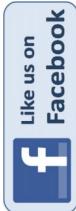


Encouragement from the Pastor

January 2026



“God’s People for God’s Purpose”

Dear Church Family,

Have you ever considered “the why” and “the what” behind your purpose here? I’m not merely talking about what you do for a living, or the roles you fill, or the responsibilities you have (though you can find great purpose and meaning in each of these if prayerfully considered), but I am speaking to the reason that God has created you, saved you, and placed you on earth for this moment in history. Your life’s purpose is not random or by chance. Our days on earth are not coincidental or meaningless (Ephesians 2:10 & Psalm 139:16). God has a plan, but are we willing to align our lives with what He has in store? Will you consider His eternal purposes for your life on earth? This is the theme that I believe God would have us pursue in 2026: *God’s People for God’s Purposes*.



I recently read in a study by Avery T. Willis, Jr. that God doesn’t want us to **work for Him**; rather, He wants to **work through us** (*MasterLife – The Disciples’ Cross*, p. 46). If we’re honest, many of us spend our years working hard with activity, full schedules, and doing many good things while quietly wondering if there is more to the life that God intends. If you are in a season of pursuing God’s purpose for your life, or if you are diligently walking with Him in the journey He has designed for you, I believe this year’s focus as a church will greatly enhance your clarity, deepen your faith, and equip and encourage you to walk confidently in God’s purpose and calling for your life.

At Pittsboro Baptist Church, *we are a family of believers built on God’s unchanging Word who are on mission together to reach the lost, disciple the believer, and to love others in the way of Christ so that they may know Him and follow Him*. While God has given us more than we could ever imagine to accomplish this purpose as a church collectively, we will have a far greater impact together if everyone is pursuing God’s purposes in their everyday lives. He has uniquely called you, gifted you, equipped you, and is sending you for His glory in many places of influence. The truth is we are the church on 121 West Salisbury Street, but also wherever the Lord leads you from day to day. My goal is to join you in discovering what that purpose may be. To accomplish this, we will investigate the life of Moses on Sunday mornings (beginning February 1st). Moses was a man who learned to listen for, respond to, and move with God’s purposes for His life and for the people he led.

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Encouragement from the Pastor (*continued*)

Together, we will:

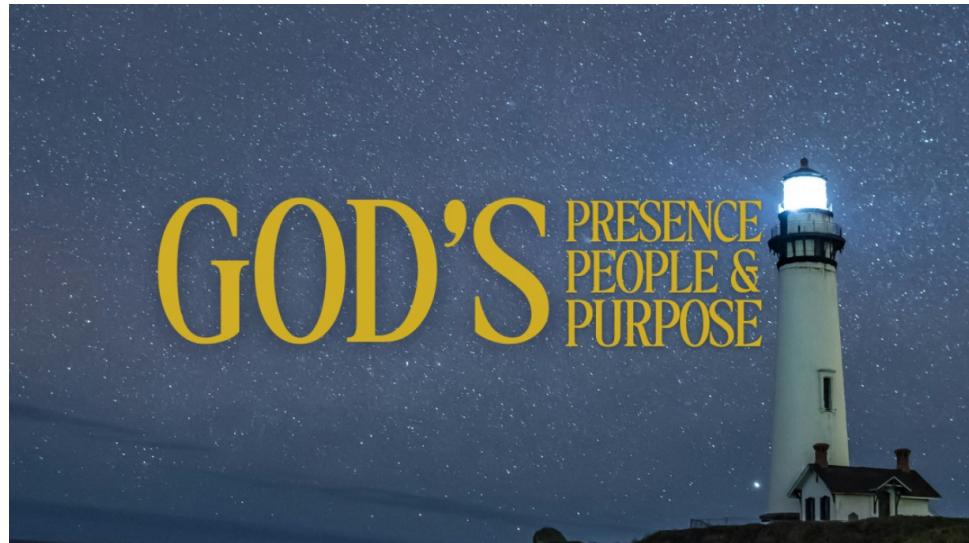
- Discover how God had a purpose for Moses' life even before Moses recognized it (Exodus 1–2).
- Learn how Moses surrendered himself to God's purposes, despite his own inadequacies.
- Consider how God prepares us for the purposes He has for us (Exodus 2).
- Explore lessons in obedience and how it leads to fulfilling our purpose (Exodus 3 & 14).
- Ask God to prepare our hearts with perseverance, deepening our fellowship and growth with Him for the journey ahead (Exodus 32–34).
- See how our purpose can inspire future generations (Deuteronomy 34).

I know that God has something powerful He desires to do in us and through us as we take this journey together in the Scripture. I do not want to give the false impression that simply by attending one of our conferences or attending a worship service or two will immediately reveal God's purposes for your life. Discovering His purpose is not a one-time event, but a continual process of listening, learning, surrendering, trusting, abiding, and obeying Him. There have been seasons and continue to be moments in my life where I needed my Shepherd's faithful correction, encouragement, and realignment of what He wanted to do in my life above my own desires. He has been faithful to guide, equip, and use me even in my own weaknesses for His greater purposes.

I invite you to join me in this holy pursuit. Let's begin praying now individually and as a church family to seek God's purposes with open hearts. He has incredible plans for Pittsboro Baptist Church in 2026, and I am certain that this year could be our most fruitful yet. Will you take this next step with me? Let's obediently and confidently walk with God as His people for His purposes, trusting that he will lead us every step of the way.

You are loved!

Peter





~ PBC Youth Ministry At a Glance ~



Happy New Year (2026) from PBC Youth Ministry!

God has been so good and faithful to our Youth group in 2025. Here were some of the highlights:

- In January**, our youth went to see the movie, "The Forge."
- In February**, we hosted a one day youth conference called "Make It Matter." Over 60 of our friends and 5 churches came together for a day of worship, learning, and friendship. 2 students gave their lives to Christ at this event.
- In March**, we had our annual Youth Basketball game, but this year featured a tournament play format solely for youth and their friends.
- In April**, several students helped share Gospel-filled Easter eggs at a local community Easter event.
- In May**, we hosted a lunch to fundraise for Youth Camp.
- In June**, several students served one of our senior members by cleaning up their yard; we served at VBS Week & attended Crossroads Summer Camp. We also celebrated Hannah Kelly, Cassidy Martin, and Owen Powers' graduation from high school!
- In August**, we hosted our first ever all-day Community Sports Camp & had a "So Long Summer" pool party. We also welcomed new 6th graders in our youth group with a Sunday School Breakfast.
- In September**, we began a new season of Youth Encounter/Parent Connect on Wednesday nights.
- In October**, we played a massive game of Capture the Flag, played flag football, and enjoyed a Fireside Fellowship.
- In November**, we participated with our annual Operation Christmas Child Packing Party.

- In December, we served at the Laurel's Nursing Home by bringing a Christmas party to the residents there. Also, many of our youth participated in the Christmas program for the church.

We are super excited about what **2026** will bring for our youth ministry.

On January 7, PBC Youth Encounter and Parent Connect begin after a few weeks off for Christmas break. Our youth and families will start a new study in the Book of Exodus (Moses) called "He is Here." All youth, children, and their parents are invited to join us for a meal at 6:30pm with Bible studies beginning at **7pm**.

Plans are underway for a **Community Youth Night of Worship called "No Other Name"** on **February 1st** at PBC for area youth groups. Also, a PBC Youth Family Winter Retreat called "**The Pause**" Weekend is happening on **February 20-22nd** in Robbins, NC (Moore's Keep Christian Camp).

And... it's never too late to begin preparing for Crossroads Summer Camp! PBC Youth is heading to Anderson SC for camp June 22-26, 2026! Signups for camp began in November. We have roughly **17 spots** left for camp to be reserved until February 1st with a \$75 deposit due to officially lock in your spot. Let us know if you're going!

New Year's Blessings to you and your family!



New Study Beginning for Youth and Parents on Wednesday, January 7th

"He Is Here"

He is Here is a seven-session Bible study designed to help you know what to do when (not if) you find yourself in the wilderness. Even if you don't feel

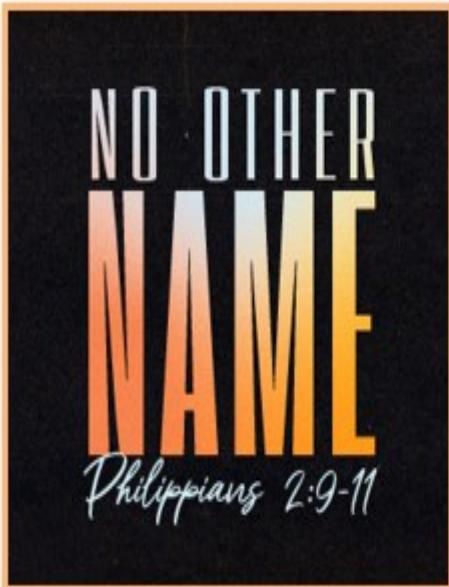
God, even if you seem to be in the wilderness, even if you're confused, scared, and feel alone, He is here.

Join us on Wednesdays

6:30pm for dinner

7:00pm Bible study

Coming February 2026 for PBC Youth!



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday Night, February 1st

Starting at 5:30pm in Sanctuary

Area Youth Groups Are Invited to Come and Worship Together! Enjoy a Night of Praise and Worship, an Inspiring Message from God's Word, and a Great Time Together!

"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow..."

Winter Retreat

February 20-22, 2026

(Robbins, NC - Moore's Keep Christian Camp)

Join us for a few days to press pause & discover what it means to prioritize God in the midst of our chaos.

\$50 per student includes lodging, food, and materials.

For PBC Youth and invited friends



Shining His Light: Jenna Smith's Journey

At PBC, we're blessed with some incredible students in our youth ministry. Each one has a unique story of how God is working in and through their lives. Our hope is that you'll not only get to know them better but also be encouraged by the ways they're living out their faith and making a difference for Christ in their everyday world. Each month, we'll highlight a different student, and we can't wait for you to be inspired by their journey.

This month, meet Jenna Smith, a Senior at Haw River Christian Academy. She is 17 years old and is nearing high school graduation in May! We hope you will enjoy some great responses Jenna gave to some questions that she so graciously shared with us:

Graduation is coming soon! Where are you praying about going and what are you praying about pursuing?

As of now, I have no idea where I want to attend college. I am praying that I find a school that has good academics, fits my personality, and, most importantly, draws me closer to the Lord. I have been praying about what career I will pursue. I am considering physical therapy and/or functional nutrition.

We recently learned that you have completed over 200 hours of volunteer service hours over the course of your high school career... that's right – over 200 hours! How have you been shining your light for Jesus and how can serving others bring you closer to Christ?

PBC and HRCA have provided me with many opportunities to serve our church family and the community. At PBC, I have had the opportunity to care for children in the nursery/toddler room, to serve as an assistant teacher at VBS for many years, and more. Most recently at school, I served at the Special Olympics and made blankets for UNC Children's Hospital. Athletics have allowed me to shine my light for Jesus on the court and field (basketball and soccer). Showing kindness and a positive attitude during tense competitions requires help from the Lord! Serving others has brought me closer to Christ because it has taught me to put others before myself, as Jesus did for us on the cross. Serving others truly brings a type of joy that comes only from God.

THE SPIRAL - "KEEPING THE PEOPLE INFORMED"

Your family has been a part of PBC for many years. Why do you love being a part of PBC?

PBC has been a great blessing in my life. I have grown up at PBC, and so many people have poured into me spiritually over the years. It has provided me with many opportunities to grow closer to the Lord and to my friends. I love having a church filled with fantastic people who truly care about one another. Everyone is very supportive, and some even come to watch a lot of our games at school.

You have been blessed with some good friendships. What makes for godly friendships?

I genuinely have such amazing friends, and I truly believe they are the best people ever. I believe a Godly friendship is one in which you support and encourage one another, stand by each other for the ups and downs of life, and help each other make good choices that glorify God.

Join us in praying for Jenna as she discerns what the right college is for her. We are blessed to have Jenna as a part of our youth group at PBC, and we are so proud of her accomplishments. We are excited for all that God has in store for her as she follows Jesus.



The Woodpile Co.

IGNITE YOUR PURPOSE Workshop

Pittsboro Baptist Church

Saturday, January 24th

8:30 am - 9:00 am - Breakfast

9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Conference

IDENTIFY & EXECUTE YOUR PURPOSE

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

Have you ever thought about that?

You are not alone in your uncertainty...

The vast majority of us don't realize that the God of the Universe has created EACH ONE OF US for a unique PURPOSE. We have no idea how to go about identifying what that PURPOSE is ...

The result? ... many Christians, many God-believing, saved by Jesus, church-going Christians are leaving their life completely up to chance ... missing out on the Abundant Life that God has prepared for them ... are you one of them?

- Are you UNABLE to connect the dots of your past, present & future?
- Are you UNAWARE of how God has uniquely gifted & designed you?
- Are you UNSURE of God's personal & purposeful Will for your life?

There is a God who Loves you and Created you for a PURPOSE. The very best thing that you can do with your life is to figure what that PURPOSE is ... and DO IT.



The Ignite Your Purpose Workshop is for YOU.

Ignite Your Purpose is a Bible based, Scripture infused workshop designed for YOU, to guide YOU through a proven process that will help YOU identify your unique God-given Purpose. Through Scripture reading, heartfelt Prayer and purposeful workbook activities within a proven methodology this workshop will help YOU thoughtfully unpack where you've been, what you've done & who you are so that YOU can identify what your unique God-given & God-designed Purpose is ... and start LIVING it today!

Ignite Your Purpose is broken down into nine purposeful sessions over three phases:

PHASE 1: Foundation

You will start by laying the groundwork of what Purpose is and looking at who & what has shaped & developed you into who you are today.

- 01 Purpose's Purpose
- 02 Gathering Influences
- 03 Mapping Experiences

PHASE 2: Insight

You will continue by diving into who you are, what you believe & how you are uniquely designed by God.

- 04 Kindling Values
- 05 Identifying Self
- 06 Decoding Personality

PHASE 3: Action

You will conclude by crafting what you have learned & discovered into a clear Purpose and creating a plan of action to execute your Purpose.

- 07 Extinguishing Excuses
- 08 Illuminating Purpose
- 09 Igniting Purpose

You will walk through these nine sessions with Pastor Peter on Wednesday evenings in the early months of 2026. We will introduce & kickstart your Ignite Your Purpose experience at the Leadership Conference the weekend of January 24th.

Purpose's Purpose

- What is Purpose?
- How do we identify God's Will?
- What all makes up our self?

Leadership Conference
Saturday, January 24th
9:00 am - 10:30 am

Igniting Purpose

- How do we execute our Purpose?
- What is our role?
- What is God's role?

Leadership Conference
Saturday, January 24th
10:30 am - 12:00 pm

An Example Moses

Moses was created & called by God for a specific Purpose. His life teaches us important applications as we step out into our own Purpose!

Sunday, January 25th
Morning Service





Welcome: by baptism
Heather Bayes
Adrian Watson
Sophia Wight

Church Business Directory

Most of us have to or had to work for a living.

Your church family wants to support you in your endeavors. For the past several months, Kathy Shaffer has very slowly (sorry about the slowness), been collecting information to create a *Business Directory* of those who attend Pittsboro Baptist Church. The *Business Directory*, separate from the *Church Directory*, will include contact information and related specifics for those of you who are in business that provide a service which could be utilized by individuals or are in retail and offer goods for purchase. You don't have to own the business. The goal is to support you and your work. The information will be made available to our church family.

If you have yet to complete the *Business Directory* form, please contact Kathy Shaffer at kshaffer@mindspring.com or 919.244 1878.



We will be discussing
Every Good Gift
by Urcelia Teixeira

Rock of Pages Book Club

Next meeting: January 26, 7:00p.m.
Church Fellowship Hall
All ladies invited to join us.



As we prepare our 2026 Church Directory, we kindly ask each of you to update your contact and family information. Please take a moment to review your details and submit any changes to the church office by the end of this month. Your cooperation ensures that our directory remains accurate and helpful for our entire church family.

CHURCH DIRECTORY
SIGN UP TODAY



New 2026 Offering Envelopes are here!

2026 offering envelopes are available in the vestibule, on the table going in side door to Sanctuary and in the conference room. If you do not use online giving please pick up a box of envelopes to use for your offering. It is important that you use the appropriately dated envelope and fill in the information on the front using your full name and the amount of donation. Members of the counting committee count the offering after worship service on Sunday mornings and then deposit it at the bank.

The envelopes are then used by Pam, our Administrative Assistant, to record your offering and will assure that you get credit for your donation on the yearend tax deductible statement.

If you have any questions, you may call Carolyn Johnson, chairperson of the counting committee, at 919-542-3308.



Quarterly Church Conference
January 14, 2026
at 6:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall



Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

What to Expect

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an oasis on your long journey through grief. There are three key parts to your GriefShare experience:

Video seminar – Encouraging, information packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts.

Support group – Small group discussion about the weekly video content

Workbook – Journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

When & Where

GriefShare meets at Pittsboro Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Sunday afternoons, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cost

There is a \$25 fee to participate in a GriefShare cycle. Scholarships available.

Seminar Topics and Calendar

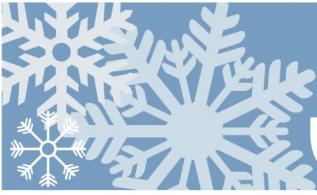
Is This Normal?	January 11
Your Grief Journey	January 18
Loneliness & Sadness	January 25
Self-Care	February 1
Fearful & Overwhelmed	February 8
Anger	February 8
Regrets	February 15
Grief & Your Household	February 22
Grief & Your Friendships	March 1
Questions for God	March 8
Stuck in Grief	March 15
Hope & Resilience	March 22
What Do I Live <u>For</u> Now?	March 29



You are welcome to begin attending our GriefShare group at any point. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will be able to pick up any sessions you missed in our next 13- week cycle.

How to Sign-up

Sign up at griefshare.org or call/text/email Julie LoRusso 336-202-7321 julie@jilcpa.com



JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Danny Braswell	17	Katherine Parker
6	Natalie Phillips		Brian & Rachel Cain ♥
7	Owen Crutchfield	18	Patsy Johnson
8	Jason Walls	19	Richard Brigman
9	Lyla Dibb		Adam Melton
10	Gabriel Jurius		Jenice Walton
	Lillian Weatherington	22	Lance & Carole Sanders ♥
	Eleanor Weatherington		Aaron Kivette
11	Vicky Oldham	24	Mike Daniel
14	Eli Truesdale	30	Stuart Lasater
16	Christian Batcheller (CB2)		

Happy Birthday and
Anniversary to...





January

Thank you to those Serving!

Ushers

*Conner Cashion, Henry Cain,
Owen Powers & Carter Melton*

Greeters

Jason & Susan Pintuff



Infant



January 4	Jessica Vrvilo & Brooke Smith
January 11	Ashley Batcheller & Sunny Allen
January 18	Jon & Melissa Harshman
January 25	Tara & Jenna Smith

Toddler



January 4	Tara, Micah & Mali McDonald
January 11	Kelly Smith & Meredith Tetterton
January 18	Amber Kilpatrick & Darby Powers
January 25	Hunter & Hannah Brown



January 4	Kimberly Houston & Janet Crutchfield
January 11	Kimberly Houston & Janet Crutchfield
January 18	Kimberly Houston & Janet Crutchfield
January 25	Kimberly Houston & Janet Crutchfield

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News from the Pearle Johnson Memorial Library

Sunday Library Schedule

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

What's new?

Answer: The year and quite a few books in the Pittsboro Baptist Church Library. Start the new year right by reading one of these new books listed below. For now, each of these books can be found on the library counter with other new-to-us books that have recently been added. Come in next Sunday and check-out one or two or three.

Max on Life by Max Lucado

We have questions. Child-like inquiries.

And deep, heavy ones.

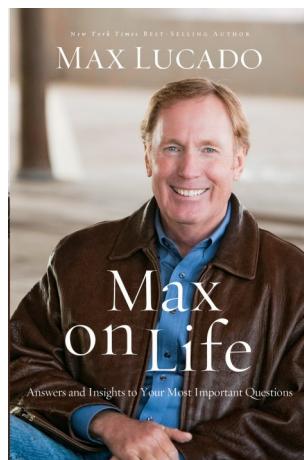
In more than twenty-five years of writing and ministry, Max Lucado has received thousands of such questions. They come in letters, e-mails, even on Dunkin' Donuts napkins. In *Max on Life* he offers thoughtful answers to more than 170 of the most

pressing questions on topics ranging from hope to hurt and from home to the hereafter.

Max writes about the role of prayer, the purpose of pain, and the reason for our ultimate hope. He responds to the day-to-day questions—parenting quandaries, financial challenges, difficult relationships—as well as to the profound: Is God really listening?

A special addendum includes Max's advice on writing and publishing.

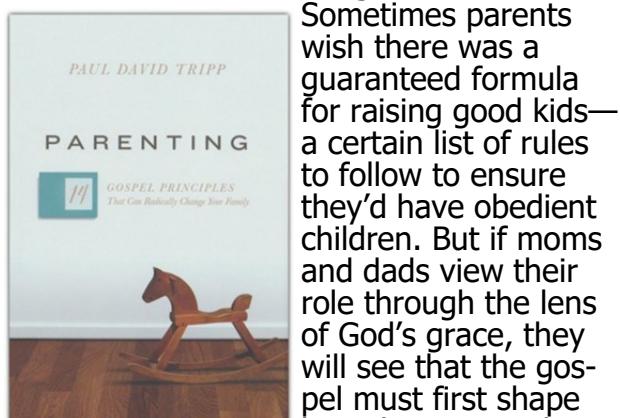
Including topical and scriptural indexes and filled with classic Lucado encouragement and insight, *Max on Life* will quickly



become a favorite resource for pastors and ministry leaders as well as new and mature believers. (copied from christianbook.com)

Parenting - 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family by Paul David Tripp

Winner of the ECPA Book of the Year Award for Christian Living



Sometimes parents wish there was a guaranteed formula for raising good kids—a certain list of rules to follow to ensure they'd have obedient children. But if moms and dads view their role through the lens of God's grace, they will see that the gospel must first shape how they parent before they can effectively shape their children.

In the bestselling book *Parenting*, Paul David Tripp unfolds a more biblical perspective on parenting than merely adhering to a list of rules. He lays out 14 gospel-centered principles that will radically change the way parents think about what it means to raise up a child, informing everything they do as a parent. (copied from paultripp.com)

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***The 5 Love Languages of Children:
The Secret to Loving Children Effectively***

by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell

You know you love your child. But how can you make sure your child knows it?

The #1 *New York Times* bestselling *The 5 Love Languages®* has helped millions of couples learn the secret to building a love that lasts. Now discover how to speak your child's love language in a way that *he or she* understands. Dr. Gary Chapman and Dr. Ross Campbell help you:

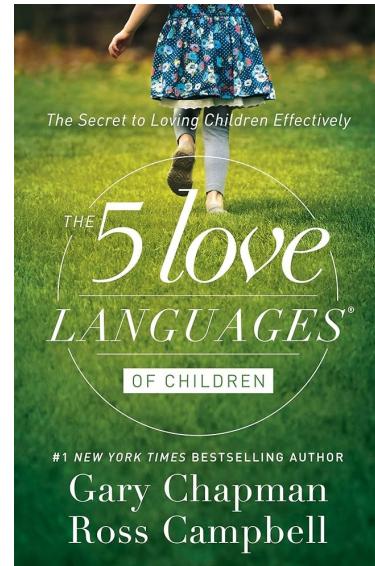
- Discover your child's love language
- Assist your child in successful learning
- Use the love languages to correct and discipline more effectively

Build a foundation of unconditional love for your child

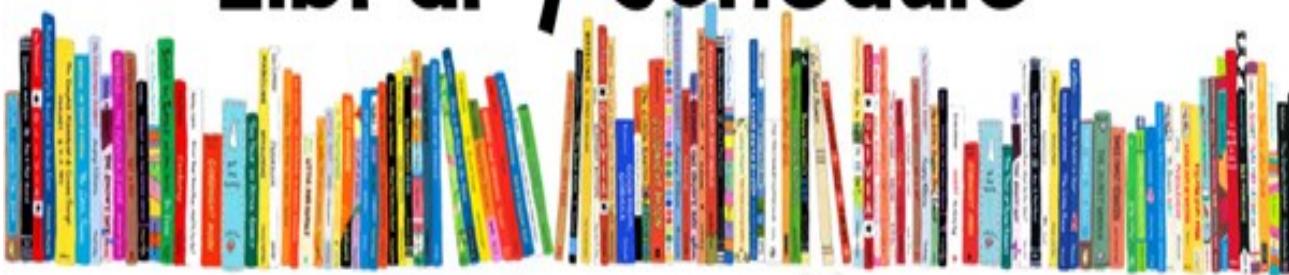
Plus: Find dozens of tips for practical ways to speak your child's love language.

Discover your child's primary language—then speak it—and you will be well on your way to a stronger relationship with your

flourishing child.
(copied from moodypublishers.com)



Library Schedule



	<u>9-9:30a.m.</u>	<u>10-10:30a.m.</u>
January 4	Judy Beaver	Sue Devinney
January 11	Cindy Springle	Susie Griffin
January 18	Deborah Dismuke	Kathy Shaffer
January 25	Ann Mills	Roderick Parker

January 2026

May God's love light your way and lead you into a new year that shines with His special joy



Happy New Year!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Closed Holiday	2	3
4 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Church Service	5 9:30am - Staff Meeting 10:00am—Monday School	6 7:00pm-Property Mgmt Meeting	7 8:00am - Men's Bible Study at Bojangles 10:00am - Prayer Quilters 5:00pm—The Table 6:30pm-Dinner, JD's, Youth and Parent Connect	8	9	10 5:30pm—B.L.A.S.T
11 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Church Service Deacon Training 2:30pm - Griefshare	12 9:30am - Staff Meeting 10:00am—Monday School 6:00pm—PBC Committee Leadership Meeting	13	14 8:00am - Men's Bible Study at Bojangles 10:00am - Prayer Quilters 6:30pm - Quarterly Church Conference	15	16 11:00am—Lunch Break Missions	17
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