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## REFLECTIONS

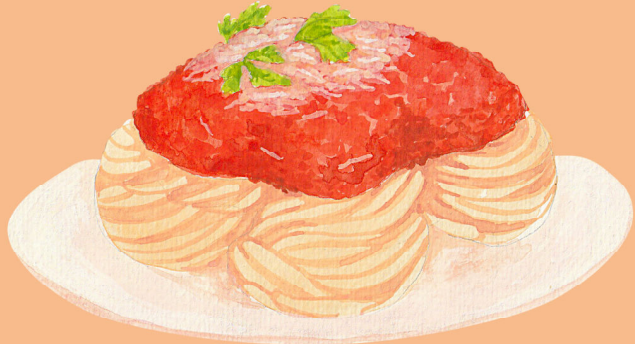
April 17, 2024

Interim Pastor  
Dr. Doug White

MUSIC MINISTER  
GREG WILSON

YOUTH MINISTER  
ASHLEY BRAMBLETT

Spaghetti  
Luncheon



**THIS SUNDAY  
11 AM AND NOON**

(see details inside)

### Mission Trip Fundraiser Luncheon

On Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Grounded Sunday School class is hosting a Costa Rica mission trip fundraiser. It will be a spaghetti luncheon in the fellowship hall. There are two time slots, 11:00 AM and noon, and donations will be accepted during the luncheon.

### Supply Donations for Costa Rica

We are now accepting donations for supplies needed in Costa Rica at local schools and churches to be taken down with the group traveling for the mission trip. The supplies needed are: plastic paint palettes, paint brushes, plastic tablecloths, coloring books/paint paper, colored pencils, crayons, copy paper, white towels, and white sheets (twin).

Donations can be dropped off at the donation box on the table in the foyer hallway, or you can contact Karly Christopher at (865) 567-4436. Thank you!

### Wednesday Evening Dinners

We will serve dinner each week at 5:15 PM on Wednesdays beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. Our first menu will be Buddy's Barbecue: baked beans, coleslaw, and chips. The cost is \$6 a plate. You can pay in the evening with cash or Venmo. There will be a sign-up sheet each week in the foyer, or you can text Emily Effler at (865) 567-2845. Please sign up by noon on Tuesday during the week of the dinner! Everyone is welcome!

### Security Volunteers

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

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

Robert Galyon  
Scott Emert

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

21-27

**Barbara Purivance**

107 Barnes Ave  
Maryville, TN 37803

### Cemetery News

Many of us are second-, third-, and fourth-generation Pleasant Grove Baptist Church members. Most of us have family buried in the peaceful, beautiful cemetery just outside our church doors. We are blessed to have such a serene setting for our final resting places. However, many do not know that our cemetery is not in any way funded by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. The cemetery is separate and apart, which means that the funds to mow the cemetery, fill in low spots, re-seed graves, and make other repairs are funded by interest on CDs and primarily by donations given as gifts and memorials throughout the year.

Most of our donations are received on Decoration Day in May each year. Last year, we received \$8,510.00 in gifts and memorials. This year, we will pay Premier Lawn Services \$350.00 per week to keep our cemetery mowed and trimmed. That's roughly \$9,800.00 for mowing this year alone. We have funds to pay for the mowing for all of 2024, but future funding will be needed as costs continue to rise. We sincerely appreciate those who donate yearly to help with the upkeep of our beautiful grounds. If you haven't considered including the cemetery fund in your yearly giving, we would be grateful for any contribution. Your cemetery directors are Dan Blevens, Mose Waters, Lynn Waters, Mike Coulter, and Anne Blevens, who are honored to care for our cemetery. If we can help you purchase grave sites or answer any questions about the cemetery, please get in touch with Dan Blevens (865-776-6035), president of the directors. Again, thank you for your consideration and support. God bless each of you. Sincerely- Anne Blevens

### WMU Mission Project

WMU will be collecting children's story books, coloring books, sketch pads, markers, and crayons during the months of April and May. These items will be delivered to the CHARM ministry in Townsend for the summer program. Please place the items on the table in the foyer hallway. The collection will run until Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### GRADUATION PICTURES

Each year, we do a picture montage to honor our graduating seniors. We put together a slide show with 10-12 pictures that show the graduates from infancy to graduation.

We would love for your graduating senior to be recognized as a member of the PGBC youth group. I will need 10-12 pictures, preferably in digital format. Pictures should show them at various stages of development, meaningful moments, pictures with close friends and family, and any formal senior portraits. I need these pictures by the end of April for a presentation on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks! -Ash Bramblett

### *Bakers Needed*

Do you enjoy baking? If so, we'd love your help! We are recruiting cookie-bakers for the Adventure Week meals. We need 100 cookies each night from June 24-27<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, four people will volunteer to bring two dozen cookies each night so no one is stuck baking all day. Can you help? Contact Jessica Waters at (865) 679-4598.

### ADVENTURE WEEK

Join us June 24-28<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-8:30 PM for an exciting adventure! All children, Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup>, are invited to participate in this incredible week.

Here is what we still need: folks to sign up to help decorate the church, help prepare, serve, and clean up dinner, and adults to walk the children to each station!