



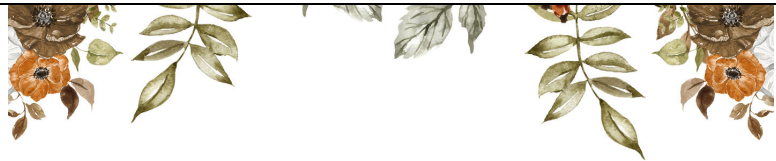
## REFLECTIONS

November 22, 2023

MINISTER  
GREG L. LONG

MUSIC MINISTER  
GREG WILSON

YOUTH/OUTREACH MINISTER  
ASHLEY BRAMBLETT



# Happy Thanksgiving

Gratitude makes us rich, not because we have a lot, but because we appreciate what we have.



### **Lottie Moon Christmas Mailbox**

The Lottie Moon Christmas Mailbox will open for business on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</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. Thank you for your continued support for missions.

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

### *Lottie Moon Christmas Soup and Chili Supper*

The WMU will host a soup and chili supper on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy some good soup and chili! This event will kick-off our Lottie Moon Christmas offering for this Christmas season. Following the supper, we will meet at 6:33 PM for a program which will introduce this year's theme for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering- "Impacting Lostness Together."

### Thank You Notes

I just want to say thank you for the cards, food, and beautiful flowers, that I have received over the past few weeks. I am so grateful and blessed to have such a wonderful church family. I can't thank you enough!

With sincere thanks,  
Peggy Hembree

### Security Volunteers

Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

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

Leon Roddy

2<sup>nd</sup> Service

Andy Waters

## Christian Sympathy

To the family of Emmitt Hunt

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. PS. 116:15

To the family of Rev. Kenneth Luckadoo, father of  
Robin Morrell

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## Homebound Member of the Week

<b>26-Dec 2</b>	<b>Mary Gene Roberts</b> MorningView Village - Room 103, 2304 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville, TN 37804
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### WMU Updates

First, a final total of 66 shoeboxes was delivered to Monte Vista Church to begin their journey. Thank you to everyone who packed a shoebox! A special thanks goes to the RAs, GAs, and Youth; they packed fourteen boxes. Also, thanks to everyone who filled a shoebox online! Second, all the food, baby items, and money have been delivered to the Chilhowee Baptist Center. Thank you to everyone who contributed to their Christmas celebration. Finally, please pray for the children receiving your gifts/shoebox. Pray for the local families who will receive a Christmas box this season.

### 2024 Flower Calendar

Thank you, church family, for your positive response to the request for flower calendar sponsors.

As of this past Sunday morning, the following dates are still available for altar flowers:

January 14; February 11, 18, and 25; May 26; July 7 and 21; September 15, and 29; and November 10.

Please help us to reach our goal by reserving one of the above-mentioned remaining dates before the end of this month. You may stop by the foyer table or you may text or call Anne at (865) 414-4560, or email [anneblevens@yahoo.com](mailto:anneblevens@yahoo.com). Thank you for your help with this special ministry.

## 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. The finance report for October was presented. The Sunday School average attendance for October was 164; average contacts were 106. Diann Ringer reported for the WMU. The Lottie Moon Christmas Soup and Chili Supper will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Sixty-six shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child have been donated. Thank you to everyone who donated to the CBC Annual Christmas Celebration, and a special thanks to Tony Abbott for helping load the truck. Stanley Janeway reported for the Trustees. The children's department has been painted, and the flat roof has been repaired. The pavilion has been winterized. C.J. Frank will now be cleaning the fellowship hall twice a month. The heater in the nursery has been repaired. The AEDs have been serviced and updated. Greg Long reported for the Homebound Ministry. Fall rotation is about to conclude. Thank you for the cards sent so far. The spring rotation will start at the beginning of February.

Old Business: None

New Business: Motion by Deacons to provide Dr. Doug White with \$825 weekly plus mileage expenses. Passed Motion by Trustees to start a kitchen committee consisting of DiAnne Wilson, Tonya Headrick, Gisela Hill, Tracy Alexander, and Selena Waters. Passed Motion by Greg Long to change the worship service times on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and to dismiss Wednesday evening services on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Passed WMU recommended the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal be set at \$14,000. Passed The Stewardship Committee handed out their 2024 proposed budget to be discussed and voted on at December's business meeting.

Keith Amos motioned to adjourn. All in favor.

Greg Long, Moderator Lauren Welch, Church Clerk