee: Carolyn Bush

January 29, 2012

Counters Group 1: Larry Adams, Barbara Adams, Jake Kishter, Betty Kishter and James Craten

Ushers Group 5: Nancye Campbell and Richard Hevenor

8:30 am Usher: Roy Poff

Extended Teaching Care Workers Week 5: Welcome Desk: None; Bed Babies: Rosaly Lainez and Erlinda Lainez; 15 Months to 4 years: Ellen Dickenson, Shirley Flath and Peggy Proffi

Deacon of the Week / Offertory Prayer: Leslie Adewale

Flower Committee: Carolyn Bush

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Attendance Record January 1, 2012

Sunday School	n/a	8:30 am Worship	dismissed
		11:00 am Worship	125

Attendance Record January 8, 2011

Sunday School	139	8:30 am Worship	44
		11:00 am Worship	153

Our Giving Record

	December 2011	Fiscal Year to Date
Budget Goal:	\$49,333.00	\$ 443,997.00
YOU gave:	70,847.00	405,230.00
	Goal	Given to Date
Lottie Moon Offering:	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,020.90

Our Mission Is To:

Love people into the Kingdom of God

Our Purpose Is To:

Help the people of our community become committed followers of Jesus Christ by...

- **Reaching non-believers with the good news of the Bible**
 - **Honoring God through worship**
 - **Connecting with other believers**
 - **Growing in discipleship**
 - **Serving through His church**


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MATTHEW 6:26

Look at the birds of the air.
They do not sow or reap or store away
in barns, and yet your heavenly
Father feeds them. Are you not much
more valuable than they?

