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3 Questions

A couple weeks ago, we had a group of students get together to play a 'game' called "3 Questions". The way it worked was, each student was given a slip of paper with 3 questions on it. The first question was something very simple like, "Who do you most admire?" or "What is your biggest pet peeve?" Then the second question took them a little deeper, "What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?" or "If you could help fight for one cause, which one would it be?" Finally, the third question was designed to go to the heart level, "Do you believe the human soul is eternal?" or "Why do you think there is suffering in the world today?" So each student was given their 3 questions and then we went to Walmart. In pairs they went around and asked random people if we could ask them 3 questions. This was a very non threatening way of getting a Gospel conversation started, in fact, we did not have anyone say that we could not ask our questions. The look on people's faces when they heard some of the questions ranged from relief because it wasn't political, thoughtful because they hadn't thought on this level in awhile, and humor as they considered whether they wanted to tell their true answer. I watched as the students ran around and asked person after person their 3 questions. After they had asked their 3 questions the students would ask if they could pray for the person. These incredible teenagers were boldly sharing the Gospel, openly praying for random strangers, and passionately representing their Savior, right in Walmart. I was so proud of them! (I'm always proud of them!)

Questions have a way of opening a door that has been closed and barred, or should I say, good questions have a way of opening doors. Be very careful of asking questions you already know the answer to. People do not like to feel like you are directing them in some way. But if you can ask a question that causes the person to search their heart, and you give them the freedom to answer it honestly and safely, then you have just unlocked a room in their heart that may not have been opened for years.

When you use a question to unlock a room in someone's heart, you need to understand, you may not like their answer, it might pain you to hear it. But a truthful answer provides the opportunity for healing and growth. When we lie to others by telling them what we believe they want to hear, then we are simply burying our selves under a pile of debris. When we do that, you become cynical of others. But when we answer honestly in a safe conversation, then we find that we, ourselves may not like the answer we gave. We may find that hearing our own answer causes ourself pain. This is called conviction! God can use this as an opportunity for healing. My prayer is that our students will be present when that person at Walmart comes under conviction. I pray our students will be open to God's leading so they can speak words of love and truth into that person and they may be saved! That is also my prayer for each of you! This week do not miss the incredible people you cross paths with each day! Start asking good questions that can open their heart to Christ's Good News! I'm praying for you!

jason
Eph. 5:1



God's Blessings Oct. 18, 2020

Budget Needs: \$6,796.32

Budget Receipt: \$5,887.00

God's Blessings Oct. 25, 2020

Budget Needs: \$6,796.32

Budget Receipt: \$4,795.01

Service Times

Sunday

- 9:45 am - Family Sunday School (youth building)
- 10:00 am - Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Worship Service

Wednesday

- 7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study - **Closed**
- 7:00 pm - PRKidz - **Closed**

Still want to listen from the safety of your car?

Join us at 106.3FM in our parking lot.

Interim Pastor Vote

There will be a Interim Pastor vote November 1 right after the service. PRBC will be considering Dennis Ball as the interim pastor. Please come prepared with your selection.

The Ark Meals for November 17

Melinda Cockerham

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But TAKE HEART. I HAVE overcome the world. John 16:33

Tri-C Donations for Nov.: Toothpaste Offerings:

Operation North State: We have the opportunity to help our shut-in veterans this Christmas! Operation North State is providing Christmas boxes for Veterans in need. Please pick up the shopping list and write a letter thanking and encouraging our selfless Veterans and return them to our drop box next week. We will be collecting for a few weeks so all will have the opportunity to help out. If you know a shut-in Veteran, whom we can care for, drop off their name and address with us as well. See Barbara Cason for more info.

Clark Hiatt Memorial: Mr. Clark Hiatt's memorial service will be conducted Nov. 1 at 3:00pm. The family asks that you wear masks to the service.

Ridgefest Movie Nights: November 7th. We will be showing a free drive-in movie and free concessions for the congregation and community. Time: 7:30pm

Operation Christmas Child: This year's national collection week for Operation Christmas Child is November 16-23. With this in mind we will now begin collecting items for our annual shoebox packing party! Our church wide packing party will be on Wednesday, November 11. Our goal is to build 100 shoeboxes!! There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule of items that will be needed to build shoeboxes. Please sign up for the items that your family is able to bring! All items can be placed in the Older Adult Women's Sunday School Class – this is the first Sunday School room, on the right, as you come in the front doors! **Please have all items returned by Sunday, November 8.** Just as we have done in the previous years, the packing party will consist of us building shoeboxes, writing a card or note to the child who will receive it, and inserting a picture. We ask that each family or child who will be attending the packing party, please bring a picture of yourselves to insert into the box that you build this year! For questions regarding the packing party, please message or contact Sam Comer or Alli Newman.

Stone's Throw: Return to Panther, Round 3. We need your help! Stone's Throw Christian Ministries alongside local churches will be delivering Thanksgiving Meal Food Boxes to Panther Baptist Church in West Virginia Sat. November 21. Your family can provide another family with a box of food including turkey, stuffing, sides and dessert for a \$25 donation. **They will collect donations until Nov. 8** You are also invited to help pack the boxes Nov. 19. For info contact Mitch Callaway at 336-366-7591.

Mission Trip: We will be traveling to Rose Hill, NC to assist with rebuilding homes damaged by Hurricane Floyd. We will leave on Thursday, November 12th and return Saturday November 14th. Sign-up in the vestibule or see Kevin Callaway for more details. Thank you.

Toy Store: The Elkin Baptist Association will still have the Toy Store this year but with a completely different look. Because of COVID 19, the store will be a drive through toy store. The dates are December 11 & 12 from 9-5:00. Churches are ask to donate MONEY ONLY (No Toys) then designated shoppers will buy toys for the children that can be put in large bags that will be passed through the car window. **The church will collect money for the Toy Store starting this week through November 15.** Just put your money in an envelope marked TOY STORE and put in offering plate or deposit into slot at church office. If you write a check DO NOT write to PRBC but to the Toy Store. Also if you want to volunteer to work two hour slots, please contact Pat Luffman giving her your preferred time to work.

Lost & Found: There is a new Lost & Found box in the vestibule. Please come and retrieve some long-lost items or stick your found items in here.

PRBC Library: Did you know that we have a fully stocked library for both children and adults in the original PRBC building? Come see our books for your reading pleasure!

PRBC Credit Card Holders: Just a reminder that credit card receipts need to be into the office by the 23rd of each month. Thank you!