



REFLECTIONS

October 22, 2025

PASTOR
JUSTIN RANDOLPH

MUSIC MINISTER
GREG WILSON

INTERIM YOUTH MINISTER
DAVID HAMMONDS



Fall Celebration

This Sunday, October 26th, right after church, **EVERYONE** is invited to celebrate fall in the Fellowship Hall with a chili and baked goods cookoff! Sign up in the foyer if you would like to participate with your best chili or baked goods! Folks will vote on the winner, who will then receive a prize! Anyone and everyone is invited to eat and vote! After lunch, there will be activities for the children and youth to enjoy.

Men's Breakfast & Work Day

Join us on Saturday, November 1st for breakfast and a time of fellowship before we get to work! Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Workday begins around 9:15 AM on the playground. Bring your pitchforks, shovels, rakes, and gloves.

Wearing of the Pink

We will again support Breast Cancer Awareness month by wearing pink this Sunday, October 26th.

KIT Field Trip

Join us for a KIT field trip to the Lou Vuto Showplace in Pigeon Forge on Tuesday, November 19th at 2 PM! Tickets are \$20 per person. We'll enjoy a light lunch of sandwiches and chips at the church at noon before heading out. If you want to attend, there is a signup sheet in the foyer hallway. Need a ride? Just let us know! You're also welcome to meet us at the theater.

Security Volunteers

Sunday, October 26th

1st Service &
Sunday School
2nd Service

Leon Roddy
Scott Emert

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

Welcome New Member

Mark and Carrie Major by Statement

Patty Martin by Statement

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

The Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection will run until Wednesday, Nov. 19th. Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need worldwide, sharing the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts bring joy to the hearts of boys and girls in more than 100 countries. Many shoebox recipients also participate in the follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.

This year, the WMU is providing 100 preprinted shoeboxes. Each box will contain a suggested gift list for a girl or boy, as well as a list of items that cannot be placed in the shoeboxes. A donation of \$10 per shoebox is requested to cover shipping and processing. Check out the table in the foyer for all materials.

The plastic shoebox-size container or a regular shoebox can still be used to pack the gifts.

Note: You can also build a shoebox online by visiting: www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline

CBC Annual Christmas Celebration

Once again, it's time for the Chilhowee Baptist Center's Annual Christmas Celebration. Last year, they provided 180 families with a Christmas meal, gave out 172 snack bags to children, and 30 baby gift bags. Food items and baby items will be collected thru Sunday, November 30th.

There are four ways you can help:

1. Provide food items for the Christmas meal boxes.
2. Provide food items for the children's bags/
3. Provide items for the baby gift bags.
4. Make a donation to the CBC; checks should be made out to the Chilhowee Baptist Center, place donation in a white envelope marked "CBC." Information is located in the foyer hallway.

Wednesday Night Dinners

October Menu:

Oct. 22nd: Hamburgers (bring a side/dessert/drinks)

Oct. 29th: Pasta *baked spaghetti and alfredo (bring salad/bread/veggies/dessert)

BUSINESS MEETING

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church met in regular business meeting with Pastor Randolph presiding. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Organization and department reports were given. Finance report for September was presented. The Sunday School average attendance for September was 194, average contacts were 134. Pastor Randolph gave a pastoral report for September. Ginger Hatley reported for the WMU. WMU has collected 25 blankets for the Baptist Center; the collection continues until October 26th. The Samaritan Purse shoebox collection has begun and will continue until November 19th. Cards have been set for homebound members. Dan Blevens reported for the Trustees. The small refrigerator was replaced, and the seats in the youth room have been steam cleaned. Library books were removed from the library, and other areas were cleaned and organized.

Old Business: Committee on Committees presented the Constitution and Bylaws members for the 2025-2026 church year. Passed.

New Business: Trustees recommend the purchase of an accessibility lift for the church. Bids were received and reviewed with a proposed cost of approximately \$106,000. Passed

Personnel Committee recommended David Hammonds for part-time youth minister, effective January 1, 2026. Passed

Kyle Bible motioned to adjourn. All in favor.

Justin Randolph, Moderator

Lisa Hill, Church Clerk