



## Positive words of encouragement from the members of Pelham Road Baptist Church



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# POSITIVELY

## PELHAM ROAD

As a parent, summer for me was never a season of rest. Baseball, softball, swimming, and vacations fill up the calendar quickly. Monday night practice, Tuesday swimming, Wednesday church, Thursday game, then a Saturday game, and before you know it, it's Labor Day. Where did the summer go?

If we are not careful, where did the summer go will be followed by where did the year go and then followed by where did all my time go? So when I say let's make Summer **A SEASON OF REST**, I know it will not be easy. However, I believe it is necessary.

I'm not going to tell you what do with your family or how busy you should be. I'll leave that to your good judgment. Instead let's concentrate on how to rest.

First, let's commit to **SLEEPING WELL THIS SUMMER**. Get to bed and get some rest. The experts say you need eight hours, teenagers need more, but let's sleep well. Commit to

taking a Saturday and Sunday nap. Just find the time to let your body rest.

Next let's **GIVE A REST TO OUR WORRIES**. There's plenty to be concerned about but this summer, let's rest. Before every meal and before bedtime pray this prayer or a similar one of your own, "God, grant me the strength to change what I can change, the peace to accept what I can't change, and the wisdom to know the difference." Stress robs us of rest, and prayer robs stress of its power.

Next let's **REST FROM BEING MARTHA**. Martha was the biblical sister who was the forerunner of Martha Stewart. Preparations were made, details were handled, she was the hostess with the mostess. Most-ly she had ulcers and gave ulcers to others. This summer it's okay for the kids to make a mess in the house. It's okay for the suitcases to sit out for weeks. It's okay for the grass to grow longer because we are out of town. It's okay to be Mary and simply rest at Jesus' feet.

In the Gospel of Mark (6:31) Jesus encourages his followers to "come away to an empty place and rest for a while." Obviously Jesus is not speaking of Myrtle Beach in July, but he is speaking of making time to rest.

**FIND THE EMPTY PLACE**. It doesn't have to be a deserted island, it can be your back porch at 9 pm. It could be a coffee shop at 3 pm. Jesus' point is go where you can renew yourself. Where can God renew you? This is your homework assignment this summer. —John



*A Season of Rest*

# “YOUNG” PROFESSIONALS CLASS



**TRACY NEWSOME** grew up all over the south. Born in Memphis, his family moved around a lot as part of his father’s job with the Red Cross. In 1981, Tracy graduated from West Point and then served five years in the U.S. Army. Deciding the Russians weren’t going to invade, he left the Army. Twenty-four years ago he joined Cintas where he eventually landed in Greenville as General Manager of the company’s operations here.

When he started with the company, Cintas was in 30 locations doing about \$130 million in sales. Today, there are four divisions in 500 locations doing \$4 billion in sales.

Tracy and Patty were married in 1984 and are parents to Cody and Nick, 23-year-old twins. Cody will finish at West Point this year; and Nick graduated from the Citadel last year.

**W**e like our class because we discuss ideas and insights and learn from each other. We all like to laugh, and we’ve developed friendships over the years. The following are ways we are aware of that class members serve, within and outside of PRBC: SS teachers, youth workers, bus drivers, ushers, choir members, cooks, Triune Mercy Center volunteers, deacons, nursery workers, committees, CDC, Meals on Wheels, United Ministries, Eastside Crisis Center.  
—Dave and Beverly Sampson

**I** enjoy this SS class because it is very interactive and there is much participation by the group. Tracy also does a great job and has been very faithful in his position as teacher. —Shelley Sturgis

**T**racy and Patty Newsome started looking for a church home almost as soon as they moved here 17 years ago. They visited Pelham Road and both immediately knew this was their place. “But the funny thing was,” Tracy said, “each of us thought the other wouldn’t want to come here.”

Tracy started teaching the young professionals class 12 years ago. He took over from Frank DeVita, who wanted to be excused from teaching while he served on the pastor search committee that brought John here.

He’s used different kinds of teaching materials through the years, everything from a study of *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren to the regular study material from Smyth

and Helwys. “I try to make it an interactive class so that I’m not lecturing but we’re learning from each other,” he said. “I try to always come prepared so that I can engage the class and spark discussion.”

Tracy said he starts every Sunday morning waiting in his classroom for his members to arrive—it is a habitually late class! They do take time to enjoy fellowship together and to pray for one another before the lesson starts.

It is also an active class with members engaged in many parts of church life. And while it may not exactly still be the YOUNG professionals class, Tracy said it is a “very active class from the service standpoint and they do a lot for our church.”

**I** like our Sunday School class because the teacher is well-prepared, everyone participates and I’m rarely the last one to arrive! I also enjoy our social gatherings. —Sherrill DeVita



**I** love our Sunday School class for several reasons. The first is Tracy; he is a great teacher and friend. I get so much out of our Bible Study every Sunday. We have good discussions about our lesson and I always learn something new. I love each person in our class; we have been together for several years now and I hope we continue to learn and enjoy each other’s company. We also have Wes and Chuck as substitute teachers and both of them are excellent. Tracy does not have to worry if he is away; our class is always covered and the learning and friendship continue on.

**I** think the reason that many of my class members are so active in our church is the generation we come from. We grew up watching our parents participate and help out whenever help was needed. It is also the best way to meet the church family and get to know them on a personal level. —Carol Ogburn

## WEDNESDAYS IN JUNE AND JULY

June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study
Choir Practice	Choir Practice	No Choir	Choir Practice	No Choir
Teens & Kids with Kelli	Teens & Kids with Kelli	Camp Buckhorn	Teens & Kids with Kelli	Teens & Kids with Kelli
No Handbells	No Handbells	No Handbells	No Handbells	No Handbells
July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	
Bible Study Only	Bible Study Only	Bible Study Only	Bible Study Only	



# Child Development Center

## CAMP PELHAM

### Summer program for older kids takes on a new dimension

Camp is a new format for the summer program at Pelham Road Baptist Church. Each week has a theme and families are encouraged to send their child for any of the 10 weeks from June 6 through August 12. The program is open to children who will enter 1st through 5th grade in the fall.

The teachers for the summer are Yvonne Anderton and Kisha Taylor, who run our after-school program during the school year.

We have many field trips planned. We are going to Roper Mountain Science Center five times for their programs on everything from critters to farm life to the enchanted reef to the rainforest. The children will explore downtown Greenville at the Children's Garden, ride a trolley, and find the Mice on Main. There will be time for trips to the zoo, the Humane Society, and the airport. The children will visit the library weekly to check out books and will participate in the Library Summer Reading Program.

We've also beefed up the activities we have for the children right here on-site. Bricks 4 Kidz will come here and bring a ton of Legos with them. The teacher will talk with the children about a topic such as amusement parks or skyscrapers and then the children get to use the Legos

to build their own park or tower.

We are having weekly ballet and creative dance lessons here. Our usual Happy Feet coach Gary Lynch will run a one-week soccer clinic. And a potter is coming so that the children can paint their own pottery. One week the children will participate in our Vacation Bible School. Several service projects are scheduled including Shoes for Water and collecting items for Eastside Crisis Center.

We will spend some mornings reviewing academics to help the children retain all they have learned during the past school year. Yvonne and Kisha will work in small groups and individually with children to help them with language arts, math, spelling, social studies, and science. The children will also do crafts in the morning.

Some afternoons the children will have an hour of quiet time to read or rest. Then Yvonne will teach them group games and sports including volleyball, soccer, kickball, and basketball.

Our Camp Pelham summer program will be a combination of rest and activity to fill the long days from the end of school until it starts again in August in a safe, loving, environment with adult supervision.—Susan

### Birthdays in June

Wil Baker	06/04
Melissa Holtzclaw	06/06
Anna Franklin	06/08
Caroline Ashmore	06/11
Carrie Bortz	06/11
Sam Coates	06/11
Ron Rich	06/14
Jo Ann Roy	06/16
Frances Lollis	06/19
Amy Taylor	06/19
Adriane Morgan	06/20
Mary Cromer	06/26
Heather Russell	06/26
Darren Springer	06/27
Barney Smith	06/28
Elizabeth Jones	06/29
Todd Smith	06/29

You must read, listen, or see this

### GOING TO THE BEACH EDITION

#### Read

A children's book worth the time is *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*. A timeless book about a zookeeper. Beautiful art work as well.

For the adults, check out Gretchen Rubin's *Happiness Project*. We've seen a lot of books on happiness in recent years but not as personal as this one.



#### Listen

For the lover of folk music, *Paper Airplanes* by Alison Krauss

For those who love when gospel intersect blues try out *Take the High Road*, by the Blind Boys of Alabama.

A more contemporary choice could be Michael Bubl 's *Call Me Irresistible*, think Frank Sinatra meets Tony Bennett.

#### Watch

*Schoolhouse Rock 30th Anniversary Edition*. Make popcorn and watch it with your children, even if they are 19 and 21.

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## The pied-piper is back

— and our children and youth will benefit

Kelli Callahan, our intern last summer, will serve as our children's and youth minister this summer. She is like the "pied piper" of ministers. Just watch when she enters the room...the children will run to get her attention. They and our youth love her. No wonder. She loves all of them.

Kelli relates well with both the girls and the guys. She's a good confidant to the girls and yet "plays like a boy." Why? She has four brothers. So she doesn't mind playing a quick game of football, ultimate Frisbee or any pick up sport.

Kelli is from Greenville where she attended J.L. Mann. She is a junior at Clemson

University, majoring in special ed. She hopes to get her masters in speech therapy and teach and be a part time minister in the church. She loves soccer, hiking, Frisbee and anything outdoors.

Kelli says, "I formed strong relationships with the kids and youth last summer. I hope those relationships will grow and mature even more this summer." We are confident that they will. Welcome Kelli back to our PRBC family. Important faith conversations will happen as Kelli teaches youth Sunday School. Good times will follow as our kids and youth serve and fellowship together. Thanks Kelli! —Sam

## Our interns make college a family affair

There are FOUR Callahans at Clemson. Kelli's brother Brian is a part-time professor. Her brother Casey is campus minister for CBF and is the college/singles minister at FBC Clemson. And Kelli attends Clemson along side her younger brother Jacob. That's FOUR! And remember that Stephen Hudson, our intern this year, is one of three Hudsons at Furman. His triplet siblings attend with him.

## Brandon Smith graduates from high school

One of our youth, Brandon Smith, graduated from Riverside High School this year. He will attend Greenville Tech's Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) program. Congratulations and best wishes to Brandon.

