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A Newsletter of Pelham Road Baptist Church

Telling the Truth

I'm not sure I could pick a favorite author. Charles Dickens is on the short list. I envy Dickens because he says so much---with such few words.

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." Dickens, Great Expectations

See what I mean. But there is more. I, also appreciate Dickens because he tells the truth. Who among us have not experienced a March day as he describes.

But during March there is another piece of literature---that tells the truth, with barely enough words for a sentence---

"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said." Matthew 28:6

-John Roy

Doxology: Why do we do this?

Each week, around the world, thousands of Christian congregations raise their voices in worship:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

This hymn was written as the final verse of a hymn "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" in 1674.

What we hear from many in our congregation, your childhood church either sang the Doxology or the Gloria Patri every Sunday in church. That's why occasionally we add this hymn to our worship service. I have a theory

that our "Heart Worship", the way we worship best, is the way we worshiped when we were 10 years old. So for many of us, singing the Doxology just warms our hearts.

-Sam Coates

Going into the World

There are 24 hours in a day and 168 hours in a week. The way we spend our days is the way we spend our lives. We are all given the same amount of time. How we spend it and who we share it with says something about our values and faith.

Adam Blanton volunteers with Special Olympics. We've heard of the good work of Special Olympics and the special children they serve. Recently I had the opportunity to speak with Adam about the way he spends his life.

Growing up, Adam had a cousin who he was close to who had some physical limitations. As a child, Adam noticed people felt uncomfortable around her. It bothered him, even though she was smart, funny, and kind, people dismissed her because she was different.

From these early experiences God gave him a passion for those left out, marginalized, or misunderstood. More important than degrees or knowledge

is passion. Nothing worth happening has ever happened without passion. So three years ago God gave Adam the opportunity to act on his passion, Adam started giving his time to Special Olympics.

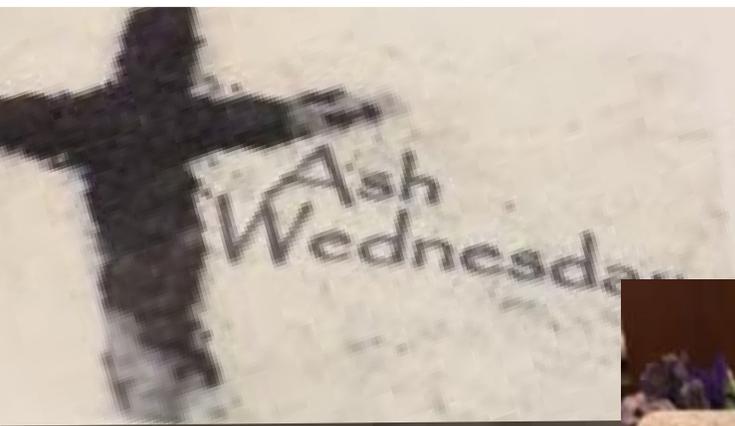
Working with Special Olympics has allowed him to meet many other awesome individuals who have so much to offer if we can open our eyes to see it. The most inspiring aspect of participating in Special Olympics, according to Adam, is the ability of the athletes to be genuinely happy and celebrate each other's accomplishments regardless of the outcome of the game.

Our own scripture records that real love is not jealous and does not envy, and Adam witnesses this EVERYTIME in Special Olympics. Adam says that in several basketball games the score has been very one-sided. No matter the score, he says, we all play hard until the end and celebrate every point scored as if it were the game-winning basket.

It's not scripture but it is true "Let me win. If I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," the Athletes Oath.

Pictured left to right: Eddie, Jacob, David, Adam, Joe, and Gary.





Ash Wednesday is a beautiful combination of our struggle with mortality and sin and the gift we have through Jesus. As Sam walked us through different parts of the body and the actions they bring, we were all reminded of the decisions we face every day, to live for Jesus. *-Kelly Spencer*

March Birthdays

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| Ann LeGrand | 03/01 | Gabriel LaPann | 03/18 |
| Pat Austell | 03/03 | Delores Smith | 03/18 |
| Daniel Wood | 03/04 | Tripp Holtzclaw | 03/19 |
| Jim Byko | 03/05 | Nicholas Smith | 03/19 |
| Kendall Parks | 03/05 | Parks Batson | 03/21 |
| Rachel McAbee | 03/10 | Beverly Dickson | 03/21 |
| Brice Pelley | 03/11 | Doug Tucker | 03/21 |
| Heather Weeks | 03/11 | Cindy Woody | 03/22 |
| Joe Hambright III | 03/12 | Ayla Lee Franklin | 03/26 |
| Art Fallis | 03/13 | Grace Ashmore | 03/28 |
| Sam Poole | 03/13 | Dillon Huygen | 03/28 |
| Elijah Franklin | 03/15 | Megan Huygen | 03/28 |
| Melissa Hull | 03/16 | Jordan Franklin | 03/29 |
| Cameron E. Smith | 03/16 | Taylor Roy | 03/30 |
| Zack McGill | 03/17 | Jenny Rose Springer | 03/30 |
| Susan Spongberg | 03/17 | | |

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40 for 40

Many of you have said, "I wish I had a CD of Lanny playing the piano." Now you can. Lanny Lanford has produced a piano meditation CD to help us raise money for our 40 for 40 Missions Campaign. Many of his songs have a soft, jazz like sound to them. If you've had a stressed

day you'll enjoy songs like *Amazing Grace*, *Blessed Assurance*, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* and 11 more songs. The CD's are available in the office. We are not selling them, but encourage you to make a donation to our missions campaign.

Holy Week Worship

Thursday, March 24, 6:45 PM – Maundy Thursday Communion Service.

Friday, March 25, 12:10 PM – Good Friday Service. Brief service in the Sanctuary with a Soup/Sandwich lunch to follow in the Café.

Sunday, March 27, 11:00 AM – Easter Celebration. The message will feature many of the familiar Resurrection Hymns. We will be a rejoicing people this Easter Sunday.