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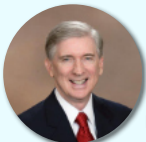
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## *News and Events from Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church*



### **On My Heart...**

**Dr. Philip May • Senior Pastor**

We kick off an exciting year for worship, Bible study, missions, and music.

We will have big events, local, state, national, and international partnerships for your participation. We hope to have our new children's minister on the job in March.

You will want to place two big events on your calendar for the first quarter of 2024. Dr. Jerry Vines will preach on Sunday morning, February 11. He pastored many churches, including West Rome Baptist and First Baptist Jacksonville. He is a great expository preacher. This will be our final opportunity to host him. I heard him preach in November in Snellville. He is 86 years old! He preached a powerful message, and he left the stage singing "I'll Fly Away."

Hall of Fame Coach Mark Richt will be our guest speaker for two services on Sunday, March 3. You will see a saturation of advertising, and we will invite school football teams to join us as well as the public. He conducted a day like this in Columbia County last year, and 100 people were saved. We need to have a heart for the lost and get the message of salvation to people.

Are you excited about worshiping and serving Christ? That's a personal decision, and your enthusiasm is contagious!

Your pastor,

Philip May

● Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church  
Special Guest Speaker

# COACH MARK RICHT

SUNDAY  
MARCH 3  
9 & 10:30 AM



# Financial Report

Thank you for your faithfulness with your tithes and offerings.

## FINANCIAL REPORT / DECEMBER 2023

ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT 2023 .....	\$1,879,593.25
RECEIVED TRU 12/31/2023 .....	<u>\$1,875,515.47</u>
NEED TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET .....	\$4,077.78
MONTHLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT .....	\$156,632.77
BUDGET RECEIVED 12/31/2023 .....	<u>\$348,530.50</u>
RECEIVED OVER BUDGET .....	\$(191,897.73)
TITHES AND OFFERINGS YTD .....	\$1,875,515.47
OTHER INCOME RECEIVED YTD .....	<u>\$82,256.95</u>
	\$1,957,772.42
SPENT TO DATE .....	\$(1,838,218.44)
UNDER SPENT YTD .....	\$119,553.98
HERITAGE FUND RECEIVED THRU DECEMBER 2023 .....	\$27,706.00

## February 2024 Calendar of Events

- February 2-4** Student Fusion DNOW weekend
- February 10** 10:00 AM - Women's Ministry Craft
- February 10** 5:00 PM - Sunday School leaders appreciation banquet
- February 11** 10:30 AM - Dr. Jerry Vines will be preaching
- February 13** 11:30 AM - Prime-Timers
- February 25** 3:30-7:00 PM - D Life Boot Camp

February 11 @ 10:30 AM

**Dr. Jerry Vines**

Speaker and Author

Former Pastor of  
West Rome Baptist Church

**Eric Gargus**

*Youth and Children's Minister*



What are you going to do to disciple your kids at home in 2024? PVS Kids is always here to help, but we can never take your place as your child's primary discipler. Maybe this is something new to you. If so, would you commit to reading a very practical article? The article, "Help Your Kids Develop the Habit of Time with God," is from Focus on the Family. Here's the link:

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/help-your-kids-develop-the-habit-of-time-with-god/>

Now, how about you? Are you spending time with God each day? Discipling your kids begins with your daily walk with Jesus. The Navigators ministry has a wonderful and simple guide to starting out spending seven minutes a day with God. Here's the link:

<https://www.navigators.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/navigators-how-to-have-a-daily-quiet-time.pdf>

Imagine what it will be like at the end of this year when you have spent personal time with God every day this year. Then, imagine what it will do for your child when you model this behavior for them! It's the most valuable thing you can do for your children this year.

With you on the journey,  
Eric & the PVS Kids Team

PS We are SO EXCITED to be getting our new children's minister very soon! Please continue to pray for him and his wife.



Parents, you have brilliant students. Your students are pulled in many directions by this world, while Jesus is the only correct direction. Will you commit to spend daily time with God in 2024? They need you to be their spiritual mentor. They need you to spend time with God daily. They need to hear what God is doing in your life.

Your faith affects their faith. Believe me, they would rather be hearing about God from you than anyone else on the planet. Remember, your student's spiritual journey will determine the outcome of every important life decision they will ever make. Your spiritual journey will either build up or hinder their walk with the Lord from now until they are on their own.

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 says, "Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Making the Bible part of every day matters now just like it did when Deuteronomy was written. Will you commit to spend time with God daily, and be your student's number one example of how to have a daily walk with Jesus?

Cheering for you,  
Eric

**Richard Brown**  
*Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Missions*

It is hard to believe that 2024 is already 1/12th complete. Time passes quickly and so does life. That is why we must take advantage of every opportunity to make disciples. This includes sharing our faith with the lost and leading them into a lifestyle of meaningful discipleship. I want to invite you to join me for our DLife Boot camp coming up Sunday afternoon, February 25th from 3:30 until 7 pm in the AWANA game room. Someone has well said that the less relational your church is, the less transformational it will be. You can make a difference! No cost. A light supper will be provided.

It isn't too late to get involved in GriefShare. Our PVS group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in room B106. If you are grieving the death of a loved one or close friend, you are welcome to join us. You will be encouraged by people who have been where you are, and you will learn how to manage grief's emotions and stresses. My wife, Denise, and I are leading the series. We have experienced loss also. Sign up online at [www.griefshare.org/groups/176399](http://www.griefshare.org/groups/176399).

Coach Mark Richt will be with us on Sunday morning, March 3rd with two services at 9 am and 10:30 am. This will be a huge evangelistic event. If you are interested in helping as a Decision Counselor please let me know because we will need your help! We are preparing for a spiritual rain! We will be scheduling a training meeting for the event so we can all be on the same page.

Also, I want to mention the Sportsman's Banquet coming up on March 7th beginning at 5 pm. Hall of Fame bass fisherman, Hank Parker, will be our keynote speaker. Tickets are \$35 each and must be purchased in advance. Please email Don Norton at [sportsman@pvsbc.org](mailto:sportsman@pvsbc.org) for more information or to volunteer.

Thank you so much for giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our goal of \$13,500 was obliterated! Because of your generous giving and an additional budget supplement, we are sending \$30,000.00 to the Lottie Moon Offering! This is by far the largest offering PVS has ever given to this worthy offering. One hundred percent of our gifts goes directly to the work of missions around the world. Thank you for being an incredibly generous church.

## D-Life Boot Camp

Join **US** in training for a lifestyle of disciple-making.

Pleasant Valley South  
Baptist Church  
702 Pleasant Valley Rd,  
Silver Creek, Building B  
February 25, 3:30PM -  
7:00PM



Register online  
[www.pvsbc.org](http://www.pvsbc.org) or  
use the QR Code.



**Mark Winstead**  
*Minister of Music*

I want to take today to say that I am grateful for all of God's blessings. Sometimes, we get so caught up in all the bad things that happen in the world and in our own lives that we forget how blessed we are. We complain about those in authority, too much rain, our aches and pains, etc... Notice I said WE. Yet if I will only take my eyes off of myself and what I want, I can see God's handiwork all around me. I can recognize how He is taking care of me and those I love. I can see the smiles of those around me, hear the laughter, feel the warmth. Life is not always easy. In fact, the older I get, the more I realize how those aches and pains only get more pronounced. But when I look at Kathy, my children (that includes my children's spouses) and grandchildren and what a privilege it is to have them in my life – wow am I blessed! Look around you. What do you have to be thankful for? I bet there is more to be thankful for than there is to complain about if we only open our eyes.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Love you all,  
Mark

**Ted Fuller**  
*Minister of Education / Business Administrator*

Happy New Year! 2023 is officially gone and we are blessed to see a brand-new year. God has blessed our church in many ways in the past year and we look forward to what He will do in 2024. Our staff is thankful for your faithfulness in your giving of tithes and offerings. The financial books for 2023 are balanced and closed and your faithful giving enables us to meet our financial obligations and support our various ministries. Your tithing records will be completed soon and sent to you in the mail. Also, a financial audit was completed last year, and the accounting firm's report was positive and included the following: "all observed transactions appeared normal for the course of the business of the church."

On February 10, we will have our Sunday School Leaders Appreciation Banquet. This is for all leaders (and spouses) in the children's, youth, and adult departments. We will have a catered dinner, games with door prizes, and Marty Godfrey will be our guest speaker. Marty is currently the Executive Pastor at Burnt Hickory Baptist Church located in Powder Springs. All Sunday School leaders are asked to get signed up for this fun event.

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