

PLEASANT GROVE



REFLECTIONS

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News From Boston



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Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Our annual Valentine's baked goods auction fundraiser will be held Sunday morning, February 11th. You can help in two ways: you can make your famous homemade desserts to donate to the auction and/or you can purchase something at the auction. The money raised will go toward our mission trip this summer. Thank you for your prayers, support, and generosity!

2017 Contribution Statements

You can receive your 2017 contribution statement by calling the church office (977-1526), turning in an "I Wish" card with your name and phone number, or by going to our website (pbgctn.org) and filling out an online "I Wish" card. The office is only able to give statements for those who used offering envelopes with their name on the envelope. We have no other records of giving without the use of envelopes. Statements will be mailed starting the week of January 15th.

CHURCH MEETINGS

Men's Breakfast	Sat. Feb. 3 rd	8:00 AM
Trustees' Meeting (changed from the 12 th)	Mon. Feb. 5 th	6:00 PM
WMU Meeting	Wed. Feb. 7 th	6:30 PM
YWG Breakfast	Sat. Feb. 10 th	8:00 AM

Security Volunteers

Sunday, February 4th

1st Service & Jonathan Long & Bobby Gamble

Sunday School

2nd Service Scott Emert

Please contact Vernon Stephens or turn in an "I Wish" card if you would be willing to volunteer.

FEBRUARY EARLY MORNING GREETERS
Bill and Marion Lewis

Welcome New Members

Harper Lane by Baptism

Ethan Hembree by Baptism

Taylor Hembree by Baptism

Homebound Member of the Week

February 4 - 10 Loretta Bailey

NEWS FROM BOSTON

Perhaps God is calling you to pray about packing up and moving here to help us. Plumber? New England needs plumbers. Doctor? New England needs doctors. Teacher? New England needs teachers. Dentist? New England needs dentists. We cannot do this alone and would love nothing more than to talk with you about coming here and helping us plant a church here in Winthrop, MA. and ultimately throughout New England. Perhaps you have thought about this before. Would you consider beginning to pray about whether or not God is calling you to come?

Acts 16:9 (ESV) — 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When Paul responded to the calling of God, he was met with imprisonment, peril, and persecution... the ultimate outcome? Souls were saved, churches were planted and God was glorified. The rewards of obeying God far outweighs the obstacles! Although you may not be called to uproot your life and move here, you can still help. Perhaps you could be a prayer partner, committing to pray for us each week.

I want to share with you a little about the city we live in and explain some of the obstacles we face along with how God provides opportunities. Winthrop is a small peninsula in the Boston Harbor. While only 1.8 square miles, Winthrop has over 18,000 residents. Established in 1630, many of the residents have been here for many generations. In fact, we have been told that one is not considered a true Winthropite unless they have lived here four generations. So you see, there are obstacles we must overcome. I recently ran into this while

exploring opportunities for us to serve the Winthrop school system, the senior adult center, and the local nursing home. The school system wouldn't even meet with me, instead they told me that it is their policy (in order to protect their children) to never work with churches. The nursing home and the senior adult center proved to be just as restrictive. In the midst of this, God has given us some open doors. We were well received by the police and fire departments and are optimistic that there will be more opportunities to serve them. Keep praying we are well received and that God would give us favor in the eyes of the people here

This is by far the most important segment of our newsletter. Would you please pray for the following?

-We will be hosting an INTEREST MEETING here at our home on January 18. This is our opportunity to share the vision of Harbor City Church with some of the residents here in Winthrop. Pray that God would bless our time together and that we would be able to identify individuals who would be willing to join us in planting a new church in New England.

-Continue to pray for Ethan, Olexis, and Evan as they TRANSITION into the Winthrop Schools. They are the bridge God has provided for me and Micah to meet new families.

-Pray for me and Micah as we meet new people and develop new RELATIONSHIPS. This comes quite easily to the kids, but because we have no natural platform, we have had to be much more intentional.

Please check out our new website, harborcitychurch.net. (Please realize it is still under construction.)