

PLEASANT GROVE



## REFLECTIONS

November 18, 2020

MINISTER  
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## Christmas Eve Services

We are looking at the possibility of having two Christmas Eve services this year to help us social distance. The thought is to have the first service at 1 PM and the second service at 3 PM. If you would be willing to attend the 1 PM service, would you please sign up on the sign-up sheet located in the hallway. This will help in two ways. It will let us know if a second service is needed and it will also help in preparing the elements. Thank you for your help!

## Church Service Update

We are currently holding three identical services in the church sanctuary:

Saturday at 6:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 AM

Sunday at 10:15 AM

Each service will have the same music and sermon and will have no more than sixty people in the sanctuary. We no longer need you to call in for service attendance. Feel free to attend any of the services listed above.

We continue to practice social distancing. If you have a preexisting heart or lung condition or are in a high-risk group, it is highly suggested that you not start attending church just yet. The services will be available online. There will not be a nursery. Do not be surprised to see that we will have removed the hymnals and do not have bulletins. Please feel free to bring and wear your mask if that makes you more comfortable.

## Security Volunteers

Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Service & Jim Caldwell

Sunday School

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Andy Waters

Please contact Vernon Stephens or turn in an "I Wish" card if you would be willing to volunteer.

## Homebound Member of the Week

November 22-28 Marilyn Willocks

### RING BELLS FOR SALVATION ARMY

We have an opportunity to ring bells at the Kroger on Hall Road on Fridays, November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with this project, there is a sign-up sheet located in the hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Bill and Marion Lewis at (865) 233-3873.

### *Choir and Praise Team CDs Available*

Choir and Praise Team CD recording is here! The new CD, "Legacy of Love- Songs From the Grove", recorded by our adult choir and praise team, has been completed and they are available for all of the church family. You can pick up your copy during worship services, or at the church office during office hours. There is no cost for the CDs.

### TRUSTEE NEWS

The trustees have winterized the bathroom and kitchen at the pavilion. It will be closed till spring.

### CHURCH MEETINGS

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|----------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Deacons' Meeting     | Sun. Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 4:30 PM |
| Church Office Closed | Thur. Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> |         |
| Men's Breakfast      | Sat. Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:00 AM |

### Chilhowee Baptist Center Christmas Event

Merry Christmas! The next WMU project will be helping the Chilhowee Baptist Center with their Christmas Event on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Again, this year the CBC will be providing food boxes to their clients for a Christmas meal. They also will be collecting snack foods for bags to provide for children. For children under the age of two, they will be collecting baby items.

All money or items should be turned in by Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. The Baptist Center ask that we join them in praying for their clients and also as they prepare for their Christmas event. For complete details and list of items, please refer to previous week's newsletter.

Thank you  
WMU

### BUSINESS MEETING

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church met in regular business meeting with Rev. Greg Long presiding. Organization and department reports were given. Finance report for October was presented. Diann Ringer reported for the WMU. Shoeboxes will be delivered this week. Lottie Moon mailbox for Christmas cards will open Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. WMU will continue to collect food for the Baptist Center. Dan Blevens reported for the Trustees. The following projects have been completed: lights in choir loft replaced; louvers painted on south side of church, second story; fence between parking and office repaired; playground base leveled, and material added; fellowship hall windows cleaned; pavilion kitchen and restroom have been thoroughly cleaned and will be winterized and closed by December 1st. Greg Long reported for the Homebound Ministry. We are near the end of the 2nd rotation for 2020 Thanksgiving cards have been mailed. Thank you to everyone that sends cards and prays for the homebound members.

Old Business: None

New Business: WMU recommended the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal be set at \$13,000. Passed.

The Stewardship Committee handed out their proposed budget for 2021 to be discussed and voted on at December's Business Meeting.

Trustees recommend the interest for the LPL CD accounts be invested in a bond account by Morrell Investments. Passed

Marty Mueller motioned to adjourn. All in favor.

Greg Long, Moderator

Lisa Hill, Church Clerk