



# REFLECTIONS

December 18, 2024

Interim Pastor  
Dr. Doug White

MUSIC MINISTER  
GREG WILSON

YOUTH MINISTER  
ASHLEY BRAMBLETT



## *Youth Pastor Reception*

We will host a commission 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: Sunday School at 9:00 AM and one worship service at 10:15 AM.

## **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

**Church Goal: \$14,000**

**Received to date: \$7,655**

## CBC SUPPLIES DRIVE

During December and January, WMU will collect personal care and cleaning items (see list) for the Chilhowee Baptist Center to help keep their shelves stocked for the new year!

Please place items on the table next to the Sunday School office. Collection will run through Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. WMU will deliver the items to the CBC.

### Personal care/cleaning items:

Dish soap, laundry detergent, bar soap, toilet paper, cleaning supplies (i.e. sprays, Pine-Sol), toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shampoo.

## **Lottie Moon Christmas Mailbox**

The last day to “mail” Christmas cards for Lottie Moon is Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be sure to check for your cards at the pickup mailboxes. Thank you-WMU

## **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 is necessary. If you would like to learn more, contact Trevis Gardner at 865-238-5410 or [PGBC.Media@Outlook.com](mailto:PGBC.Media@Outlook.com).

## **Welcome New Member**

Linda Collins by Letter

Sam Livingston by Baptism

## **Homebound Member of the Week**

22-28

**Virginia Ruth Waters**

333 Coulter Rd

Maryville, TN 37804

### *Message from Pastor*

We want to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year! It has been a joy to serve with you this last year. In Christ love-Brother Doug and Debbie

### *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 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.

### **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>!

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church met in regular business meeting with Mike Coulter presiding. Minutes of the November 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 176, average contacts were 115. Diann Ringer reported for the WMU. Seventy-six shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child have been donated. Thanks to everyone who came to the chili supper. Mike Coulter reported for the Deacons. The ordination service for the four Yoke fellows has been scheduled for January 15, 2025. Dan Blevens reported for the trustees. The following projects have been completed: three heat units were installed, and one AC and heat unit blower were replaced. A broken swing seat was replaced; the soffit was repaired on the west dormer; the pavilion kitchen and bathroom have been winterized; one commode was remodeled; one outside drain was cleaned; bases for the offering boxes have been replaced; the carpet in room 30 and the fellowship hall have been cleaned; leaves around the church have been mulched; office weather head riser and meter that were loose, have been reattached.

**Old Business:** The 2025 Proposed Church Budget presented at the November Business meeting was approved.

**New Business:** Motion by Susan Bullen with a 2nd by Mike Morrell to grant request for church letter for Wayne and Lola Taylor to Hillcrest Baptist Church. Passed

Deacons recommended hiring David Hammons as the youth pastor interim. Passed

Deacons recommended an honorarium gift for Ashley Bramblett's nineteen years of service; the amount was amended. A new amount was suggested and discussed. The deacons recommended the new amount as an honorarium gift. Passed

Marty Mueller motioned to adjourn. All in favor.  
Mike Coulter, Moderator Lisa Hill, Church Clerk