

REFLECTIONS

February 26, 2025

Interim Pastor Dr. Doug White

MUSIC MINISTER GREG WILSON INTERIM YOUTH MINISTER DAVID HAMMONDS

WMU March Mission Action

Cleaning supplies and toiletries donations for Chilhowee Baptist Center Collection thru Sunday, March 30th



WMU MARCH MISSION ACTION

The Chilhowee Baptist Center is preparing for its annual spring event, "The Resurrection Celebration," which will be held throughout April. We will collect cleaning supplies and toiletry items through Sunday, March 30th. Copies of the donation list are on the table in the foyer hallway. Our thanks go out to all who have helped in the past to make this event a huge success! The Baptist Center and the people whom it serves greatly appreciate your support.

Mission Project Update

Our first meeting of the new church-wide fellowship visiting program was held with a lot of enthusiasm. A lot of prayer and devotion has gone into this new mission project, and it will have to continue to be successful. Our new mission project will be called "The Joshua Mission" after Joshua 1:9 and 24:15. Please keep in prayer this new mission, and if you are interested in giving some of your time, please contact Bill Livingston at (865) 387-1235.

New Sunday Class

Starting Sunday, March 9th, at 4:00 PM, David Schultz will lead a six-week class titled "Sharing Your Faith." This class will follow the book *Share Jesus Without Fear* by William Fay and focus on how to effectively witness to others and share your faith in meaningful ways. The book is available for \$6.49 on Amazon and Christianbook. A signup sheet is on the table in the foyer hallway. Feel free to contact David at (865) 661-7014 if you have questions or would like more information.

Security Volunteers

Sunday, March 2nd

1st Service & Sunday School

Vernon Stephens

2nd Service Stanley Janeway

Please contact Vernon Stephens or turn in the response card in your bulletin if you would be willing to volunteer.

Easter Play

Wednesday, April 16th, we will be having an Easter Play with ALL the children and youth. We would love for everyone to participate. If you have a child/youth who would like to be a part of the play, please text Brittany at (865) 323-4771.

Practice dates and times:

Sundays 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 right after Sunday service (lunch provided); Wednesdays 4/9, 4/16 at 4:30

Hope you join us as we share the greatest story ever told!

ANNIE ARMSTRONG MISSION STUDY

The Annie Armstrong North American Mission Study will be held Wednesday, March 5th, at 6:30 PM.

Pastor Search Update

The Pastor Discovery Committee has identified who we unanimously believe is the man for the job of PGBC Head Pastor. We want to present him and his wife to the PGBC Congregation for a meet-and-greet and then invite him to preach before the congregational vote.

The following schedule is what we are proposing if the PGBC congregation is willing:

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>March</u> 1st- Meet-and-greet with potential pastor and his wife from 2 to 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Light Refreshments will be provided.

Flyers will be distributed at the meet-and-greet, including the pastor's bio, the family bio, pictures, etc.

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>March 2nd</u>- Sunday School at 9 AM and one worship service at 10:15 AM. The pastor candidate will preach a sermon during the worship service, and then he and his wife will depart.

After they leave, a special business meeting begins, which will include the following: pastor discovery committee read terms salary/etc., church vote by written ballot, ballots counted after service, pastor discovery committee will contact the candidate with the PGBC congregation's vote results.

Sunday, March 9th - The voting result will be officially announced to the congregation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church met in regular business meeting with Andy Waters presiding. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Organization and department reports were given. Finance report for January was presented. The Sunday School average attendance for January was 139, average contacts were 120. Diann Ringer reported for the WMU. WMU will begin the collection of Resurrection baskets for the Baptist Center in March. Andy Waters reported for the Pastor Discovery Committee. PGBC will host a meet and greet for our pastoral candidate on March 1st, and he will preach on March 2nd. Dan Blevens reported for the Trustees. The property behind the ball field was bush hogged in December; minor repairs to the main swing set were made; the Garbage disposal in the small sink in the kitchen burned out and has been replaced; the lightbulbs in the church sign have been replaced; two toilets have been repaired; one light in the choir loft has been replaced. Trustees recommend a new bus policy that will be presented in the March business meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: WMU recommended that the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal be \$12,000. Passed.

The Audit Committee presented its annual report for 2024. Passed

The Trustee Committee recommended Jud Alexander for trustee. Passed

Pastor Discovery Committee recommended a change to the March 2nd service times. There will be no early service; Sunday school will be held at 9 AM, and a single service for the pastoral candidate will be held at 10:15 AM. Passed

Marty Mueller motioned to adjourn. All in favor. Andy Waters, Moderator Lisa Hill, Church Clerk