

# Palmyra Baptist Church Quarterly



## THE PURSUIT OF GROWTH!

Growth is vital. So many of our occupations rely on or encourage growth. Farmers need crops to grow in order to have a harvest. Ranchers need their livestock to grow either for sales or for food. Those in business wish their companies or customer levels to grow.

There is a growth that is spoken of in the Bible that we want to pursue in the church, and that is spiritual growth. We are called to grow in unity with each other.

*Ephesians 4:15 - Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

We are called to grow in our understanding of God and His Word.

*1 Pet 3:18 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.*

We can grow through serving together as a body and grow as individuals through regular time in God's Word. We will look at these areas more closely as we head into the new year.

Our Sunday evening Bible study will be looking at prayer and why we need it not only as individuals, but as a church body as well, learning to pray together.

We look forward to a more relaxed quarter moving into 2019, as last quarter was very busy!

I am excited for whatever God has in store for us in the coming year. He has blessed us greatly and we give thanks as we seek His will for us as a church body here on this corner.

- Pastor Andrew

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **January 6<sup>th</sup> – 10am**

New Sunday School Quarter begins  
Ruth/Esther(women) / Joshua(mixed)

#### **January 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm**

State of the Church Address

#### **January 13<sup>th</sup> – 12pm**

New Members Recognition Meal  
and Quarterly Business Meeting

#### **January 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm**

Bible Study Begins – *On Prayer*

#### **February 9<sup>th</sup> – 4pm-8pm**

Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper

#### **February 17<sup>th</sup> – 12pm**

Church Fun Lunch  
@ Gambinos Pizza in Andover

#### **March 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:30pm**

Community Movie Night

# SERVING GOD



Hands2Serve in October was a wonderful day of serving in the Benton and Towanda communities. We look forward to joining their next round!



We are excited to finish the new playground installation for this coming Spring, not only for our own kids, but for the community too. We have found out that many local families enjoy playing at the church when the weather is nice.



Despite the colder weather this year, the Living Nativity was a success as we still got to share the good news of Jesus Christ with over 1800 people. God is so good to carry us through everything that goes into putting it on.

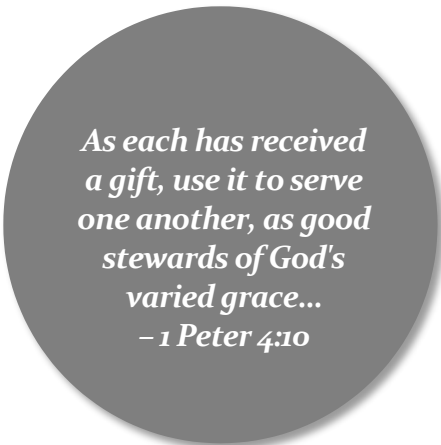
## MISSIONS REPORT

### **Hadassah**

We continue to pray for Hadassah and her group as they travel abroad in Jordan, ministering to those they meet, being a light for Christ, and sharing the Gospel.

[HadassahTillotson.theworldrace.org](http://HadassahTillotson.theworldrace.org)

We also lift up all of the other outreaches and missionaries we support. Some are relocated and others are currently making plans for the future, where God will have them, and what that will look like. Please check our mission board for updates.



*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...  
- 1 Peter 4:10*

## GET CONNECTED!

Join us Sunday evenings for our next Bible study topic. We will look to God's Word regarding the power of prayer, and why it is critical to pray as individuals and together as a body. A Bible study for elementary-aged kids, *Explore the Bible*, is also offered at this time as well as a nursery for little ones.

Family Fellowship: 9:30am  
 Sunday School: 10:00am  
 Worship Service: 11:00am  
 Evening Worship: 6:30pm