



## REFLECTIONS

December 17, 2025

PASTOR  
JUSTIN RANDOLPH

MUSIC MINISTER  
GREG WILSON

YOUTH MINISTER  
DAVID HAMMONDS



### *Merry Christmas from Pastor*

A silent night, a star above, a blessed gift of hope and love. Merry Christmas! As this year draws to a close, we look back with appreciation for your love and faithful service and look forward with excitement to a new year of more great work together. May the peace and joy of Christmas live in your heart all year long.

-Pastor Justin and Mrs. Stephanie

### **December Business Meeting**

There will be a church business meeting this Sunday from 4–5:00 PM. We will be voting on the proposed 2026 church budget. Your presence and participation are encouraged, and we hope you can join us.

### *New Members/New Attendees Luncheon*

We will be hosting a New Members/New Attendees Luncheon from noon to 2 PM on January 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a time to learn more about Pleasant Grove and ask any questions you may have. Please sign up in the hallway behind the sanctuary so we can order enough food for everyone.

### **Lottie's Life Notes**

Find Lottie in the foyer hallway for the answers!

“Lottie grew up in a Christian home and learned about Jesus as a child.” (True/False)

“Lottie was a very tall person.” (True/False)

### *Security Volunteers*

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Service & Vernon Stephens

Sunday School

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Stanley Janeway

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

## **Last Chance for 2026 Altar & Foyer Flowers**

Our 2026 flower calendar is filling up quickly, and sign-ups close on December 21<sup>st</sup>. If you'd like to provide flowers for a Sunday next year, now is the time!

Coulter Florist will deliver the flowers to the church, and the cost of \$47.14 will be billed directly to you. When you choose your date, please include:

Your full name, billing address, phone number, and the exact wording for the bulletin message.

Let's make sure every Sunday in 2026 is bright and beautiful- thank you for helping us reach this goal!

Questions? Contact Sarah Blevens at (865) 771-6880 or sarah.blevens@gmail.com.

### **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

**Church Goal: \$13,000**

**Received to date: \$15,064.55**

## **Missionaries Freshta and Nawid Aziz**

Freshta and her husband, Nawid, minister to refugees in western Europe. Many refugees have traveled from Central Asia; some have traveled for a long time before reaching a country they now call home. The Azizes minister to non-believing refugees and also Christian refugees. Many refugees experienced trauma as they traveled from their homeland, and now they face cultural shock and cannot speak the local language. Pray that the men and women living in trauma will find healing in the divine healer.

### **LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE**

Our Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service will be Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

### **Just A Reminder**

The church office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>.

## *Thank You from WMU*

The past few months have been VERY busy for the PGBC church family. This is the time of year that we receive many requests for assistance from our community, local, state, and international. WMU would like to take the time to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the PGBC church family for your prayers and support.

\*Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

\*Chilhowee Baptist Center

35 blankets delivered

\*Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

72 boxes packed and delivered to the drop-off location, and an additional 17 online shoeboxes packed by the Wisdom Seekers Sunday School class. Special thank you to the RAs and GAs for their help packing shoeboxes.

\*Chilhowee Baptist Center Annual Christmas

Celebration Food Drive

Large amounts of food, baby items, and financial donations have been delivered.

\*Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Also, thank you to the many individuals who have personally dropped off shoeboxes, blankets, food, funds, and made many contributions.

WMU's mission is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ.

"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share not only the gospel of God but also our lives with you" (1Thessalonians 2:8). Thank you-WMU

### *Lottie Moon Christmas Mailbox*

The Lottie Moon Christmas Mailbox is now open! The cost per card is 40 cents, and all money collected will go toward our Lottie Moon offering. The last day you can drop off cards will be Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Drop off the cards at the mailbox located in the hallway next to the Sunday school office. This year, a Christmas card pick-up area will be located in the foyer.

Please make sure you only send cards to active church members. Shut-ins' Christmas cards should be mailed.