Overcoming the Overwhelming

It seems sometimes that overwhelming problems and pressures hit us when we least expect it. Like being hit by an unexpected wave we find ourselves gasping for air as the next wave comes crashing down. One more, we think, and we’ll surely drown. But Psalm 61 reminds us that there is One Who can rescue us:

“Hear my cry, O God... listen to my prayer. ..lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.” Psalm 61:1-3

When the overwhelming pressures of life comes crashing down on you turn to God in prayer. He is our Rock and He can lift us up above the crashing waves. It’s there we catch our breath and see the storm from a higher place. It’s here that God gives us clarity. He is our refuge. And in that place of security we find forgiveness, healing and renewal. He is our Strong Tower. He not only blesses us with clarity and renewal but empowers us so that we can face our troubles with a new sense of confidence and strength.

He helps us overcome the overwhelming. When the storm is raging turn to the One Who is our Rock, our Refuge and our Strong Tower!

Parent/Child Dedication Service

If you are a member and are interested in participating in a Parent/Child Dedication Service, we invite you to pick up the information sheet on our PGI Board and sign-up for the upcoming class to be held in the sanctuary at 9:45am on May 29. Call the church office 919-552-3522 to sign up. The date for our next Dedication Service will be Sunday, June 5.
**Take Me Out to the Ballgame**
The JOY Group and Youth will be going to a Holly Springs Salamanders baseball game on Thurs., June 9. Cost is $5 per person. We will be leaving the church promptly at 6:15pm. Sign-up on the church website or call the church office at 919-552-3522. You must sign-up by May 29.

**Upward Soccer is coming!** Registration begins in June. Season is September through October. Looking for volunteers to help. See Glen Warren or Will Walker for more information.

**MEAL-n-MISSIONS**
Wed., May 4 at 6pm

**MENU:** Spaghetti, Italian Bread, Salad, Dessert, & Beverages

**COST:**
- $4.00 Adults
- $3.00 Sr. Adults
- $3.00 Children (11 & under)

**DEADLINE:** 12 NOON on Tues., May 3

Please RSVP by noon if you plan to attend by one of the following means: call (919-552-3522) or email the church office (cpresnell@pineygrovebc.org), or respond online at the church website. To do so, click on the Calendar, choose the month (May), then click on Meal Notice Sign-up, fill out the info and submit.

**“Clean-up Crew: Omega Class”**

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**FREEDOM BALLOON FEST**
May 27-29
(Fri., Sat., & Sun.)
(Fleming Field, F-V)

Help Needed!
Look for more information throughout the church.

**Developing the Leader Within You:**
What is a Leader, by John Maxwell

A special video lesson for every church member who desires to discover and develop leadership abilities for the Kingdom work! This 5 (May 1) at 6:00pm.

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**April Attendance Averages**

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**Building Fund**

| April 2016 | $2,548.00 |

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**Upcoming Youth Events!**
Dates and times are subject to change so for the most up to date youth info check our weekly youth newsletter, "The Informer"! You can always find a current copy of “The Informer” on the Visitor Info wall, Fellowship Hall and on the church website!

**Every Sunday**
9:30-10am Hot Breakfast (May 22 will be our last weekly breakfast until the Fall)
9:45 am CORE Bible Study in the FH

**Every Wednesday**
7:00pm The Edge (Youth Worship Event) I Peter focus

**Other Dates:**
May 4 May the 4th Be With You! LIFE AWARDS Night!
May 8 Deadline for Senior Pics for Grad Sunday
May 11 HotSpot @ 6:15pm
May 15 Spanish Prep for Guatemala Trip at 5pm
May 22 Graduate Sunday
May 27-30 LIFE Reward Trip

**Future Events to put on your calendar:**

- **June 9 - Salamander’s Game** (leave church at 6:15pm) Cost $5

**Centrifuge 2016** June 20-25
North Greenville University - $50 Deposit
Only a few spots left!

**Guatemala 2016 (July 19-Aug. 2)** - Thanks for helping us raise over $1,800 with our Garage Sale in April! The total cost of this trip is $40,300. So far we have about $16,000 left to raise to completely pay for this trip! Your prayers for the team members listed below are expected and appreciated. Any financial help you give would be appreciated as well. Thank you for all your support!

**Those attending:** (Week 1) Mike Cole, Michele Cole, Dylan Cole, Kim Griffin, Caitlin Moore, Gabel Barrows, Derek Drake, Steve Gordon, Holly Wilson, Gwen Wilson; (Week 1 & 2) Alex Gonzalez, Tyler Cole, Andrea Holland, Erin Griffin; (Week 2) Audra Holland, Richie Hayner, Madison Forman, Paula Annas, David Annas, Caitlin Annas, Victoria Annas, Caleb Gonzalez, Alexis Gonzalez, Chelsea Hayner, Zach Erwin, Rebekah Furrr
Children’s Church
May Memory Verse

“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8

H.O.P.E.

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have HOPE.” (Romans 15:4)

Hope... His name alone (the name of Jesus) is hope and His grace is sufficient hope in this life. When life brings us to our knees... and we have nowhere else to turn... It is amazing how the Holy Spirit pours out His grace and Christ renews our hope and strength in Him and Him alone. “But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV) If that does not give you hope... nothing will.

Opportunity... Christ gives us the opportunity, to face any challenge... not that we want to, but there will always be challenges in this life. When life’s struggles hit us on all sides, sometimes it feels like the whole world is caving in on you... Look to Jesus for the opportunity to serve others, rather than the challenge you are facing... It takes away our attention of hopelessness... and turns it toward serving others... Hope somehow returns as we tend to the needs of others. “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” (Galatians 6:10 NIV)

Praying for hope is our only hope. “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people...”

Eternity... In Christ, His hope is eternal. One day, our trials here will come to an end. Our loved ones who had a personal relationship with Jesus before they passed away... are looking into the presence of eternal hope in ways that you and I can only imagine here on earth. Hold on to that hope of seeing our Lord face to face one day. One day it will all be worth it! “No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night... And they will reign forever and ever.” (Revelation 22:3-5)

In Christ Alone! John

JOY Group - Come join us on May 12 at 11:30am for a wonderful meal, a time of fun, and hear testimonies of God’s faithfulness and compassion. Our meal will be chicken casserole, green beans, salad, and dessert. We will also have the final details about the trip to Lancaster in September and the cost.
### May Birthdays

1. Walter Hisle
2. Terry Tutor, Elizabeth Vaughan
3. Elizabeth Bridgman, Caleb Gonzalez, Glen Warren, Josey Wilson, Ezra Wyman
4. Mason Wilson
5. Scott White
6. Michelle Frye, Penny Keeter, Terina Rudd
7. Michael Bain, Evelyn Jenkins, Lillian Pope, Angela Rhodes
8. Lindsay Adams, Mike Coley, Nikki Theobald, Rachel Walker
9. Liz Boykin, Mike Dean, Brent Godwin, Kevin Lewter, Nick Porter, Monroe Underwood
11. Wesley Shattuck
12. Scott Blackwelder, Marie Hill, Kira Richardson
13. Robert Gordon
15. Chandler Freeman, Kelley Underwood
16. Preston Baker, Andrew Capps
17. Anders Boykin, Sim McIver, Bill Presnell, Debbie Stephenson, Brianna Wilshire
18. Nelson Bennett, Logan Camden
19. Jozie Frye
20. Andrea Holland, Tommy Lawrence, Michelle Pope
21. Bobby Oliver, Josh Warren
22. Frances Barefoot, Jeff Campbell
23. Ernestine Southlander, J. C. Underwood
24. Jessica Holder, Charlene McLaurin
25. Becky D. Bullock, Monica Ennis, Sharon Jones, Landon McIver, Evan Russell, Mike Smith
26. Ashley Rhodes Smock
27. Peggy Ragan, David Van Deusen, Emanuel Whitney, Caroline Barrows
28. Kristin Jones
29. Tiffanie Hawley

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**FOOD CROP:** Canned Tuna, Spam, any other canned meats (for local Food Pantry)

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**OCC COLLECTION for MAY:** School Supplies (pencils, erasers, pens, paper clips, notepads, pencil sharpeners, etc.)