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Note of Thanks

From White Plains Elementary School

Dear Piney Grove Church Family,
Thank you all so much for your continued support and generosity towards our Plainsmen Packs Backpack Program. Your donations have helped tremendously. We greatly appreciate your kindness!

Jennie Smith
School Counselor

Condolences

Our love, prayers, and Christian sympathy are extended to Bonnie Haymore and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Linda Lou Loftis Watts.

Our love, prayers, and Christian sympathy are extended to the family of Dean Branch. Dean attended Piney Grove for many years when his family lived in Dobson.

Contribution

To the Cemetery Fund
In memory of Buddy McHone by Ruth McHone

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kendal and Elizabeth Bledsoe on the birth of their precious daughter, Emilia Margaret Bledsoe. Baby Emilia was born Thursday, February 26, 2026, just before noon, at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem. She weighs 6 pounds and 10 ounces and measures 19.75 inches long. Brynlee is a proud big sister, and Randy and Sharon Bledsoe are the delighted paternal grandparents.

Congratulations to Jay and Haley Newman on the birth of their precious son, Wade Thomas Newman. Baby Wade was born Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 9:04 AM in Charlotte. He weighs 9 pounds and measures 21 inches long. Bill and Tina Johnson are the proud maternal grandparents.

Church Conference

On Wednesday, April 22, 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.

Special Notice

All information for the May newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Church Staff

Rev. Eddie Lowe, Senior Pastor
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April Birthdays

- April 1
Miah Brintle
- April 3
Charlotte Dollyhigh
- April 4
Maddox Wilkins
Nguyễn Thuý Hoà
"Andrew"
- April 5
John Willey
- April 15
Myron Marion
- April 16
Presley Creed
Parker Creed
- April 19
Carla Wilkins
- April 20
Brooks Chilton
Rusty York
- April 21
Hunter York
- April 24
Steve Draughn
Don Woodruff
- April 26
Dawn Marion



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The Grove

Growing in Christ Together

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Monthly Newsletter

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Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM

What does "Maundy" mean?

According to a common theory, the English word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin *mandatum*, the first word of the phrase, "Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos" ("A new commandment I give to you: That you love one another as I have loved you"), the statement by Jesus in John 13:34, by which Jesus explained to the Apostles the significance of His action of washing their feet.



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, April 19, 2026
1:00 - 5:00 PM

Piney Grove Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

278 Piney Grove Road, Mount Airy, NC

For more information, please contact Tammy Johnson at (336)406-1242 or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). You may also visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Piney Grove.



Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Please Donate!!

Dates to Remember

- April 1
No Evening Services
- April 2
Maundy Thursday Service
Choir Rehearsal
- April 3
Good Friday
- April 5
Easter Sunrise Service
- April 6
Deacon's Meeting
- April 11
Baby Shower honoring Amy and Harley Atkins
- April 19
American Red Cross Blood Drive
- April 22
Church Conference
- May 4
Deacon's Meeting
- May 7
National Day of Prayer
- May 10
Mother's Day
- May 17
Graduation Sunday
- May 22
Last Day for Students in Surry County Schools

April's Guide to Worship and Study

Wednesday, April 1

No Evening Services

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service
Worship Service

Wednesday, April 8

Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, April 12

Worship Service

Wednesday, April 15

Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, April 19

Worship Service

Wednesday, April 22

Midweek at Piney Grove
Church Conference

Sunday, April 26

Worship Service

Wednesday, April 29

Midweek at Piney Grove

2025 – 2026

Through March 22, 2026

03/01/26 Offering	\$6,000.00
03/08/26 Offering	\$2,972.00
03/15/26 Offering	\$1,087.55
03/22/26 Offering	\$2,797.34
Total	\$12,856.89
Budget:	\$205,156.00
YTD Goal:	\$114,985.00

Budget	This Period	YTD
\$114,985.00	\$12,856.89	\$123,728.99
Over/(Under)	(\$3,003.11)	\$8,743.99



Worship Service
videos can be
viewed on
YouTube

Missions

Backpack Ministry

We will be collecting backpack items for
White Plains Elementary School during the month of April.



*Chef Boyardee (individual cups or cans)

*Canned fruit (individual cups tend to leak/burst)

*Individual cereal cups or snack-size cereal bags

*Snacks such as Goldfish, chips, gummies, pudding cups, nabs, or Cheez-Its

Please place your items in the gray tub in the narthex.

For more information, please contact Brenda Davis.

Midweek at Piney Grove

Midweek Fellowship Meals

5:30 PM on Wednesday nights April 8, 15, 22, and 29

Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Adult Bible Study

These groups will meet on Wednesday nights

on the following dates:

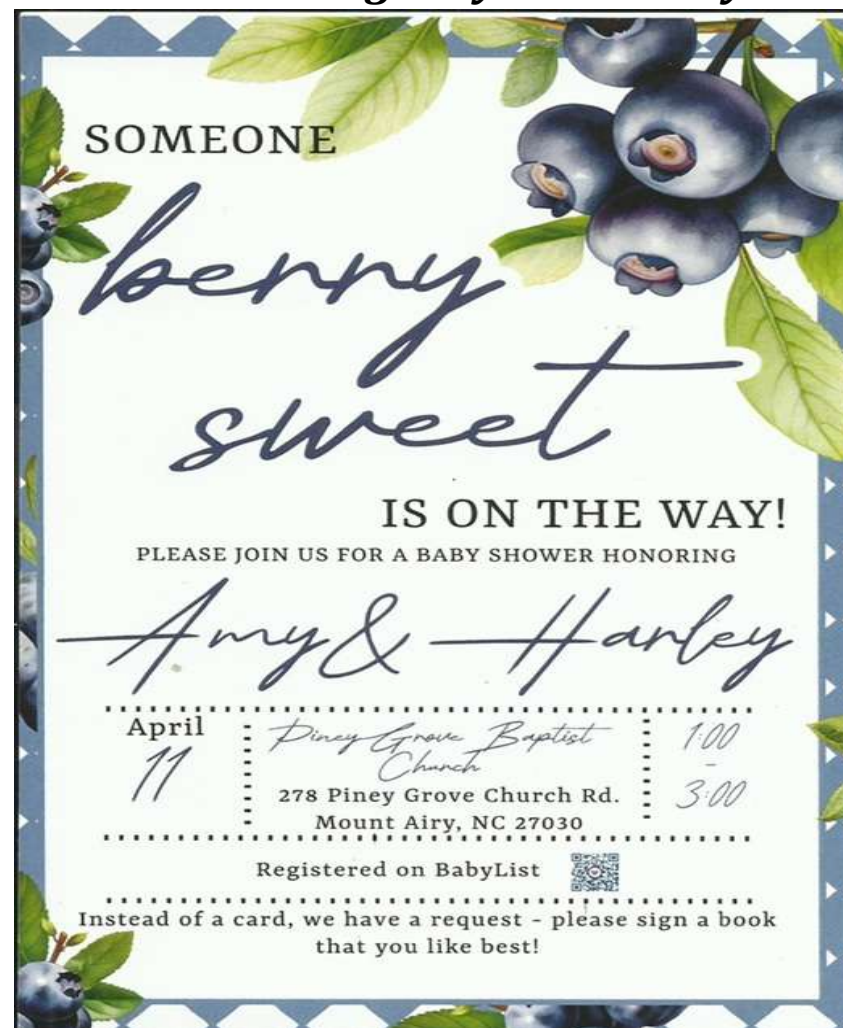
April 8, 15, 22, and 29

No Midweek at Piney Grove on Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Deacon's Meeting

The deacons will meet on Monday evening, April 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Baby Shower honoring Amy and Harley Atkins



From the Pastor



Bring Them to Jesus

Matthew 2:3 – “And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.”

The year was 1995. It was summer – the humidity was high and so were my expectations. It was my first pastorate, and I had big plans but no prior experience. The first road I chose to visit was as run-down as the houses that lined it. As the elder deacon and I approached a small shack, its screen door shredded and the main door standing wide open – a feeling of dread swept over me. There were no booklets or classes that taught you how to handle moments like this. I knocked on the frame of the open door, and to my horror, a rough voice shouted from inside, “Who is it?” My heart raced. I suddenly felt small and out of place. I was sure the gruff man inside had no interest in what a clean-shaven, twenty-four-year-old “boy” had to say. What happened next taught me one of the greatest lessons of my life. “It’s Swanson Goad,” the elder deacon calmly replied. In an instant, everything changed. The angry man jumped from his worn couch and hurried to the doorway. “Y’all come on in! Goodness, I apologize for hollering! I thought it was a salesman or a Jehovah’s Witness!” The small living room was dim, but the elder deacon brought a light, not a physical light but one far brighter. It was a light God had kindled in him many years before I ever met him. It had burned at Proctor-Silex Inc. for years. It had shone in Cana, Virginia, for decades. As Mr. Goad talked, I realized I was walking with a giant. This humble, wise, mill-working, penny-loafer-wearing, red-belly-tractor-farming man carried something he never boasted about. Even as we approached that house, he never mentioned that he knew the man inside. He simply spoke his name. As that first year of pastoring went by, I learned that a good name truly is better than great riches. From home to home we went, and along the way I witnessed the “pearl of great price” that Swanson Goad carried – relevance. I learned to let him talk. Sometimes he would ask, “Have you put a garden out yet?” If the answer was yes, he would begin talking about gardens: onion sets, tomato plants, and the work of tending them. Visiting an orchard owner, the conversation might turn to Granny Smith apples and the lack of rain. No matter where we went – rich homes or poor ones – this wise man was always relevant. There was no flash, no bragging, no name-dropping, only genuine conversation and a sincere desire to know the person in front of him. Looking back, Mr. Goad was the greatest teacher I ever sat under. His calloused hands and flannel shirts told the story of a life marked by hard work and devotion to a culture that is fading in our day. What culture? The culture of relevance – of meeting people where they are and remembering where you came from. He passed away a few years ago, but not a month goes by that I do not think about our rides and visits. He may have been a regular man in stature, but he will always be a giant in my heart.

Blessings, Pastor Eddie and Candy

With Love and Gratitude to Piney Grove Baptist Church

Dear Friends,

I have received several cards from individual members, couples, and classes, and it has meant more to me than I can express. It is a wonderful feeling to be remembered by those who were part of one of the most meaningful interim pastorates of my ministry.

I continue to be blessed not only by my friends at Piney Grove, but also by a “son in the ministry,” Mark Reece, whom we met and served alongside during our time there.

The past couple of months have been a real challenge for all 72 residents here at Pruitt Place - Winston-Salem. We have been under quarantine since February 26, 2026, with 15 cases of COVID. During that time, we were restricted to our rooms for meals and most daily activities.

Thankfully, the quarantine will be lifted today, March 23, 2026. I am now looking forward to celebrating my birthday with my family this Saturday, March 28, 2026.

At 92, this old and sometimes cranky body is still able to take care of itself – bathing, dressing, and even getting out a bit.

May God bless us all as we seek to do His will during these difficult days and throughout this holy season.

With love, Jim Hamblen

PRAYER LIST

Nursing home and long-term care

Jim Hamblen
Sandra Draughn

Home or hospital

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
Mary Smith

Amelia Wilmoth
Tom Butcher

Dennis Miller
Andrew Moore

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