

The Messenger

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Services

- Sunday School—9:45am
- Worship Service—10:45am
- Evening Service—6:00pm
- Wednesday Bible Study—7:00pm

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Excitement Abounds At The Corner of 1st & Jennings

As we begin a new year here at Pleasant View General Baptist Church, we are excited about many new changes. Recently we called Rev. Sam Martin as our new Interim Pastor.

Pastor Martin & his wife Kelly have been a welcomed addition to our Church family and we are thrilled with the excitement that has been generated in our Church.

On February 4th, Pastor Martin presented a large number of things that we can do to stimulate the growth and increase

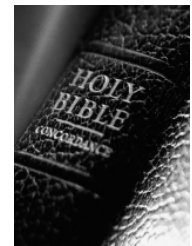
the attendance of our Church. We are looking forward to soon seeing some of these programs added and it is our hope that many of our members will participate in the activities that will be planned.

If you have any ideals of your own we welcome you to submit them so we can review them for possible consideration.

Pastor Martin has already begun a new Bible Study on Wednesday night using PowerPoint and teaching on the Old Testament Bible Characters.



If you haven't attended one of the Wednesday night Bible Studies we encourage you to check it out so you know what you are missing.



New Website to Be Announced

Our new Church website will be announced soon. Our new web address will be <http://www.pvgbc.org> More news about this will be announced at a later date.

If you have any ideals or information that you want put on the website please see Pastor Martin right away. Your ideals are important.

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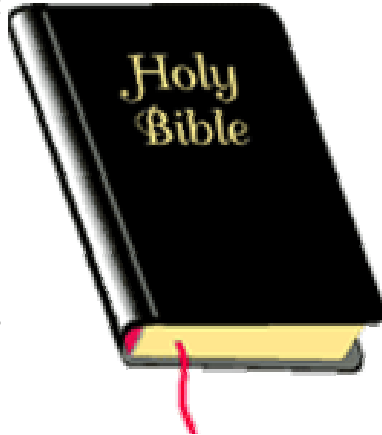
address and we will let you know as soon as it goes online.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Our Pastor is excited about the Wednesday Night Bible Study. He has begun a new series on Old Testament Bible Characters and he is presenting the lesson in a PowerPoint Presentation. This is a very informative lesson and we hope that you will consider taking out some time to come.

Usually the Bible Study is only forty-five minutes long.



Bring Your Bible

Bring your Bible and we hope you will open your mind to God's Word.

We know you will be glad you came and you will leave excited about the fact that you were able to learn new things about Old Testament Bible Characters.

We also encourage you to share with others about our Bible Study and by all means invite your friends & family to join us. We promise you won't be sorry that you did.



New Church Directory To Be Printed

Eleanor is working hard to put together a new Church Directory with up-to-date names and addresses.

She is asking that if you want your e-mail address listed to give it to her. If your address or phone number has changed since the last directory please give her the right information



so it will be correct in the new directory.

If you have any questions about this please direct them to Eleanor.

Thank you for your help in this matter!!!

From The Pastor's Desk...

When I was a teenager my Dad took me on a visit with him to a very depressed area of Chicago. We went into a house and the Mother of the children was laying on a bed with a broken leg. The house was a major mess. Dishes in the sink

were stacked to the ceiling. (Not really but almost.) My Dad set me to work cleaning the kitchen. I washed all the dishes and mopped the floor which had several layer of dirt on it. The layers were so thick that I could peel them off.

Dad had been talking to the Mother about her relationship with Jesus. I don't remember what happened, if she got saved or not but I remember

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Christian Cadet Club

The Christian Cadet Club is a youth program that was designed by Pastor Sam & Kelly Martin. The program meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-8pm and is an evening filled with fun and Bible teaching for young people.



Pastor is proposing that we start this program so that we can build up our youth program in our Church. This program operates with minimum amount of workers and is truly effective in getting young people into Church.

It is important to the future of the Church that the young people's program be established & promoted. This program is a proven method that works at getting youth into the Church

and helping the Church grow overall. It is our hope that you will join with the leaders of our Church in helping get this program off the ground.



Sunday School Is Not Just For Kids

Many times adults don't attend Sunday School because they think that it isn't for them. Don't be one who thinks that Sunday School is just for kids.

In order for our Sunday School to be a success we need adults that will come and set a good example. Young people are looking to you for an ex-

ample and it is our responsibility to set a good example.

Teachers should be ready at a moments notice to teach or to be a student in a class. It is also important if you are a teacher and can-

not teach your class that you contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Connie Patton so she can find someone to take your place in your absence.

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HOPE TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!

Prayer Request Cards

In the rack by the back door are some "PRAYER REQUEST CARDS" that the Pastor would like you to use. If you have a special need you would like for him to pray about please fill it out and give it to him or drop it in the offering plate and the



Deacons will see that he gets it. The Pastor feels that your prayers are important and he wants to pray about them but

cannot unless you share them with him.

Also there are "PASTORAL VISIT REQUEST CARDS" if you know of someone who needs a visit from the Pastor.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

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A Church With A Big Heart

We are on the WEB!
<http://www.pvgbc.org>

Pleasant View General Baptist Church is located on the corner of 1st & Jennings in Wood River, Illinois.

Pleasant View General Baptist Church is a part of the General Association of General Baptist Churches & Alton Association of General Baptist. Our Association of General Baptist Churches headquarters is located 100 Stinson Drive - Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

The movement of churches today called "General Baptists" began in America in 1823 when founder Benoni Stinson organized the Liberty Church (now Howell General Baptist Church) in southern Indiana. In 1870 the General Association of General Baptists was organized, bringing together General Baptist local associations of churches in cooperative efforts.

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after I got the kitchen cleaned he looked around to see if there was any food and there wasn't any. We went back to our house and dinner was almost ready. I can't remember all that was made but I remember the mashed potatoes and gravy. I know there was all kinds of food and he got it all together and we took it back to the family that we had been visiting before. I took dishes out that I had washed and we served them a meal. At the time I wondered what we were going to have for supper when we got back home. He took our gallon of milk out of the refrigerator and many of

the other things that these folks would need. I was getting hungry just watching them eat all this good food that was really prepared for my supper. I restrained my self and I cleaned up after they got done eating.

To this day I don't remember what we ate for supper that night but in my mind I see these hungry children eating like they never had a real meal in their life. It made me appreciate what I had.

Now you are probably wondering why I told you this story. Well, I just want us to remember to be thankful for what we have because there are many

who don't have food to eat everyday and others don't have nice clean houses to live in. We truly have a great deal to be thankful for. Stop and give God the glory!!

