

PLEASANT GROVE



## REFLECTIONS

December 13, 2017

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# *Special Worship And Fellowship*



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## SPECIAL WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have a special presentation of an original Christmas musical written by Les Burnette and Greg Wilson at 3:30 PM in the church sanctuary. This will be followed by a church wide meal (catered by Buddy's Bar-B-Q) in honor of Marilyn Hodges, who recently retired as our church pianist after over 30 years of service. Please make plans to attend and look for sign-up sheets in the church hallway.

### Lottie Moon Christmas Mailbox

The Lottie Moon Christmas Mailbox will be opened Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost per card is 40¢, and all money collected will go toward our Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Thank you for your continued support to missions. Please make sure you only send cards to active church members. Shut-ins, folks no longer at PGBC, and family members of church members may not receive cards placed in the mail box.

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

On Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have our 8:30 AM service and Sunday School, however, our 10:45 AM service has been dismissed. We will have our Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service at 3:00 PM. Wed. evening services for December 27<sup>th</sup> have also been dismissed.

### Newsletter News

We will not be publishing a newsletter for the weeks of December 27<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will have an issue published for January 10<sup>th</sup>.

### WMU Annual Food Collection

The WMU food collection for the Chilhowee Baptist Center has begun and will continue through Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be collecting any non-perishable food item, as well as toiletries. The holiday season is always a very busy time for the Baptist Center. Hopefully, this annual collection will help them re-stock their shelves.

Christian Sympathy

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To the family of Harold Hembree

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. PS. 116:15

To the family of Sybil Rainwater

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## Welcome New Members

Jenny Cook by Statement

Alyssa Cook by Statement

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Church Goal: \$13,000

Received to date: \$5705

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We will meet at the church at 6:00 PM on December 21<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us!

## CHURCH MEETINGS

Business Meeting	Sun. Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM
KIT Group	Wed. Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM
Church Office Closed	Mon. Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	

## 2018 Offering Envelopes

The boxes of 2018 envelopes are available for pick up in the hallway near the foyer. If you used envelopes in 2017, please look for the box with YOUR name on the top. If you were not using envelopes in 2017 but would like to begin using them in 2018, please pick up a box that has NO name on the top and take the lowest number available. According to the IRS, you must use offering envelopes to receive a statement of giving from the church for tax purposes. Be sure to discard your 2017 envelopes.

## Security Volunteers

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Service & Leon Roddy & Doyle Sloan

Sunday School

2<sup>nd</sup> Service John Shore

## Keeping In Touch Meeting

The Keep In Touch (KIT) group will meet in the church fellowship hall at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, followed by a noon meal. Anyone who is age 55 or over is invited to attend along with their guests. Bring a covered dish for yourself and your guests.

Returning by popular demand just in time for our Christmas offering, we welcome with pleasure, Roger Givens gifted photographer, as our featured guest narrator. New for this visit will be wild animal photos intermingled with those of birds. All of the pictures are different from the ones previously shown. Wild animals, as we are aware, are a fierce and awesome art of God's magnificent creation. As with the birds, Roger has traveled extensively taking pictures. He has prepared a truly amazing presentation. His programs are always set to music, mostly hymns, with accompanying Scripture passages.

The evidence of our all-powerful Creator is everywhere, even in places where we don't look. God gave Roger the ability and desire to capture the raw, yet pristine beauty of his subjects through the lens of a camera. Ever mindful of the Source of his gift, Roger takes no credit as his own. Like the force of a magnet, people are drawn to see his pictures. What's the compelling factor? Are the pictures really that good? Yes they are, and perhaps the reason is that they draw the viewer nearer to God, the Creator of all. You be the judge. Come and see. While here, enjoy the festive Christmas atmosphere, relaxing fun, food and Christian fellowship.

At this Christmas season may our hearts embrace and overflow with adoration and gratitude the infant Jesus that God has now introduced into His creation. This newborn Child of Christmas brought light and hope to a world of darkness as He came to be our Savior. His light shines brightly today in the hearts of His people. Let's praise Him forever!