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### Contribution Statements

Piney Grove's 2025 Contribution Statements were mailed on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. This statement is your official receipt for IRS tax purposes. Please contact Scottie Isaacs at (336)356-4196 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of Piney Grove Baptist Church!

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Corbin and Jennifer Moose on the birth of their precious son, Ezekiel James Moose. Baby Ezekiel was born Wednesday, January 14, 2026, weighing 8 pounds and 4 ounces. Corbin, Jennifer, and Ezekiel, along with big brother Gunnar, are all doing well.

### Condolences

*Our love, prayers, and Christian sympathy are extended to Donnie and Pam Marion on the death of their brother-in-law, Wesley Monroe Bowman.*  
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*Our love, prayers, and Christian sympathy are extended to Donnie and Pam Marion on the death of their aunt, Shirley Simpson Nichols.*  
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*Our love, prayers, and Christian sympathy are extended to Kevin Huff and his family on the death of his father, Freeman Elwood Huff.*  
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*Our love, prayers, and Christian sympathy are extended to Susan Johnson, Jean Ingram, Dawn Marion, Sharon Johnson, and Don Woodruff on the death of their aunt, Georgia Moser Johnson Hatcher.*

### Contributions

#### To the Fellowship Hall

*In honor of Effie Marion Draughn's birthday*

#### To the Cemetery Fund

*In memory of Jimmy Nathan Draughn, Johnny Wayne Atkins, Annie Lou Davis McCormick, and Herman Tony Carroll by Larry and Shirley Danley*

### Special Notice

All information for the March newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

### Church Staff

Rev. Eddie Lowe, Senior Pastor  
Paul Danley, Minister of Worship  
Scottie Isaacs, Ministry Assistant  
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## February Birthdays

February 3  
Nellie Thomas

February 5  
Tina Johnson

February 7  
James Brintle

February 9  
Chris Cooke

February 12  
Julie Cooke  
Will Danley  
Faye Hudson

February 14  
Jaxson Danley

February 19  
Wayne Haymore

February 22  
Perry Grace Chilton

February 23  
Corbin Moose

February 24  
Sandra Draughn

February 27  
Audrey Wright



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# The Grove

Growing in Christ Together

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### Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, February 15, 2026



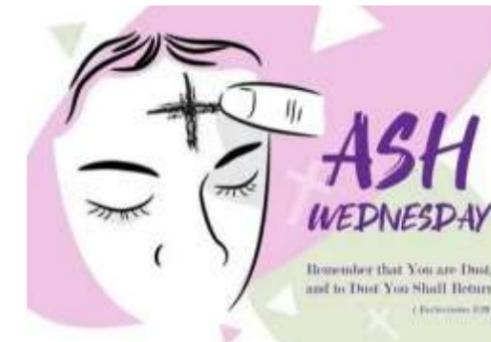
### Church-wide Valentine's Social

Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM  
at The Depot  
Join us for good food and fellowship!



### Ash Wednesday Service

Lent is a season of 40 days leading up to Easter. During this season, we are called to intentionally prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for the glory of the resurrection. You are cordially invited to begin your Lenten pilgrimage at an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday night, February 18, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary.



### Dates to Remember

February 2  
Deacon's Meeting

February 10  
Ladies Gathering

February 14  
Valentine's Day

February 15  
Transfiguration  
Sunday  
Valentine's Social at  
The Depot

February 18  
No Midweek  
Fellowship Meal  
Ash Wednesday  
Service

February 25  
Church Conference

March 2  
Deacon's Meeting

March 6  
World Day of Prayer

March 8  
Daylight-Savings Time  
Begins

March 11  
No Evening Services

March 17  
St. Patrick's Day

**February's Guide to  
Worship and Study**

**Sunday, February 1**  
Worship Service

**Wednesday, February 4**  
Midweek at Piney Grove

**Sunday, February 8**  
Worship Service

**Wednesday, February 11**  
Midweek at Piney Grove

**Sunday, February 15**  
Worship Service  
Transfiguration Sunday

**Wednesday, February 18**  
No Midweek Fellowship Meal  
Ash Wednesday Service

**Sunday, February 22**  
Worship Service

**Wednesday, February 25**  
Midweek at Piney Grove  
Church Conference

2025 – 2026		
Through January 25, 2026		
12/28/25 Offering		\$29,436.50
01/04/26 Offering		\$1,742.00
01/11/26 Offering		\$1,291.00
01/18/26 Offering		\$3,047.00
01/25/26 Offering		\$ 0.00
Total		\$35,516.50
Budget:		\$205,156.00
YTD Goal:		\$83,265.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>YTD</b>
\$83,265.00	\$35,516.50	\$100,949.88
Over/(Under)	\$15,691.50	\$17,684.88



Worship Service videos can be viewed on YouTube

**Missions**

**Backpack Ministry**

During the month of February, 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 Concluded”**



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, February 4, 11, and 25, 2026  
No Midweek Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, February 18, 2026

**Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Adult Bible Study**

These groups will meet on Wednesday nights in February on the following dates:  
February 4, 11, and 25, 2026.

**Deacon’s Meeting**

The deacons will meet on Monday evening, February 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

**Ladies Gathering**

There will be a Ladies Gathering on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

**Church Conference**

On Wednesday, February 25, 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**



**Lessons From a Bird Feeder**

One of the greatest attractions at any petting zoo is the opportunity to feed the animals. From a young age, we are taught to extend food as a way to draw them near. Anyone who visits my church office can see a bird feeder just outside my window. It has become one of the quiet joys of my heart to care for and watch the beautiful birds of many varieties that gather there.

Over time, I have begun to see a “likeness” between that bird feeder and the local church – one that I feel led to share.

Toward the end of September, after accepting the pastorate and being gifted the church office, I purchased three items almost immediately: a church-shaped bird feeder, a shepherd’s hook, and premium bird seed. Naturally, I assumed the birds would come right away. But they did not. I bought the best seed and the cutest feeder, yet only an occasional bird would land briefly before flitting away. It has only been in the past few days that multiple birds have begun to gather there consistently.

So what is the spiritual lesson?

Proverbs 29:18 tells us, “Where there is no vision, the people perish...” The feeder represents the vision for our church. The premium bird seed is what I knew to offer to draw the birds, and at Piney Grove, God’s Word is what we offer to draw people. The second lesson is patience. It took time for the birds to come. I wanted it to happen sooner. Likewise, we want our church to be a “gospel feeding station,” a place where new people come to be nourished – and they will. But we must faithfully do our part by living God’s Word and consistently presenting it.

The final lesson I have learned is this: the birds come when other food sources begin to fade. This world offers many kinds of “food,” but none of it truly sustains. Only the Gospel can, and only the Gospel will carry people through.

As a side note... Piney Grove’s bird feeder seems to have the goldfinch market cornered. I have never seen so many at one feeder!

Blessings,  
Pastor Eddie and Candy

**Notes of Thanks**

**From Donna Gingrich**

Dear Piney Grove Church Family,  
Thank you so much for your kindness to me. I love you and appreciate you. The Christmas carolers were the highlight of my Christmas! I wish for you all a Happy New Year!  
Donna Gingrich

**From Wanda Smith**

Dear Piney Grove Church Family,  
Thank you for the lovely peace lily that was sent when my brother, Joseph, died. It was appreciated very much. I also thank you for the calls, cards, and especially the prayers.  
Wanda Smith

**From White Plains Elementary School**

Dear Piney Grove Church Family,  
Thank you all so much for your continued support. The food donations are helping our backpack program tremendously. It is wonderful to be able to send a variety of items home each week.  
Thank you,  
Jennie Smith, School Counselor

**From Rockford Elementary School**

Dear Piney Grove Church Friends,  
What an incredible surprise we found as we returned for the New Year and found so many donated shoes and socks. We are so very thankful for your generosity and kindness to our kiddos. We appreciate all you have done for these families. Shoes and socks are needed for so many different reasons and this is a blessing.  
Love,

Rockford Elementary Gators

**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  
Louise Bowman  
Wayne & Katie Draughn  
Donna & Bill Gingrich  
Eileen Newman  
Jordon Tucker  
Glenda Atkins  
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  
Tom Butcher  
Dennis Miller

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