

PLEASANT GROVE



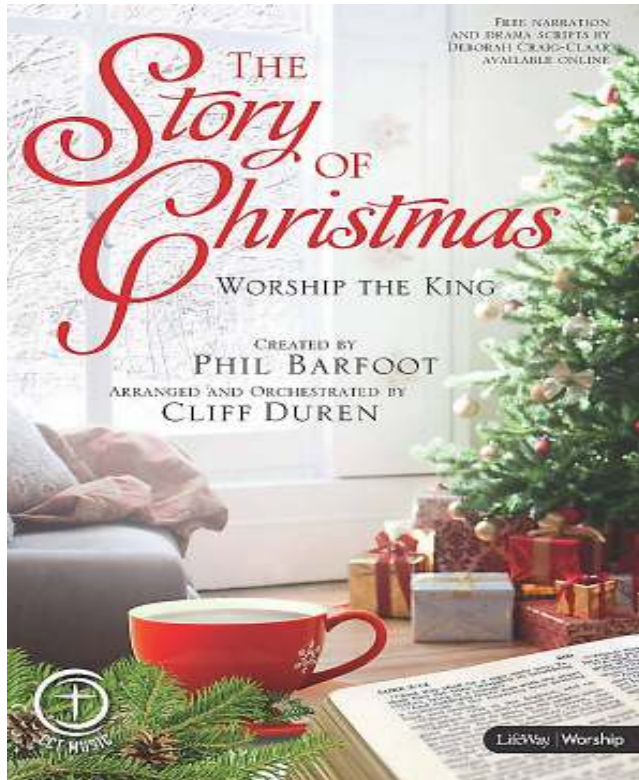
REFLECTIONS

December 6, 2017

MINISTER
GREG L. LONG

MUSIC MINISTER
GREG WILSON

YOUTH/OUTREACH MINISTER
ASHLEY BRAMBLETT



**Sunday, December 10th
6:00 PM**

SPECIAL WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, December 17th, 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, November 26th thru Sunday, December 17th. 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 24th, 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. Wednesday evening services for December 27th have also been dismissed.

Newsletter News

We will not be publishing a newsletter for the week of December 27th.

Security Volunteers

Sunday, December 10th

1st Service & Vernon Stephens and Josh
Sunday School Pfeiffer
2nd Service Jim Hill

Please contact Vernon Stephens or turn in an "I Wish" card if you would be willing to volunteer.

Thank You Note

Thank you to the Preschool Department and those who participated in the Happy Birthday Jesus party for the wonderful fruit basket you provided.

Homebound Members and Their Families

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Church Goal: \$13,000

Received to date: \$2830

WMU Annual Food Collection

The WMU food collection for the Chilhowee Baptist Center has begun and will continue through Wednesday, December 31st. 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.

CHURCH MEETINGS

YWG Breakfast	Sat. Dec. 9 th	8:00 AM
Adult Choir Cantata	Sun. Dec. 10 th	6:00 PM
Trustees' Meeting	Mon. Dec. 11 th	6:00 PM
Children's Praise Program	Wed. Dec. 13 th	6:33 PM

Children's Praise News

The children will be presenting their Christmas program on Wednesday, December 13th, during our 633 service.

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.

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!