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The other day I received an email from my Aunt Peggy. Peggy is the youngest of my father's 7 siblings, just 18 months older than me. Aunt Peggy has done some research on our family tree on her mother's father's side of the family.

Prominent in her research is Benjamin Boyer, my grandmother's great grandfather. He was born in 1838 in Ontario, Canada to Irish immigrants, fathered 12 children and made his living as a farmer.

I wish I can say that he had struck it rich or achieved some mark of fame, but he did not. He did live and love and is a part of my history and heritage. He's family. He is the link between other family members spanning generations before him and generations after him. He's family.

Families are important. Families help form our identity for good and for bad. (Through him I'm part Irish! A reason for me to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!)

The Bible pictures the church as the family of God. We are brothers and sister in Christ. God is our Father. Jesus is our Elder Brother. We are family. We are connected to one another. We have a common spiritual ancestry.

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:19-22)

While we may feel disconnected from our earthly ancestors, through the church we have a connection with a wonderful family that spans thousands of years. For that reason we can sing with the hymn writer:

I'm so glad I'm a part of
the Family of God,
I've been washed in the
fountain, cleansed by
His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as
we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the
family,
The Family of God.

I hope you will make
worshiping and connecting with
your family of faith a priority for
you and your earthly family.

The shepherd loves the sheep!
Pastor Brian



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Nona McGowan	2nd
Hailey Rice	8th
Diana Waters	8th
Ben Dillon	9th
Tina Spearman	9th
Elaine Bumgardner	10th
Nathan Fox	10th
Bobbie Branch	12th
Dean Branch	12th
Weston Merriott	14th
David Lemoine	25th
Kevin Rice	25th
Lela Baswell	27th
Chris Lott	29th
Marcus Fondren	30th
Ryleigh Jo Spearman	31st
Lou Jones	31st

Anniversaries

Russ & Susan Merriott	27 th
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CHARLIE'S CHATS

We still have a few chairs left.
Come and join us for choir practice Wednesday at 6:30.
You will truly find it a blessing!



Fellowship

Saturday,
March 14th

From 5 - 8 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall



VBS 2014

See Kay Sutton or
Bro. Charles
if interested

Week of Prayer for ANNIE ARMSTRONG
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March 2-9, 2014



Matthew 13:3-9,18-23

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**Our Church Goal
\$1,500**



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www.elmgrovebaptist.com



*March 30th
After Worship*

Bring your favorite covered dish

Hard Candy needed for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt



SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Adult Prayer 6:30 p.m.
Youth/Children Bible Studies 6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Church Council:
Wednesday, March 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Business Meeting:
Sunday, March 17th after Morning Worship

