

The Family Crest



Potomac Crest Baptist Church's
Monthly Newsletter - February 2012

FROM OUR PASTOR

I want to share a few things with you – things that we should know, things what we should be, things that we should do, things we should be living out loud as a church body –

- 1 **PRAYER, PRAYER and more PRAYER** . real, Spirit-fed, fervent (even a little fasting thrown in)
- 2 **PATIENCE** . with each other, with limited space, with changes... as the church grows we have to be willing to adjust, to be flexible, to be long-suffering.
- 3 **PURPOSE & PEOPLE** . keeping the main thing the main thing . Jesus Christ (to know Him and make Him known) People is who we are and what we do. It is far too easy to get caught up in stuff and miss the point. When that happens we fail to fulfill our purpose.
- 4 **PLANS** . looking to the future: addressing NOW what could be for tomorrow.
- 5 **PROCEEDS** . tithes, offerings . it takes giving, sacrificial giving from each and every one of us. I will tell you something it apparent in our recent giving trends. There are some folks who are truly giving with sacrifice . and then there are many people who don't give at all . the bible tells us all to give – to bring the WHOLE tithe into the storehouse – and our giving must be openhearted, liberal, generous and consistent.
- 6 **PERFORMANCE** . each of us called to serve God here... we need ALL (as in everyone) to be involved to make the body function. The adage . “20 percent of the people do 80 percent of the work...” The church body will never truly reach its full potential until every person in the church serves side by side with others in the church.

PCB needs to be ready, needs to stand strong TOGETHER not pockets of us and them. it should never be; look what I did or look what our group did. It should always be . look what GOD did through ALL of us!

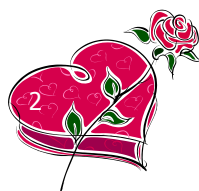
Finally - the PCB family reaches some amazing milestones in the next 6 months. Two of our lovely saints turn 90 years old this year . Ms Winnie Cooper and Ms Martha Bryant. We need to learn something from these two beautiful ladies –

No matter how old you are, you are never too old to serve God.

I would encourage you to celebrate with them, but too also learn from them.

Serving in faith .

Doug



FOR OUR CHILDREN

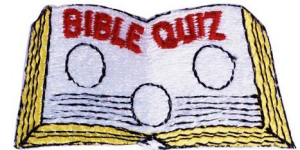
The Crest CREW (Children Receiving Eternal Wisdom)



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Awana News

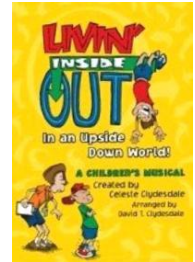
Bible Quiz is the Scripture memory counterpart to the physical, game-oriented AwanaGames™. Both use the element of competition as a motivating factor. Bible Quizzing tests students' knowledge of material in handbooks and manuals and provides individual recognition and awards. We have 3 teams competing this year! Join us at Choice Baptist Church, 16 Burton Loop, in Fredericksburg, VA., Saturday, February 18th, 2012, at 9:00 am to cheer them on!



AwanaGames™ pits clubs from local churches in competition at the local, state, regional and national level. More than 600 AwanaGames events typically take place in the U.S. each year, with numerous others held worldwide. The games will be held at Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield, VA on Feb 25th beginning at 9:30 am. Come support our teams!

Children's Choir

Practice for the spring musical will kick off with a pizza party on Feb 12th at 5:00pm. The Spring Musical will be, "Livin' Inside Out in an Upside Down World!" Dress Rehearsal May 5th and Performance Sunday, May 6th

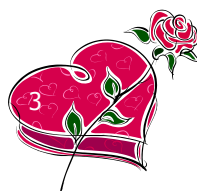


Summer Camp

I have chosen Camp Sandy Cove for our summer camp this year. Camp Sandy Cove is an overnight Christian kid's camp for boys and girls located near Winchester, Virginia, in High View, West Virginia. There are two options; a weekend camp and a full week of camp.

Summer Sampler: June 1-3
Boys and Girls ages 7-12
7 pm Friday – 2 pm Sunday
\$115 per camper Includes
2 nights bunkhouse lodging,
5 healthy meals, snacks,
quality supervision and
all the fun of camp.

Wet 'n' Wild Week: Jul 29-Aug 5
Boys and Girls ages 7-12
7 nights/8 days, Sunday to Sunday
\$515 per camper includes:
Canoe races, squirt guns, water balloons,
swimming and more! Add a huge splash
of fun to your summer!



Installment payments may be made and scholarships are available through Sandy Cove Ministries. For more information contact: campinfo@sandycove.org. To register sign up on the slat wall or contact Heather Zerkle at kids@PotomacCrestBaptist.com

*** Registration will be closed Wednesday, Feb 29th ***



- We now have working sinks in the Older Toddler and Preschool classrooms! Huge thank you to Rob for making that happen!
- To alleviate the congestion at the bottom of the stairs, we are relocating the nursery drop off to behind the Welcome Desk.

Calendar wrap-up

Awana Bible Quiz Feb 18th

Sparks-a-Rama/Awana Games Feb 25th

Spring Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal May 5th

Spring Children's Choir Performance May 6th

Summer Sampler June 1st-3rd

VBS June 18th-22nd

Wet 'n' Wild Week July 29th- Aug 5th

Please check out the slat wall for more information on all these events



Praying you accept His Amazing Love for you,
Heather



Family Thoughts

by Michelle Kieser

A Call to Careers (continued)

And then there came another wave of immigrants. Back when the United States was founded, in most countries you had to own land to be able to vote. So for political freedom, you had to be economically viable and own land. To have economic freedom to own your own land, you had to be able to vote. It was a Catch-22 that only the bravest of souls, those willing to sacrifice their money and safety, those willing to give up the known for the unknown, were able to do. They headed across uncharted waters and lands to stake their own claim. Those were our forefathers.

So who do you want in those very important positions of fighting for your rights? Who do you want reading the constitution and keeping the true meaning of it unsullied? Do you want someone who swears on a bible because they believe in it and all the principles it stands for or someone who is just going through the motions? The person ruling over the court and its myriad of cases needs to have not only a superior intellect but also a superior value system. They need to believe in the way of life that those first settlers were trying to gain and also understand all of the courage it took to get those chances. Who better to have the authority to keep the rules and value system of a people than one who was raised with those things in their own home?

Yet another career with enormous impact is for those who can take the pen and make it mightier than a sword. Journalists have the ability to take the ideas that float in the flotsam and jetsam of minds and put them into clear, concise words that make sense to the average man. They train to take words and use them to excite, stimulate and encourage others to take action. Who better to steer other strong minded individuals, to arouse the protectors or move heroes into action than someone who can undoubtedly state the problems with a simple solution?

You are training your child for a career where they can bring their ideals, hopes and dreams to fruition. Perhaps they are the ones who will hold sway in the court of public opinion. Perhaps they will be the ones with the supreme authority to have others make changes. Perhaps they will have the capabilities to be the ones who direct our country back to traditional values, balanced budgets and common sense.

Then there are the elected officials of our government. Although many people may malign politicians for what many of their peers are known for, you have the opportunity to raise someone who harkens back to the days of exemplary people who stood head and shoulders above others. There are many public servants whose character is a stand out above others but you do not hear about them because the caliber of all the others is so low.

Over a period of time the majority of those doing civic duty would change to become respected servants of the community, people others look up to and aspire to become like them. Just because some have let the acumen of their profession become stained does not mean that we have to let it wallow there. Unblemished character is a wonderful asset, particularly when you can demonstrate that you have the expertise, intelligence and good judgment to get the job done honestly.

** To Be Continued in the March Newsletter **



FOR OUR STUDENTS

Student Ministry News

I came across this poem after the first of the new year. I have it printed out and hanging on my wall in my office. It's also in my Bible. It really hit me when I read it because I believe it is a dangerous poem. Not dangerous in that it is going to "physically" hurt you, but I believe if this poem was true in all of our lives, it would "hurt" some of us to give up what we think is the best for us, to receive the best of what God has planned for us. It was written by a classmate of mine who is a great musician. I hope you enjoy it and maybe find a reason to print it out for yourself.

Do What You Must

Do what You must almighty God
To make me more like Your Son,
Empty me of all envy and pride
And fill me again with love.

Whatever it takes I earnestly pray
To make me a man of Your Word,
Take me to the depths of sufferings deep
Lead me down the Calvary road.

I'll take up my cross whatever the cost
If You grant the strength and grace,
I'll follow you Lord, my Savior, my God
To highest of heights or grave.

My dreams and my plans I place on your altar
And to them I raise my knife,
You give and you take, my gracious Provider
You kill and you bring to life.

I ask not for health nor prospering wealth
But one thing I need and trust,
That I might become a man like Your Son
To this end Lord, do what You must.

--Matt Papa

February 2012

- PCBC Students Deeper Discussion Study (5-6:30 p.m.)
 - o 12, 19, 26
- Student Ministry Open Gym (6:30-8:15 p.m.)
 - o 7, 21, 28
- Super Bowl Party (kickoff @ 6:30 p.m.)
 - o 5
 - o Chili cookoff if anyone is interested
- Planet Wisdom Money due (\$51.00)
 - o 12

In Christ and for His Glory,
Jay



FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Guard Against Familiarity

by Doug Shank

I was driving on Backlick Road in Springfield the other day, mindlessly weaving my way through the 5:30 AM darkness, when I got to thinking about how familiarity works.

My mind went back about twenty years to when I was still relatively new to the area, having only been here for three or four years and having spent most of that time commuting between Dumfries or Dale City and Potomac Mills. Back then to drive through Springfield might as well been a drive through Beulah Wyoming. It was strange and new and uncertain.

But today, after commuting in the area for those two decades, working for three different organizations that were based in Springfield, eating, shopping and banking there...now it has become almost as familiar as the street I grew up on. Auto-pilot is common as I drive through there.

And therein lies the risk. When we get so familiar with something, we tend to go about our duties in that area without much thought or attention to detail. We're not so alert for twists and turns in the road, obstacles, changes in traffic patterns. Our hands just guide the wheel the way they've guided the wheel the other thousand times we drove that route, and our mind, while of course watchful, is not as attuned to surroundings as it would be otherwise.

Our Christian walk gets that way as well. This is why Peter said "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). It's also why Paul warned us "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).

We need to constantly be on guard against the familiarity that leads to complacency. This is especially the time of the year to be cautious, as the holiday rush and excitement is over, spring is still six weeks or so away, and we've settled into maybe the most hum-drum period of the calendar.

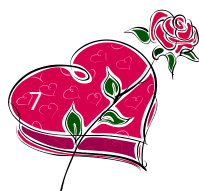
Pastor Doug, as always, is casting the vision and leading us through this, though, with the 'Live Like It's True' message series on Sunday mornings. If you've missed any, go to the website and catch up (that's www.potomaccrestbaptist.com, then click on the 'Audio and Video' tab). Couple that with the opportunities to be Christ to the world around us – the list of things we can do to make a positive impression on people – that have been handed out every week. And then throw in all the activities going on around the church like Student Open Gym, YEC and Impact, the second half of Awana year, Children's Choir rehearsal for the spring musical presentation, preparations for the Haiti trip, and all the Bible studies and fellowship events going on. All this stacks up to give us lots of things to be excited about during these ho-hum months. There's more than enough to keep us from allowing Satan and this world to lull us into a trance of winter dreariness.

Paul said "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him" (Colossians 2:6). 'Walk' involves movement, getting from where we are to where we're going. 'In Him' involves purpose, consistently striving to 'press toward the mark' (Philippians 3:14).

Don't set the auto-pilot. Don't let things get familiar. Don't let things get routine. Move through this life with a purpose every day, every month – even during the weary dreary days of winter.

TOD

(The Other Doug)



FOR OUR ADULTS

Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday nights are rough trying to get home from work, get the kids together, get everyone fed and get to church on time for AWANA or Youth Group or Prayer Service. Why not let us help? Our Family Dinners are good and nutritious and there is always some fun and fellowship in the mix. Dinners are served from 5:15p to 6:30p and cost \$4.00 per person (\$16.00 max for a family of 4 or more). **Reservations are required weekly** so food is not wasted or in short supply. **Make your reservation every week by noon on Tuesday.** To make your reservation, contact Tammy Foster at tammylou3@verizon.net or by calling her.



March's menu: *(all menus are subject to change without notice)*

<u>February 01</u>	<u>February 08</u>	<u>February 15</u>	<u>February 22</u>	<u>February 29</u>
Breakfast	Ham	Tacos	Chicken Spaghetti	Pork
	Mac & Cheese	Fiesta Rice	Salad	Red Potatoes
	Green Beans	Refried Beans	Bread	Peas
	Rolls, Salad			Rolls, Salad
	Desert			

Lottie Moon 2011

His Heart, His Hands, His Voice

By listening to His Voice through the videos and announcements, allowing His Heart to influence ours, and giving from our open hands to His Hands, we have again achieved a great Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The New Testament says to come to the Lord with open hands in respect to our offering, and we have done that.

This year goes all the way back to last January, in which you gave an additional \$1065 beyond the 2010 offering. Adding this amount to what was received in December gives us a total offering of \$6865, very close to our goal of \$7000, and \$500 (almost 8%) above our previous 2010 offering of \$6365! Since the end of December you have given an additional \$955. This will be added to this year's 2012 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, so we are again off to a good start.

Through your giving you are blessed, for as Christ said on his Sermon on the Mount of Olives: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance, - - - (for) whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me".

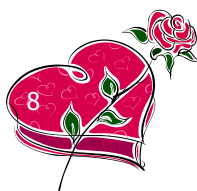
Let us maintain our spirit of giving and prayer throughout 2012 and beyond.

Deacon of the week

	<u>week of</u>
John Clement	1/29 - 2/04
Mike Benfield	2/05 - 2/11
Kim Glasoe	2/12 - 2/18
Christ Jordan	2/19 - 2/25
Bill King	2/26 - 3/03



Live Like It's True



Burnt Biscuit -

When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then, and I remember one night in particular when she'd made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burnt biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed.

Yet, all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that ugly burnt biscuit. He ate every bite of that thing...never made a face nor uttered a word about it!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits, and I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burnt biscuits! every now and then."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burnt. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. Besides, a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone."

As I've grown older, I've thought about that many times. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else, but what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults and choosing to celebrate each other's differences is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today is that you will learn to take the good, the bad and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He is the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker.

We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the basis of any relationship; be it a boyfriend-girlfriend, husband-wife parent-child or friendship.

Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket; keep in your own.

So, please pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burnt one will do just fine.

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BIRTHDAY'S and ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

- 02 - Peggy Kennedy
- 03 - Cassidy Benfield
- 03 - Jason Blanton
- 03 - Guy Haddad
- 05 - Bobby Tucker
- 05 - Joey Tucker
- 07 - Joe Matkins
- 08 - Dawn Murphy
- 09 - Lacey Matkins
- 09 - Kristyn Farris
- 09 - Jackie Voss
- 10 - Russ Smith
- 12 - Lynmarie Colon
- 13 - Laura Webb



- 14 - Winnie Cooper
- 14 - Christine Kieser
- 14 - Larry Meade
- 15 - Emily Stiller
- 16 - Dane Arterburn
- 16 - Ellie Arterburn
- 16 - Bill Murphy
- 16 - Rachel Scott
- 16 - Regina Stiller
- 17 - Molly Foster
- 18 - Gina McDonald
- 20 - Joe Matkins, Jr.
- 22 - Vivian Castle
- 23 - Justin Ryder

- 23 - Harry Stickley
- 25 - Sarah Millard
- 25 - MaryEtta Rogers
- 26 - Eric Hayes
- 28 - Ron Reed



February Anniversary's

- 14 - Larry and Kathy Reesey
- 16 - Neal and Star Smith
- 25 - Kevin and Judy Meyer
- 28 - Tim and Susan Chenault



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday's Regular Activities

- 8:30a Contemporary Service
- 9:45a Sunday School
- 11:00a Traditional Service
- 1:15p Korean Worship Service
- 4:45p Student Bible Study
- 5:00p Adult Bible Studies
- 5:30p Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30p Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday's Regular Activities

- 5:30p Family Dinner
- 6:30p Children's Program
- 6:30p Student Ministry (6th to 12th grades)
- 6:30p Prayer Service
- 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal

February

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			01 Regular Activities	02 9a-3:30p HSG 4-7:30p NFAES 6:30-8p B&S 7:30p Men's BS 7:30p C&CBS	03	04 <i>8a Men's Bkfst</i> 9:30a SBP 9:30a BOD4GOD
05 Regular Activities	06 6:30-8p B&S 7:00p HSG Info Session	07 4-7:30p NFAES 6-7:30p TBS 6:30p SMOG 6:30p ESL 6:30p Men's TBS 6:30p BOD4GOD	08 Regular Activities	09 9a-3:30p HSG 4-7:30p NFAES 6:30-8p B&S 7:30p Men's BS 7:30p C&CBS	10	11 <i>9a Ladies Bkfst</i> 9:30a SBP 9:30a BOD4GOD
12 Regular Activities Winnie's 90th Birthday luncheon	13 6:30-8p B&S	14 4-7:30p NFAES 6-7:30p TBS 6:30p SMOG 6:30p ESL 6:30p Men's TBS 6:30p BOD4GOD	15 Regular Activities	16 9a-3:30p HSG 4-7:30p NFAES 6:30-8p B&S 7:00 HSG Mtg 7:30p Men's BS 7:30p C&CBS	17	18 9:30a SBP 9:30a BOD4GOD 4:30p Parent Night Out
19 Regular Activities	20 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30-8p B&S	21 4-7:30p NFAES 6-7:30p TBS 6:30p SMOG 6:30p ESL 6:30p Men's TBS 6:30p BOD4GOD	22 Regular Activities	23 9a-3:30p HSG 4-7:30p NFAES 6:30-8p B&S 7:30p Men's BS 7:30p C&CBS	24	25 9:30a SBP 9:30a BOD4GOD
26 Regular Activities <i>Lord's Supper</i>	27 6:30-8p B&S	28 4-7:30p NFAES 6-7:30p TBS 6:30p SMOG 6:30p ESL 6:30p Men's TBS 6:30p BOD4GOD	29 Regular Activities			

B&S - Body and Soul Women's Exercise Class
 C&CBS - College & Career Bible Study
 ESL - English as a Second Language Class
 FPU - Financial Peace University



NFAES - National Foundation for Acquiring
 Employable Skills
 SMOG - Student Ministry Open Gym
 SBP - Student Band Practice
 TBS - Tuesday Night Bible Study

STAFF

LEAD PASTOR Doug Duty
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR Doug Shank
 STUDENT PASTOR Jay Holliday
 CHILDREN'S DIR. Heather Zerkle
 SECRETARY Donna Truslow
 MODERATOR Melinda Darby
 CLERK Valerie Dinwiddie
 SUNDAY SCHOOL DIR. Tim Chenault

MINISTRIES (not all members are listed)

Children's

Heather Zerkle Director
 Jill Meade Asst. Dir.
 Shelly Player Child's Church
 Jamie Hamilton Nursery
 Sheila Webb Preschool ETC
 Mary Dunlap Welcome Cntr

Awana & 24/7 Ministries

Heather Zerkle Commander
 Alicia Boniakowski Secretary
 Rhonda Pierce Puggles
 Bobbi Queen Cubbies
 Heather Zerkle Sparks
 Eric Zerkle T&T
 Mike & Tonia Benfield Trek
 Harry Stickley Games

Students

Jay Holliday Pastor
 Natalie Holliday
 Tom Carlson
 Rachelle Carlson
 Cindy Fox-Bachman

College & Career

Kevin Meyer Co-Chair
 Judy Meyer Co-Chair

Women's

Olthes Croom Chair
 Deb Duty Co-Coordinator
 Lillian Shank Secretary
 Cathy Clement Treasurer
 Cindy Fox Bachman Public Relations

Men's

Harry Stickley
 John Clement

Music

Melinda Darby Leader/Organist/
 Adult Choir Dir.
 Missy Jessup Pianist
 Sheila Baldwin Pianist
 Carolyn Saunders Organist (backup)
 Susan Blanton Worship Leader
 Jerry Ellis Praise Team Ldr.
 Nancy Farischon Child's Choir Dir.

Deacons

Bill King Chair
 Don Carmichael Vice Chair
 Mike Benfield Secretary
 Benny Blanton
 Jack Darby
 Tom Carlson
 Tim Chenault
 Kim Glasoe
 Harry Stickley
 Neal Smith
 Chris Jordan
 John Clement
 Phil Edney
 Phil Qualls
 Jerry Pruitt

Family Needs

Cindy Fox-Bachman Chair
 Debbie Talbot A-B Group
 Sherrill Pusey & Mari Melvin C-D Group
 Nancy Farischon & Brendalee Edney E-H Group
 Sue Ellen Stickley I-N Group
 Helen Richards O-R Group
 Sharon Bender & Linda Kline S Group
 Lillian Shank & Eileen Kramer T-Z Group

Missions Team

Doug Shank Team Lead
 Larry Springer Offerings
 Tina Heiby Care Net, ACTs
 Angie Blanton Angel Tree/Prison
 Mandy Kennedy Assist Homeless
 Barb S & April H NoAm&Foreign
 Leanne Gillespie Samaritans Purse
 Carolyn Saunders Acts

Trustees

Steve Bachman Chair
 Janet Chewning
 Winnie Cooper
 Nancy Farischon
 Jack Darby

Greeters

Jerry Pruitt 8:30
 Tamara Pruitt 8:30
 Martha Bryant 11:00
 Kathy Wickline 11:00

Ushers

Keith Holloman Chair

Events Coordinators

Tina Heiby Chair
 Vicky Geppart Co-Chair

Audio / Visual Team

Steve Foster Chair
 Tammy Foster
 Molly Foster
 Billy Blanton
 Larry Meade

IT Team

Mike Benfield
 Larry Meade

Finance Team

Larry Meade Chair
 Deborah Neal Treasurer
 Cathy Clement
 Sam Robinson
 Lydia Flowers
 Jim McManamey
 Mel Wick

Building & Grounds Team

Rob Peterson Chair
 Paul Heiby Grounds
 Art LaSante Building
 Tom Bradshaw Cleaning

Nominating Committee

John Flowers Chair
 Winnie Cooper
 Sandy Murphy
 Virginia Cox
 Paul Yirrah
 Judy Meyer



Potomac Crest Baptist Church - Ministries Personnel List

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Jim McManamey
Mel Wick
Lydia Flowers

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Melinda Darby Chair
Deborah Duty
Olthea Croom

T. J. Wheeler

