



REFLECTIONS

December 20, 2023

MINISTER
GREG L. LONG

MUSIC MINISTER
GREG WILSON

YOUTH/OUTREACH MINISTER
ASHLEY BRAMBLETT



May your **Christmas** be blessed by the **baby Jesus!**

Merry Christmas

Lord's Supper Service

On Sunday, December 24th, Sunday school will be held at 9 AM, and there will be one worship service at 10:15 AM. The Christmas Eve Lord's supper service will be at 3 PM.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Church Goal: \$14,000

Received to date: \$13,051

2024 Offering Envelopes

The boxes of 2024 envelopes are available for pick up in the hallway near the foyer. If you used envelopes in 2023, please look for the box with YOUR name on the top. If you were not using envelopes in 2022 but would like to begin using them in 2024, please pick up a box that has NO name on the top and take the lowest number available.

According to the IRS, you must use offering envelopes to receive a statement of giving from the church for tax purposes. Be sure to discard your 2023 envelopes.

Please do not use 2024 envelopes until the first of the year. If you are currently or are planning on using online giving, you do not need to get a box of offering envelopes.

Just A Reminder

The church office will be closed Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st.

Newsletter News

We will not be publishing a newsletter for the week of December 27th. We will have an issue published for January 3rd.

WMU MISSION PROJECT

The Chilhowee Baptist Center will be experiencing a very busy time over the next couple of months. They will prepare the Christmas food boxes for their many clients, but the need to keep their shelves stocked remains. During December and January, WMU will collect nonperishable food, personal care, and cleaning items (see list).

Place items on the table next to the Sunday School office. WMU will deliver the items to the CBC.

Personal care/cleaning items

Laundry detergent

Bar soap

Toilet paper

Spray cleaner

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Any nonperishable food items

Thank You Notes

To a Very Special Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, calls, and visits during Edward's recent surgery. We deeply appreciate our church family and are very thankful for you.

Lisa and Edward Hill

2023 Contribution Statements

You can receive your 2023 contribution statement by calling the church office (977-1526), turning in the response tear off from the bulletin with your name and phone number, or by sending an email to pgbc@pgbctn.org.

The office is only able to give statements for those who used offering envelopes with their name on the envelope.

We have no other records of giving without the use of envelopes. Statements will be mailed starting the week of January 8th.

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 November was presented. The Sunday School average attendance for November was 175, average contacts were 119. Ginger Hatley reported for the WMU. Thank you for all the help with the chili supper and the gifts given to Lottie Moon. Collection for the Baptist Center has begun, and thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Stanley Janeway reported for the Trustees. Cordless blinds have been installed in the nursery, and the fellowship hall kitchen has been cleaned and organized by DiAnne Wilson. Greg Long reported for the Homebound Ministry. The fall rotation has ended. The spring rotation will start at the beginning of February. Thank you for all the cards sent.

Old Business: The 2024 Proposed Church Budget that was presented at the November Business meeting was amended and approved.

New Business: Motion by Mike Coulter and a 2nd by Diann Ringer to appoint Brittany Littleton as VBS Director and Susan Bullen as Assistant VBS Director. Passed

Committee on Committees presented a list of committees for the upcoming 2023-2024 year. Passed

Motion by Mike Coulter to give Greg Long a check as a gift for his retirement. Passed

Marty Mueller motioned to adjourn. All in favor.

Greg Long, Moderator Lauren Welch, Church Clerk

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