

PLEASANT  
GROVE



BAPTIST  
CHURCH

## REFLECTIONS

December 4, 2024

Interim Pastor  
Dr. Doug White

MUSIC MINISTER  
GREG WILSON

YOUTH MINISTER  
ASHLEY BRAMBLETT

**100%**  
OF YOUR GIFT TO THE  
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING  
SUPPORTS MISSIONARY PRESENCE.

You are here

JOIN THE GREAT PURSUIT THROUGH  
YOUR GENEROUS GIFT TODAY

OUR CHURCH  
GIVING GOAL **\$14,000**

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions was named for Charlotte Digges Moon, a single woman from Virginia who spent the last 39 years of her life telling the good news to people in China. She petitioned the Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board) and Baptist women to raise money to spread the gospel. WMU answered her call. In 1918, six years after Lottie's death, the offering was named after her. From that time until today, 100 percent of the monies donated to the LMCO send and support missionaries. Since the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering began in 1888, more than \$5 billion has been donated to support international missions. The 2024 goal is \$205 million.

### Lottie Moon Christmas Mailbox

The Lottie Moon Christmas Mailbox is now open for business. 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 22<sup>nd</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.

### Lord's Supper Service

Our Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service will be Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

### Security Volunteers

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

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

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

## Welcome New Member

Meghan Long by Baptism

## Homebound Member of the Week

1-7	<b>Barbara Purviance</b> Brookdale – Apt 211 1869 Crest Rd Maryville, TN 37804
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8-14	<b>Mary Gene Roberts</b> MorningView Village - Room 103 2304 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, TN 37804
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### CHURCH MEMBER SERVICE

There will be a receiving of friends for Larry Ellis this Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, at noon at the church, followed by a service at 2 PM.

### *Thank You from WMU*

Thank you for the generosity you all showed last month. Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are on their way! A total of 76 shoeboxes were delivered to the local drop-off location. Thank you to everyone who prepared a box, as well as to everyone who prepared a box online. Pray for your shoebox as it travels the world to a special child. Additionally, thank you for supporting the CBC Christmas Celebration. All food and donations have been delivered to the Baptist Center. Merry Christmas! - WMU

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Save the date for Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>! During regular service time, the children and youth will share music and a Christmas story with you! Invite your friends and neighbors! We have a big surprise in store for everyone on this special night.

## We Need Your Help

Would you like to help our church by informing our neighbors about our upcoming Christmas celebrations? If so, please join us at the church on Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2 PM. We'll pass out postcards to inform surrounding neighbors of all we have planned for this month.

### 2025 Flower Calendar Update

**JUST A FEW DATES LEFT!** The 2025 flower calendar will be removed from the foyer table on December 8<sup>th</sup>, and our goal is to have altar flowers for every Sunday in 2025. Coulter Florist will deliver the flowers to the church, and the total cost will be \$41.65, billed directly to you from Coulter. Please include your full name on the sign-up sheet, your billing address, phone number, and the exact wording for the message you want printed in the bulletin. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Blevens at 771-6880 or [sarah.blevens@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.blevens@gmail.com). We appreciate your contributions to our 2025 altar and foyer flowers!

### NEW MISSION PROJECT

The Lord has blessed Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in many ways. Only two Bible verses (James 1:27 and 1 John 3:17) tell us what we, as born-again believers, are to do to serve God. Are you willing to serve the unfortunate? Does your heart want to help others? Is God calling you for this mission at the church?

All you need is a loving heart and a dedication to the Lord that will not bend or break. Men, women, and youth are needed for this mission project of love. Your time is priceless- BUT can you devote about one hour a month to GOD? Please contact the church office at [pgbc@pgbctn.org](mailto:pgbc@pgbctn.org) or 977-1526 to have your name added to a list that will be meeting for information around the third week of January. Thank you for your dedication to Jesus Christ, our Savior!