



REFLECTIONS

October 11, 2023

MINISTER
GREG L. LONG

MUSIC MINISTER YOUTH/OUTREACH MINISTER
GREG WILSON ASHLEY BRAMBLETT



Congratulations Pastor Greg

Everyone is invited to attend a reception to celebrate Pastor Greg's 30th anniversary at PGBC. The reception will be Sunday, October 15th, in the fellowship hall following late service. Food and beverages will be provided. All that's needed is to show up and help us celebrate Greg's outstanding achievement.

FALL FESTIVAL

The church is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 29th, from 3:00-5:00 PM. We are in need of candy donations and prizes that are not candy (for children with allergies). We ran out of candy last year, so having lots of donations this year will be tremendously helpful. Please drop off all donations in the baskets located in the foyer.

We also need people to sign up to decorate their cars and hand out candy. You can sign up by writing your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer near the baskets or by texting/calling (865) 323-4771 (Brittany). We will invite the community and hope to have a great turnout, so donations and volunteers are much needed! Thank You!

KIT Meeting

KIT will be on Wednesday, October 18th, at 11 AM. Everyone is welcome.

Security Volunteers

Sunday, October 15th

1st Service & Leon Roddy
Sunday School

2nd Service Stanley Janeway

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

Homebound Member of the Week

15-21

Linda Gardner
1540 Rampart Dr.
Maryville, TN 37804

Deacons' News

Deacons will have their regular meeting on Sunday, October 22nd.

A special business meeting will be on Sunday, November 5th, at the end of the 8:30 and 10:45 AM worship services. The deacons will present information concerning the interim Pastor role and plans moving forward following Pastor Greg's retirement. All members are encouraged to attend.

BLUE OVAL CHALLENGE

On Sunday, Oct. 15th, see the video showing how some Christians prepare to share Christ with the exploding population from the BlueOval City truck plant.

2024 Flower Calendar

The 2024 flower calendar will be on a foyer table from October 22 until the end of November. Please consider picking a Sunday to provide flowers for the altar or foyer. The flowers will be delivered to the church by Coulters Florist. The total cost will be \$41.65, billed directly to you from Coulters. The sign-up procedure will be the same as it has been for many years. It is our goal to have altar flowers for every Sunday in 2024. When you decide on a date to provide flowers, please put your first and last name on the sign-up sheet, followed by your mailing address (for Coulters' billing), your phone number, and the exact message you want printed in the bulletin. If you have questions or need help signing up for the flower calendar, please call or text Anne Blevens at 865-414-4560 or email anneblevens@yahoo.com. Your help filling up the flower calendar is greatly appreciated!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts brings joy to the hearts of boys and girls in more than 100 countries where Samaritan's Purse local partners deliver the boxes along with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For some children, it is their first ever gift. Many shoebox recipients also participate in the follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.

Please pray for the boys and girls in need around the world, guidance for ministry partners as they distribute the gifts, and for volunteers who handle the logistics of getting the shoeboxes around the globe.

Shoebox collection will start now through Wednesday, November 15th. A donation of \$10 per shoebox has been requested to cover shipping and processing. Check the table in the foyer for materials.

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." (Luke 2:10, ESV)

CBC Annual Christmas celebration

Over the past few years, the Chilhowee Baptist Center has been able to feed many families that would have otherwise gone without. This holiday season, the CBC will be providing Christmas meals for many of their clients. They also will be collecting food and snacks to fill drawstring bags for children. Also, we will be collecting items for baby bags. Now through Wednesday, November 15th, we will collect items to help the CBC. We have four different ways to help

1. Prepare a Christmas meal box/bring items to fill a box.
2. Provide items for the children's drawstring bags.
3. Prepare a baby gift bag or bring items to fill a bag.
4. Money donation or check. Place money or check in a white envelope and write "Chilhowee Baptist Center-Christmas." Make checks out to Chilhowee Baptist Center and place envelope in the offering plate.

Information will be located on the foyer hallway table.