



REFLECTIONS

January 1, 2025

Interim Pastor
Dr. Doug White

MUSIC MINISTER
GREG WILSON



VITAL STATISTICS.....	December 15 th , 2024
Current Expense	10,352.00
Building Fund.....	15.00
Lottie Moon	2,060.00
Mission Fund.....	5.00
 Total Deposit	 12,432.00

ATTENDANCE December 22, 2024

Sunday School: 150

Worship Services: 187

Awake 21

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church will be hosting an Awake 21 worship service on Thursday, January 9th, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend!

About Awake 21:

Church leaders and pastors in Blount County continue to come together to lift up one name, Jesus, as we seek the face of God with one voice together. We, as spiritual leaders in the community, have determined to embrace Ephesians 4:3 as our priority. “Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. There is ONE body and ONE spirit even as you are called in ONE hope of your calling, ONE Lord, ONE Faith, ONE Baptism, ONE God and Father of all.”

Thank You from Pastor

Debbie and I would like to thank the church for the generous gift we received this Christmas. You have been a blessing in our lives, and it has been a joy to serve with you all! In Christ love- Brother Doug and Debbie

Security Volunteers

Sunday, January 5th

1st Service &

Vernon Stephens

Sunday School

2nd Service

Edward Hill

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

Youth Spelunking Trip

Are you interested in an exciting spelunking trip in Chattanooga? If so, you should join us on Sunday, Jan. 12th, 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 from the church at 10:45 AM 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 4th!

YOUNG CHOIR HYMN STUDY

Young Choir will be beginning a hymn study on January 8th. We will be using a shortened version of the curriculum "Still Singing" by Kim Sorgius. We will learn some history and fun facts about 32 popular hymns, learn the hymns themselves, and hopefully have some fun and laughter. For the church office to get enough booklets printed, please RSVP to Jessica Waters at (865) 679-4598 by January 1st as to how many kids would like to participate. This opportunity is open to K-12. For the homeschool folks, additional materials are available to complete on your own for a high school half credit for music appreciation.

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 donation items on the table next to the Sunday School office. Collection will run through Sunday, Jan. 26th. 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.

The Great pursuit

The Lord gave us the GREAT COMMISSION. Matthew 28:18-20

He showed us His vision of the GREAT MULTITUDE. Revelation 7:9

Between the Great Commission and the Great Multitude, God invites us to THE GREAT PURSUIT. Acts 1:8

Thank you for supporting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. -WMU

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 8th, 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.

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 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 Christ, our Savior!