

# REFLECTIONS

January 22, 2025

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INTERIM YOUTH MINISTER DAVID HAMMONDS



### **2024 Contribution Statements**

You can receive your 2024 contribution statement by calling the church office at (865) 977-1526, turning in an "I Wish" card with your name and mailing address, or emailing the church office at pgbc@pgbctn.org. The office can only give statements for those who used offering envelopes with their name on the envelope. We have no other records of giving without the use of envelopes. Statements will be mailed starting the week of Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>.

# **Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser**

Our annual Valentine's baked goods auction fundraiser will be held Sunday morning, <u>February 9<sup>th</sup></u>. You can help in two ways: you can make your famous homemade desserts to donate to the auction and/or you can purchase something at the auction. The money raised will go toward our mission trip this summer. Thank you for your prayers, support, and generosity!

# 2025 Offering Envelopes

The boxes of 2025 envelopes are available for pickup in the foyer hallway. If you used envelopes in 2024, please look for the box with <u>YOUR</u> name on the top. If you were not using envelopes in 2024 but would like to begin using them in 2025, please pick up a box with <u>NO</u> name on the top and <u>take the lowest number</u> available. According to the IRS, you must use offering envelopes to receive a statement of giving from the church for tax purposes. Once you have your box, be sure to discard your old envelopes.

Security Volunteers

Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> Robert Galyon

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Service N

Mike Morrell

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

# **Wednesday Evening Dinners**

Join us each Wednesday at 5:15 for dinner in the Fellowship Hall! We aim to spend this time deepening existing friendships and forming new ones within our church family.

How it works: We will order from a restaurant each week and split the cost (cost will vary depending on the restaurant, but it will be announced beforehand). Text or call Emily Effler at (865) 567-2845 to request the number of plates you'd like each week. You can pay by cash or Venmo when you arrive at dinner. If you want to be on the text list to receive weekly reminders of what's on the menu, text @pgbceatwed to 81010.

## **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. 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 shampoo

## **CHURCH MEETINGS**

Deacons' Meeting	Sun. Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Noon
Men's Breakfast	Sat. Feb. 1st	8:00 AM
WMU Meeting	Wed. Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM
Trustees' Meeting	Mon. Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

Are you considering using online giving but are on the fence? Here are a few benefits to consider:

<u>It's easy</u> - You don't have to fish around for your checkbook or go withdraw some cash. You can simply grab your phone (which you always have with you) and give.

<u>It's fast</u> - If you're using an app like Pushpay, you can probably give in a fifth of the time it would take you to write one check.

<u>It's green</u> - You're writing fewer checks, and you're using fewer envelopes.

<u>It's secure</u> - Giving digitally is much more secure than cash or checks.

<u>Your giving schedule is up to you</u> - If you feel the need to give, you can. You don't rely upon our organization or service to give your gift.

If you are interested in online giving, there are instruction sheets in the foyer for giving through a downloadable app for your smartphone (Android or Apple). Or you can donate by going to the "GIVE" tab on our website (pgbctn.org).

### 2025 Calendars

There are a few extra copies of the 2025 calendar on the table in the foyer hallway. Please feel free to take a copy.

#### **How To Contact Pleasant Grove**

Mailing Address: Pleasant Grove Baptist Church 3736 Tuckaleechee Pike Maryville, TN 37804

Email: pgbc@pgbctn.org Web Page: www.pgbctn.org

Phone: (865) 977-1526 Office Hours:

9:00AM - 3:00PM Mon.-Thurs. Closed Friday

At Pleasant Grove Baptist Church our purpose is Worshipping God by proclaiming God's Word, reaching people, building relationships with Christ, meeting needs and sharing Christian joy.