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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. Because of your donations, our shelves are stocked well with kid-friendly items. We greatly appreciate your love and kindness!!

Jennie Smith
School Counselor

Deacon's Meeting

The deacons will meet on Monday evening, May 4, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Church Conference

On Wednesday, May 27, 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.

Looking Ahead

Father's Day

June 21, 2026

*A father is neither an anchor to hold us back,
nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding
light whose love shows us the way.*

Independence Day

July 4, 2026

*On this special day, let's remember our past,
celebrate our present, and dream of a brighter future.*

Special Notice

All information for the June newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

Church Staff

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May Birthdays

May 3
Jerry Dollyhigh

May 4
Rev. Eddie Lowe

May 5
Dawson Moran

May 7
Abby Wright

May 14
Pam Gray
Mark Smith

May 15
Katherine Fleming

May 23
Tim Creed

May 26
Jerry B. Johnson

May 28
Jennifer Easter

May 30
Wayne Draughn



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The Grove

Growing in Christ Together

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Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10, 2026



"Honour.....your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." Deuteronomy 5:16

Memorial Day Service

Sunday, May 24, 2026, at 10:30 AM



"True heroism is remarkably sober, very indramatic, it is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost." Arthur Ash

"Veterans are a symbol of what makes our nation great, and we must never forget all they have done to ensure freedom." Rodney Frelinghuysen

Dates to Remember

- May 4
Deacon's Meeting
- May 7
National Day of Prayer
- May 10
Mother's Day
- May 17
Graduation Sunday
Choir Rehearsal
- May 22
Last Day for Students
in Surry County
Schools
- May 24
Pentecost
Memorial Day Service
- May 25
Memorial Day
- May 31
Trinity Sunday
- May 31 - June 3
Vacation Bible School
- June 8
Deacon's Meeting
- June 17 - 19
CBF General Assembly
in Jacksonville, FL
- June 21
Father's Day
First Day of Summer
- July 4
Independence Day

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

Sunday, May 3

Worship Service

Wednesday, May 6

Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, May 10

Worship Service

Wednesday, May 13

Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, May 17

Worship Service
Graduation Sunday

Wednesday, May 20

Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, May 24

Memorial Day Service
Worship Service

Wednesday, May 27

Midweek at Piney Grove
Church Conference

Sunday, May 31

Worship Service
Vacation Bible School

**2025 – 2026
Through April 19, 2026**

03/29/26 Offering	\$2,725.00
04/05/26 Offering	\$1,909.40
04/12/26 Offering	\$1,743.50
04/19/26 Offering	\$3,109.25
Total	\$9,487.15

Budget:	\$205,156.00
YTD Goal:	\$130,845.00

Budget	This Period	YTD
\$130,845.00	\$9,487.15	\$133,216.14
Over/(Under)	(\$6,372.85)	\$2,371.14



Worship Service videos can be viewed on YouTube

Missions

Backpack Ministry

Please note that our Backpack Ministry will be paused for the summer while school is on break. The ministry will resume in the fall as the new school year begins.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously donated items and supported this ministry over the past year. Your kindness has made a meaningful difference in the lives of local children and families.

We look forward to continuing this important work together in the fall!

Midweek at Piney Grove

Midweek Fellowship Meals

5:30 PM on Wednesday nights May 6, 13, 20, and 27

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

These groups will meet on Wednesday nights on the following dates:
May 6, 13, 20, and 27

Vacation Bible School



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Sunday, May 31 - Wednesday June 3

Nightly Meals 5:45 - 6:30 PM

Bible School 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Classes available for all ages,
from nursery through adults.

From the Pastor

Bloom Where You Are Planted



"Bloom where you are planted." It sounds simple enough, doesn't it? This saying dates back to the sixteenth century and is often attributed to Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva. But what does it really mean — and is it still relevant for us today?

As I often do, let's begin with something simple to better understand something deeper. This month's example can be found just outside my office here at the church. For some time, I've had my eye on a small four-by-twelve-foot plot at the end of the sidewalk filled with monkey grass. After receiving permission to use the space, I got to work.

Step one was removing what was already there to make room for new planting. Monkey grass is a hardy perennial ground cover — it comes back year after year. In our lives, we often have habits that behave the same way. If we want new growth, some things must be removed. Bitterness, for example, can drain our joy and hinder growth. Gossip is another. We might say, "I'll just cut back on my bad habits," but consider the monkey grass — I could have trimmed it, but unless I removed it by the roots, it would simply return. In gardening and in life, real change happens at the root level. No root, no fruit.

Step two involved adding a weed barrier mat. The key to this step is complete coverage, as it must go from edge to edge. Spiritually, we also need barriers that separate the old from the new. I've seen this clearly in counseling sessions with couples. Sometimes healing required a change in workplace, department, or schedule, putting a necessary boundary in place. When those barriers were ignored, the results were rarely good. Remember, no one plants weeds — they grow on their own.

Step three was adding new soil. What's wrong with the old ground? Often, it's depleted, packed, rocky, or stripped of nutrients by years of growth and weeds. In our lives, new ground begins with regular time in God's Word, daily prayer, and honest reflection before Him. These practices nourish and prepare us for healthy growth.

So, bloom where you are planted. Our new church garden will be a "full sun" garden, receiving direct sunlight most of the day. I've chosen marigolds to begin with, not only because they thrive in full sun, but because my mom loved them. Perhaps you're not a "full sun" person. Maybe your life is quieter, more private — you're more fern than marigold. That's okay. God knew that when He placed you where you are.

Now grow. Stretch toward the Son each day, and you will be blessed in the process.

Love to all,
Pastor Eddie

Attention All Graduates: Graduation Sunday



We will celebrate our graduates during worship on Sunday, May 17, 2026. All graduates are asked to submit the following information to Scottie Isaacs, Ministry Assistant, at secretary@pgbcmountairy.org by Wednesday, May 13, 2026: full name, school, diploma or degree information, future plans (if available), and parents' names. To be included in the slideshow during the worship service, please email several photographs to secretary@pgbcmountairy.org. On Sunday, May 17, 2026, all graduates should meet in the chapel at 10:45 AM, wearing their cap and gown.

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")
Rusty York

Mary Smith
Amelia Wilmoth

Tom Butcher
Dennis Miller

Andrew Moore
Milton and Ivy Head

Fred and Norma Miller

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