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Baby Shower honoring Jay and Haley Newman

JOIN US FOR A



**BABY
SHOWER**

IN HONOR OF

Jay and Haley Newman

JANUARY

SUNDAY **11** 9:00-10:30

2026

PINEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL

GIFT REGISTRY - IT'S A BOY!
[HTTPS://MY.BABYLIST.COM/GAWIFRDUH](https://my.babylist.com/gawifrduh)

~~ Please consider this your personal invitation. ~~

Special Notice

All information for the February newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

Church Staff

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January Birthdays

- January 9 Peyton Hiatt
 - January 10 Norma Sprinkle
 - January 11 Seiver Huff
 - January 13 Debbie Post
 - January 23 Donna Marion
 - January 26 Doug Johnson
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The Grove

Growing in Christ Together

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Monthly Newsletter

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“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Happy
New Year*

2026



Dates to Remember

- January 1 New Year's Day
- January 3 Removal of Christmas Decorations from the Church Campus
- January 5 Deacon's Meeting
- January 6 Epiphany
- January 7 No Midweek Fellowship Meal
- January 11 Baby Shower honoring Haley and Jay Newman
- January 28 Church Conference
- February 2 Deacon's Meeting
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 15 Transfiguration Sunday
Valentine's Social at The Depot

January's Guide to Worship and Study

Sunday, January 4
Worship Service

Wednesday, January 7
No Midweek Fellowship Meal
Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, January 11
Worship Service

Wednesday, January 14
Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, January 18
Worship Service

Wednesday, January 21
Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, January 25
Worship Service

Wednesday, January 28
Midweek at Piney Grove
Church Conference

2025 – 2026

Through December 21, 2025

11/30/25 Offering	\$1,986.00
12/07/25 Offering	\$2,772.00
12/14/25 Offering	\$2,132.00
12/21/25 Offering	\$2,926.50
Total	\$9,816.50
Budget:	\$205,156.00
YTD Goal:	\$63,440.00

Budget	This Period	YTD
\$64,440.00	\$9,816.50	\$65,433.38
Over/(Under)	(\$6,043.50)	\$1,993.38



Worship Service videos can be viewed on YouTube

Missions

Backpack Ministry

During the month of January, we will pause the collection of backpack items for White Plains Elementary School, as they have sufficient supplies at this time. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



For more information, please contact Brenda Davis.

"The Grove's Helping Hand"

Helping
HAND

After careful consideration and much discussion, the deacons, together with the Missions Council, have decided to conclude the church's food pantry ministry. This step will allow us to better focus our time, resources, and energy on the backpack program, where we feel we can make the greatest impact at this time.

Midweek at Piney Grove

Midweek Fellowship Meal

5:30 PM on Wednesday nights, January 14, 21, and 28, 2026

No Midweek Fellowship Meal on January 7, 2026

Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Adult Bible Study

These groups will meet on Wednesday nights in January on the following dates:
January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2026.

Special Mission Opportunity This Christmas

Please remember our special Christmas mission opportunity. We are collecting new tennis shoes and socks for students at Rockford Elementary School through the first of January. For many children, a warm pair of shoes and socks can make a real difference during the winter months. We still need a few more donations, especially larger children's sizes, if you are able to help. Thank you for your generosity and for blessing these children with the comfort and joy of Christ's love this Christmas season.

Children's Ministry Christmas Post Office

Our Christmas Post Office is now closed. Please be sure to check your church mailbox for any Christmas cards that may be waiting for you. We also want to remind everyone that contributions for *Give A Kid A Christmas* are still being accepted over the next couple of weeks. Your generosity helps bring joy and hope to children in our community, and we are grateful for your continued support.



A special thanks is extended to all who assisted with filing the cards each week.

Church Conference

On Wednesday, January 28, 2026, our monthly church conference will be held at 7:15 PM. The church conference will include reports from committees, councils, ministry teams, and other leaders deemed appropriate by the Church Council, which sets the agenda for the church conference. If any member would like to share a report from a ministry team, Sunday school class, council, or committee, please contact Moderator Jean Ingram.

From the Pastor

Old Man Winter



I remember, as a boy, my dad often using the phrase "Old Man Winter" when referring to the days that lay ahead each January. I would imagine what kind of character this "man" might be. A quick web search tells us the phrase traces back to ancient Greek mythology, depicting Boreas, the god of the north wind, stern, cold, and opposing, blasting his freezing breath across the land he had gripped in ice. The myth goes on to say that Boreas was ultimately defeated by the arrival of spring. Of course, we know better, yet it does seem that winter can hold a strong "grip" on us, with its gray days and long nights. A psychology study reveals this season to be a low point for many people, often due to the absence of light. Interestingly, the prescribed remedy is quite simple: light, getting into or under a bright light. Scripture points us to an even greater truth. Matthew 4:16, quoting the prophet Isaiah, declares, "The people which sat in darkness saw a great light." John 9:5 reads, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Jesus is the Light of the world! God's prescription for doubt, defeat, and depression is for us to get into the Light! Psalm 23 offers a powerful reminder when David writes, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the "shadow" of death..." What must be present for there to be a shadow? Light -the sun, or in our case, the Son. May the Lord help us all this January to live in His Light and to truly let our light shine.

Blessings,
Pastor Eddie Lowe

Notes of Thanks

Piney Grove Church Family,
Thank you so much for your support and generosity towards our Plainsmen Packs backpack program. Your donation helps to keep our food cabinets stocked with a variety of items to send home each week. We are fortunate to have you!

Jennie Smith
School Counselor

Piney Grove Church Family,
Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity for our Plainsmen Pack backpack program. We greatly appreciate all of your kindness!!

Thank you,
Jennie Smith
School Counselor

Condolence

Our love, prayers, and Christian sympathy are extended to Wanda Smith and her family on the death of her brother, Joseph Lee Smith.

Contributions

To the Cemetery Fund

In memory of Johnny Wayne Atkins by Clark and Harlene Atkins
In memory of Rev. Kermit Lewis Gray and Johnny Wayne Atkins by Audrey Wright
In memory of Larry Robertson, Merlin and Alma Atkins, and Ambrose and Virginia Woodruff by Tonya Woodruff Oakley
In honor of Kathy Robertson by Tonya Woodruff Oakley

Deacon's Meeting

The deacons will meet on Monday evening, January 5, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

PRAYER LIST

Nursing home and long-term care
Jim Hamblen
Sandra Draughn

Home or hospital

Dean Branch
Hilda Huff
Lonzo McHone
Banner Combs
Michael Stephens
Susan Johnson
Kay Simpson
Greg Bullins
Clint Harris
Tommy & Bonnie Haymore
Walter & Shirley Brown
Monroe & Louise Bowman
Wayne & Katie Draughn
Donna & Bill Gingrich
Eileen Newman
Jordon Tucker
Glenda Atkins
Jayne McMillian
Kayce Boyd
Eddie Draughn
Mary McMillian
Gil Branch
Karen Moser
Ruth McHone
Donna Tucker
Wanda Smith
Audrey Wright
Randy Bledsoe
Thuy Hoai ("Andrew")
Linda Johnson-Marion
Rusty York
Nancy Watson
Chris Cooke
Mary Smith
Amelia Wilmoth
Nick Gribbon

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Please contact Scottie Isaacs to add or remove names from our prayer list.
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