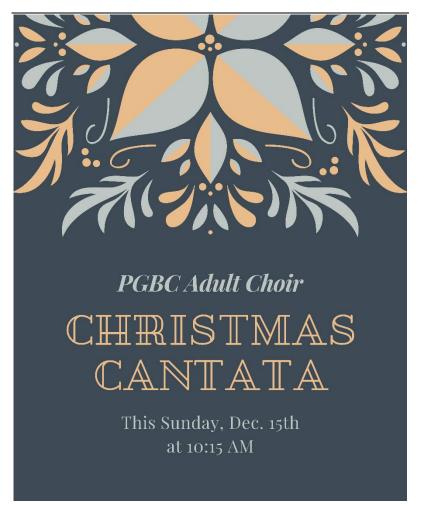


# REFLECTIONS

**December 11, 2024** 

Interim Pastor Dr. Doug White

MUSIC MINISTER GREG WILSON YOUTH MINISTER ASHLEY BRAMBLETT



#### Christmas Cantata

The adult choir will present their Christmas cantata this Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Sunday school will meet at 9 AM, and there will be one worship service at 10:15 AM.

### What is The Great Pursuit?

Your generosity towards the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supports The Great Pursuit. The Great Pursuit provides essential resources for our workers around the world, including: ministry housing, in-country transportation, healthcare, security training, visas, and communication technology.

#### **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

Church Goal: \$14,000 Received to date: \$5,595

#### **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.

Security Volunteers

Sunday, December 15th

**Greg Lowe** 

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

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2<sup>nd</sup> Service Edward Hill

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**

Jerri Thompkins

126 Ostenbarker St Maryville, TN 37804

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# Christmas Play and Nativity

On Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, the youth and children will present the Christmas story at 6:30 PM. There will be music, play, crafts, desserts, and a live nativity afterward! Bring your friends, neighbors, grandchildren, etc.!

\*Please bring a dessert to share for everyone to enjoy after the play in the Fellowship Hall!

### **Costa Rica Mission Trip Update**

Plans are in the works for a Costa Rica Mission trip this summer! If you could not attend the informational meeting earlier this month but want to receive information to consider participating in this trip, please get in touch with Tracie Alexander at (865) 740-7230 to be added to the email/phone list. Additional information will be provided in the next few weeks. A finalized list of Mission Team members for this trip will need to be in place around the end of the year in order to begin trip planning, so please prayerfully consider this excellent opportunity to serve!

# Youth Pastor Reception

We will host a reception for Ash Bramblett on Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. There will be one worship service that Sunday, which will be combined with College Street. The service times are as follows: no early service, Sunday School at 9:00 AM, and worship service at 10:15 AM.

## 6:33 Worship Holiday Schedule

Wednesday evening services on December  $25^{th}$  and January  $1^{st}$  will be dismissed.

#### KIT Meeting

KIT will meet on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM. Meat will be provided, just bring a side dish. Join us for some Christmas fun!

## Women's Book Study

The ladies of the Grounded Sunday School class are starting a book study on Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and Our Minds by Jen Wilkin. This study will begin on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM and will run for approximately eight weeks. Please sign up in the foyer hallway if you plan to attend. You will also need to purchase the book (the book is available for purchase on Amazon for \$6.36). The location of the class will be announced closer to the time based on the number of attendees. Contact Nina Schultz with any questions or if you need help getting your book.

#### The Media Ministry Wants You

Would you like to learn more about serving with Pleasant Grove's Media Ministry? There are ways to serve with sound production, graphics, and video production before, during, and after each service. No experience necessary. If you would like to learn more, contact Trevis Gardner at 865-238-5410 or PGBC.Media@Outlook.com.

#### **Youth Spelunking Trip**

Are you interested in an exciting spelunking trip in Chattanooga? If so, you should join us on Saturday, Jan.11<sup>th</sup>, for a thrilling cave adventure! Several parents of youth group members are planning the trip, and all youth (parents as well) are invited to attend. We will take the bus that day to Raccoon Caverns, and with the direction of a tour guide, we will go on a cave expedition. This expedition includes crawling, sliding, and exploring some beautiful caves. The cost is \$54 a person. If you wish to join, please text Brittany at (865) 323-4771 by January 4<sup>th</sup>!