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Condolence

Our love, prayers, and Christian sympathy are extended to Katie Draughn
and family on the death of her husband, Wayne Larry Draughn.

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Our love, prayers, and Christian sympathy are extended to Billy Perry
and family on the death of his brother, William Perry.

Contributions

To the General Fund

- In memory of Mary Ethel Dollyhigh McMillian by Jerry and Carolyn Sawyers
- In memory of Shirley Chappell Brown by Rusty and Tobi York
- In memory of Mary Ethel Dollyhigh McMillian and Wayne Larry Draughn
by Tim and Kathy Creed
- In memory of Mary Ethel Dollyhigh McMillian and Wayne Larry Draughn
by Terry and Nellie Thomas
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Susan Johnson
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Larry and Shirley Danley
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Norma Sprinkle
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Susan Anderson
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Barry and Pam Badgett
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by John and Brenda Dalton
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Fred and Norma Miller

To the Cemetery Fund

- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Charles and Donna Marion

Special Notice

All information for the August newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday,
July 29, 2026.

Church Staff

Rev. Eddie Lowe, Senior Pastor
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July Birthdays

- July 1
Ann Lankford
- July 4
Bill Gingrich
- July 6
Brody Chilton
- July 7
Andrew Marion
- July 9
Milton Head
Lylah Kate Moran
- July 13
Lauren Moore
- Linda Johnson-Marion
- July 16
Bill Dollyhigh
Elizabeth Bledsoe
- July 17
Sam Kidd
- July 25
Carolyn Sawyers
- July 26
Ivy Head
- July 27
Scottie Isaacs
- July 29
Luke Danley
- July 30
Brandon Chilton

Happy Birthday



The Grove

Growing in Christ Together

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Independence Day

Saturday, July 4, 2026



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, July 26, 2026 ~ 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Piney Grove Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
278 Piney Grove Road, Mount Airy, NC

For more information, call Tammy Johnson at (336)406-1242
or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit

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

- July 1
No Choir Rehearsal
- July 4
Independence Day
- July 6
Deacon's Meeting
- July 12
Communion
- July 22
No Choir Rehearsal
- July 26
American Red Cross
Blood Drive
- July 29
Church Conference
- August 2
Deacon Nominations
- August 3
Deacon's Meeting
- August 9
A Blessing of the
Backpacks
- August 12
First Day for Students
in Surry County
Schools
- August 16
Deacon Election
- August 19
Picnic on the Grounds:
Cookout, Homemade
Ice Cream, and Bingo

July’s Guide to
Worship and Study

Wednesday, July 1
Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, July 5
Worship Service

Wednesday, July 8
Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, July 12
Worship Service
and Communion

Wednesday, July 15
Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, July 19
Worship Service

Wednesday, July 22
Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, July 26
Worship Service

Wednesday, July 29
Midweek at Piney Grove
Church Conference

2025 – 2026 Through June 21, 2026		
05/31/26 Offering		\$5,509.30
06/07/26 Offering		\$2,052.00
06/14/26 Offering		\$1,405.00
06/21/26 Offering		<u>\$1,799.00</u>
Total		\$10,765.30
Budget:	\$205,156.00	
YTD Goal:	\$166,530.00	
Budget	This Period	YTD
\$166,530.00	\$10,765.30	\$157,450.69
Over/(Under)	(\$5,094.70)	(\$9,079.31)



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

Our midweek fellowship meals will be suspended for the summer and will resume after Labor Day. We look forward to gathering around the table again in the fall.

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

These groups will meet each Wednesday night in July.

Worship and Communion Service

Sunday, July 12, 2026, at 11:00 AM



‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ Luke 22:19b

Church Conference

On Wednesday, July 29, 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.

Deacon’s Meeting

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

Ladies Gathering

Our ladies will not meet during the month of July and will resume its regular schedule in August.

From the Pastor



The Big Picture

“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14

As we read this passage, we find Esther in an extraordinary predicament. Though she had concealed her Jewish heritage, she had become the queen and wife of the most powerful ruler in the world at that time. Xerxes was king of Persia, an empire that had conquered Babylon and stretched farther than any kingdom before it.

To grasp the magnitude of Esther’s position, imagine spending your entire career working for a company, earning the trust and friendship of its owner, only to discover upon the owner’s death that the business had been left entirely to you. You could run it as you wished, reinvent it, sell it, or change it completely. Your decisions alone would shape its future. Yet even that illustration falls short of what Esther had been given.

But there was a problem. A powerful official named Haman, second only to the king, had devised a plan to exterminate all the Jews throughout the empire. He either did not know or did not care that Queen Esther herself was Jewish.

As in many compelling stories, there was someone on the inside who learned of the danger and urged action. That person was Mordecai, Esther’s cousin and adoptive father. When he discovered the plot, he informed Esther and pleaded with her to intervene. Making matters more difficult, Haman had manipulated King Xerxes into enforcing a law that prohibited anyone from approaching the king without being summoned. Anyone who violated that law risked death unless the king extended his golden scepter in mercy.

Esther relayed this information to Mordecai, and his response gives us the words found in our theme verse: *“And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”*

Esther could have remained silent. After all, her life had become more wonderful than she could ever have imagined. Instead, she chose to reveal the plot to the king. She rose above her fear, laid aside her comfort, and used her position to serve others.

Sound familiar?

Imagine dumping a thousand-piece puzzle onto your kitchen table and being told you have until dark to complete it. Naturally, you would look at the picture on the box for guidance. But what if there were no box top? You would not know whether a blue piece belonged to the sky or the water, or whether a patch of green represented grass or the leaves of a tree. Without the completed picture, it is impossible to see how the pieces fit together.

Only God sees the whole picture. Why are you facing what you are experiencing right now? Why did the better job never come? Why did your health decline? Why did certain doors close while others opened?

In those moments, we must do what Esther did. We must trust God, commit our lives to Him, and believe that He has placed us exactly where we are, for such a time as this.

Summer Blessings to Our Sweet Church,
Pastor Eddie and Candy

Note of Thanks

Dear Piney Grove Church Family,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our church family for the many prayers, cards, calls, visits, meals, and other acts of kindness shown to us during our recent surgeries and recovery. As Milton recovers from knee replacement surgery and Ivy continues to heal following two eye surgeries, your love, encouragement, and faithful prayers have been a great source of strength and comfort.

We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring and compassionate church family. Your thoughtfulness and support have meant more to us than words can adequately express. Thank you for walking alongside us during this time and for reflecting the love of Christ in so many meaningful ways.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Milton and Ivy Head

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 Brown
Louise Bowman
Katie Draughn
Donna & Bill Gingrich
Eileen Newman
Jordon Tucker
Glenda Atkins
Eddie Draughn
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*

Military

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*Please contact Scottie Isaacs to add or remove names from our prayer list.
Phone (336)356-4196*

Deacon Nominations

On Sunday, August 2, 2026, you will be given the opportunity to nominate three (3) individuals for deacon. The six (6) individuals receiving the highest number of votes and who are willing and qualified to serve as deacons will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, August 9, 2026. Please be sure to contact your nominees to make sure they are willing to serve before nominating them.

Deacon Election

On Sunday, August 16, 2026, you will be given the opportunity to vote for three (3) of the six (6) nominees. The three (3) individuals receiving the highest number of votes will serve a three-year term on our diaconate.

According to our church constitution, an individual must be a church member for one year to be eligible for nomination as a deacon. The deacon nomination and election process is for church members only.

From Constitution and By-Laws

Section 3. Right to Vote. Such members as are in “full and regular standing” shall meet the following requirements: (1) shall have attended at least twelve (12) Sunday school and/or worship services within the past twelve (12) months; and (2) shall have contributed something to the support of the church. Those who fail to meet these requirements may present their reasons at a church conference. If the reason is satisfactory to the church, it may, by majority vote, declare him in “full and regular standing with voting privileges.”

The Diaconate Covenant

In August of 2011, the Diaconate adopted the following covenant as an accountability guide between deacons and the congregation. As you consider who you will nominate to serve as a deacon, please do so with the following covenant in mind. The expectations listed in the covenant below illustrate the qualities and disciplines that a person should possess when being nominated as a deacon at Piney Grove Baptist Church. Thank you for your prayerful commitment to this selection process. With ***strong servant leadership***, we will continue to build a ***strong servant church***.

1. **Deacons should maintain the Biblical qualities offered in the Piney Grove Baptist Church Constitution.**
2. **Deacons should actively attend Sunday school and make a good effort to attend Bible Study.**
3. **Deacons should be active in worship.**
4. **Deacons should be active in a missions group.**
5. **Deacons should contribute financially to the work of the church through the giving of tithes and offerings.**
6. **Deacons should be present at Diaconate meetings/functions and actively execute ministry expectations.**
7. **Deacons should practice confidentiality.**
8. **Deacons should keep the best interest of the church above their own.**
9. **Deacons should be forgiving and non-judgmental.**
10. **Deacons should be persons of upright character and integrity before God and men.**

Listed below are individuals who **ARE NOT** eligible for deacon nomination at this time, as they are currently serving on our Diaconate. Also, church staff members **ARE NOT** eligible to serve as a deacon.

Luke Danley (2026)	Milton Head (2027)	DeAnne Danley (2028)
Bill Dollyhigh (2026)	Jean Ingram (2027)	Dan Dollyhigh (2028)
Dennis Miller (2026)	Myron Marion (2027)	Jerry Sawyers (2028)

Rev. Eddie Lowe, Senior Pastor
Paul Danley, Minister of Worship

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED!

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

 WIDE RULED NOTEBOOK PAPER	 8 PACK CRAYONS	 GLUE STICKS	 HEADPHONES
 DRY ERASE MARKERS	 CLEANING WIPES	 HAND SANITIZER	 BOOK BAGS

 YOUR DONATION MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE! 

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS!