

## September Birthday's

Sept 10th  
Basil  
Underwood

Sept 20th  
Bill Barrett

## September Anniversaries

September  
14th Linda &  
Paul McCreery

**Some marriages are made in heaven, but they ALL have to be maintained on earth....**

## Pleasant View General Baptist Church

### Revival- September 19-21

Our church will be hosting the Revival for our Alton Association, September 19-21. We will be holding services each night at 7:00pm. Rev. Calvin Buhler will be the evangelist. Each night we will be having special music and you will want to be here.

I would like you to begin now to plan on coming each night. It is only three nights. Try and

ask someone to come with you. I know you will enjoy the preaching and the music. We will be singing some praise choruses as well as hymns. We have many specials planned for this meeting.

If you come prepared to enjoy yourself you will. So come expecting a blessing and I promise you will get one.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm we will be having a "Taste of Revival". In our evening service we have invited Rev. Calvin Buhler to speak. All our other Alton Association churches are planning to join us for this service. The service will also feature special music. After the service we are planning a time of fellowship.

### Christian Cadet Club

Our Christian Cadet Club meets on Thursday nights from 6pm-8pm and I hope you will let everyone you know about it.

We will be putting up a sign-up list for snacks but will not need any for the first few weeks. We are hoping to expand our program and if you would like to be a part of it please let us know.

During our VBS program we had a penny offering, the boys against the girls. I am sorry to say the boys **lost**. I pray this won't

happen again. The girls beat the boys by a landslide. This was embarrassing for me and the boys so we must make bigger plans for next year.

Something good came out of it. We collected \$57.44 and we want to buy a ping pong table for our club. Anyone wanting to help with this expense please let us know.

We are looking forward to a great year and I hope you will pray with us as we plan for this next year.



## **Fervent Prayer Availeth Much - James 5:16-20**

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**A skeptic is  
a person  
who when  
he sees the  
handwriting  
on the wall,  
claims it's a  
forgery!**

Many times when people read these verses they say I don't have to confess to anyone but God. That is right we are to confess our sins to God but I think this verse is telling us to let others see that we aren't perfect so they can pray for us. If you don't admit your faults and you try to pretend you are doing pretty well you will give the wrong impression to those around you. Admit your failures to your brothers and sisters in Christ so they can pray for you. Sometimes just the fact that you admit you have faults helps to encourage them. I had someone the other day say to me, "you have that problem, too?" It encouraged them to know that they were not alone.

The prophet of God "prayed earnestly" that it wouldn't rain and it didn't rain for three

years. Then he prayed again that it would rain and the heaven gave rain. The Bible says he was a "man subject to like passions as we are," and yet he had a direct line to Heaven via prayer. We need to understand that our prayers can pull a mighty punch if we pray earnestly.

The other day I saw a sign on a church marquee. It said, "Don't expect a Million Dollar answer to a ten cent prayer." We come to the altar kneel down, and say a couple of words and jump up and run back to our seats hoping nobody saw us and will think we are an awful person. What we need to do is get down at the altar, and get a hold of God's throne. It doesn't hurt the church for them to wait upon you. I remember a time when someone labored at the altar beyond the invitation song. I asked

everyone to sit down and remain quiet while those at the altar took care of business. Within a few minutes the entire altar was filled and later the person who was at the altar first told me they were praying that God would speak to hearts and they would come and get them right with God. That morning we had many get right with God because we had a dear lady praying earnestly at the altar of God. Pray earnestly at the throne of grace.

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