

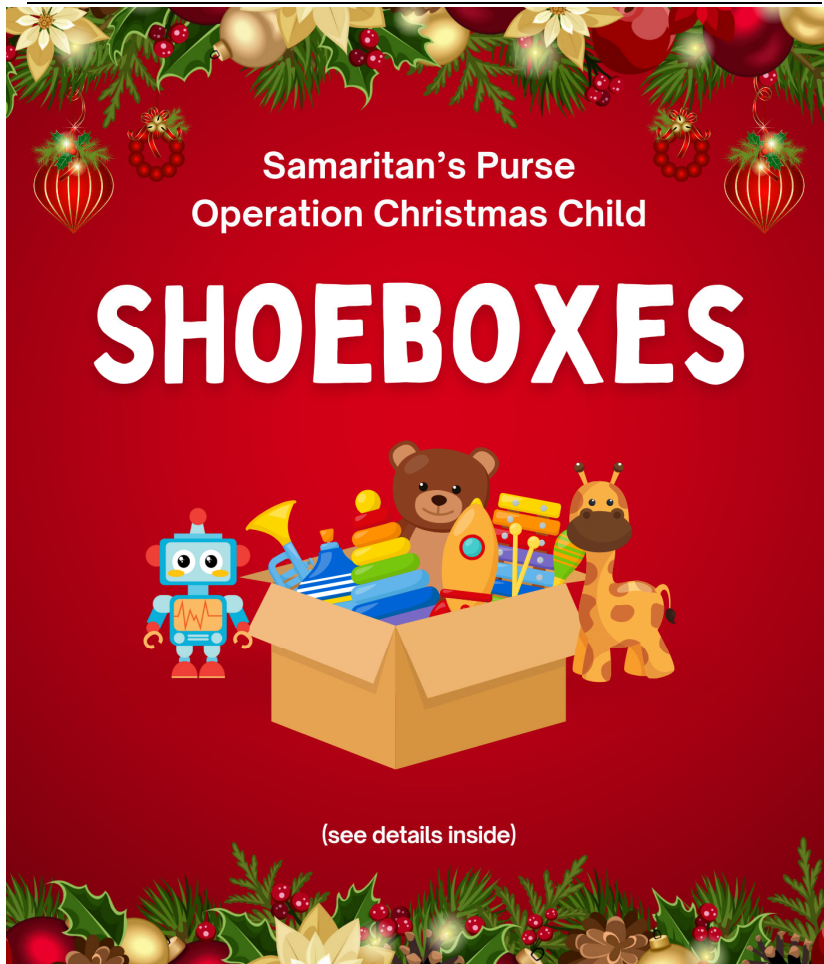


## REFLECTIONS

October 18, 2023

MINISTER  
GREG L. LONG

MUSIC MINISTER      YOUTH/OUTREACH MINISTER  
GREG WILSON              ASHLEY BRAMBLETT



### 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.

Shoebox collection will start now through Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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)

### FALL FESTIVAL

The church is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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!

### Security Volunteers

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Service &      Robert Galyon  
Sunday School

2<sup>nd</sup> Service

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

22-29

**Emmitt Hunt**

1329 Burnett Station Rd.  
Seymour, TN 37865

### 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](mailto:anneblevens@yahoo.com). Your help filling up the flower calendar is greatly appreciated!

### Deacons' News

Deacons will have their regular meeting on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A special business meeting will be on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church met in regular business meeting with Rev. Greg Long 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 159, average contacts were 130. Diann Ringer reported for the WMU. Forty-three blankets have been donated to the Baptist Center blanket drive. Thank you to David Bullen, Fran England, and Ginger Hatley for helping load the van with the blankets. The shoe box collection has begun for Samaritan's Purse. Collection for the Baptist Center Christmas meal boxes has also begun. Stanley Janeway reported for the Trustees. Heat and air for the sanctuary have been completed, and propane tanks have been filled. The propane tank has been painted. Repairs have been made to the chimney at the pavilion, and it has been painted. The prayer garden has been cleaned, and more furniture has been added. The ramp and stairs at the front of the church have been pressure-washed. A painter has been hired to paint the classrooms in the Children's Sunday School wing. A roofer has been contracted to repair the flat roof area. Greg Long reported for the Homebound Ministry. The Member of the Week Ministry continues its fall rotation. Thank you for the cards sent.

Old Business: None

New Business: The 2023/2024 Personnel Committee will be Mike Coulter, Chairman of Deacons, Stanley Janeway, Chairman of Trustees, and Bette Wade, Church Treasurer. Passed

Teachers for the 2023/2024 church year are a rotation of David Carter, DiAnne Wilson, and Rachel Maples for the Happy Helpers class. Peggy Dockery, Tony Abbott, Bruce Tackes, Martha Abbott, Tom and Helen Stanley, and Jimmy Long will continue teaching their classes. Lynn and Jessica Waters will teach 3rd-6th grade, Ash Bramblett has youth, Sandy Walker has 1st and 2nd, and Janice Garner has 4- and 5-year-olds. David and Susan Bullen will continue teaching their class, and David and Nina Shultz will teach the Grounded class. Passed Marty Mueller motioned to adjourn. All in favor. Greg Long, Moderator Lauren Welch, Church Clerk