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Attention: College Students

All college students, including those attending Surry Community College, are encouraged to submit their mailing address for the 2026-2027 school year to Scottie Isaacs, Ministry Assistant, at secretary@pgbcmountairy.org or text to (336)374-0643. This information will be used as we select “Student of the Week” for our weekly bulletin.

Contributions

To the General Fund

- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Jerry and Carolyn Sawyers
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by The Marsh Family (Sena, Bonnie, Lois, Judy, Larry, and Lynda)
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn, Mary Ethel Dollyhigh McMillian, and William Perry by Tommy and Bonnie Haymore
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Steve and Joellen Belton
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Joe and Jean Napier
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Odysseus J. Chamis and Eirin N. Chamis
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Rusty and Tobi York
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Senior Adults Sunday School Class
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Jim and Tammy York

To the Cemetery Fund

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

To the General Fund

- In honor of Bill and Brenda Dollyhigh by John and Dianne Willey

Special Notice

All information for the September newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

Church Staff

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August Birthdays

- August 1
Amanda Chilton
- August 2
Tammy Johnson
- August 3
John Marion
- August 4
Jeni O’Neal
- Barbara Jean Tate
- August 6
Steve Ingram
- August 7
Jerry Atkins
- August 8
Lori Jones
- Olivia Bodenhamer
- August 9
Beth Gordon
- Candy Lowe
- Austin Bodenhamer
- August 10
Fred Goettel
- August 12
Joanne Whitaker
- JonLucas Danley
- August 13
Jean Ingram
- Sharon Johnson
- August 16
Brenda Davis
- August 19
Andrew Moore
- August 20
Dianne Hayden
- August 21
Kathy Creed
- August 22
Hannah Thomas
- August 23
Charles Marion
- Jerry Whitaker
- Walker York
- August 25
Caleb Mooney
- August 29
Bobby Post
- August 30
Shirley Danley

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Monthly Newsletter

The Grove

Growing in Christ Together

Piney Grove Baptist Church
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A Blessing of the Backpacks

Join US!

Sunday, August 9, 2026, 11:00 AM

We would like to invite all students and educators to bring their school bags to church to have them blessed.

Kick off your new school year with prayers and love!



Picnic on the Grounds

Cookout, Homemade Ice Cream, and Bingo
Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 6:30 PM



Dates to Remember

- August 2
Deacon Nominations
- August 9
A Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 10
Deacon’s Meeting
- 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
- August 26
Church Conference
- September 7
Labor Day
- September 13
Deacon and Spouse Dinner at Libby Hill Seafood
- September 20
Homecoming
- September 22
First Day of Autumn
- September 23
Church Conference

Sunday, August 30
Worship Service

2025 – 2026 Through July 19, 2026		
06/28/26 Offering		\$2,510.75
07/05/26 Offering		\$9,508.00
07/12/26 Offering		\$1,947.25
07/19/26 Offering		<u>\$1,231.00</u>
Total		\$15,197.00
Budget:		\$205,156.00
YTD Goal:		\$182.390.00
Budget	This Period	YTD
\$182.390.00	\$15,197.00	\$172,647.69
Over/(Under)	(\$663.00)	(\$9,742.31)



Worship Service
videos can be
viewed on
YouTube

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 on Wednesday night on
August 5, 12, and 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Notes of Thanks

Dear Piney Grove Church,
I want to thank all the members of PGBC for their cards and prayers I have received recently. Mark Reece had a visit one day this past week and we shared some happy memories of our time together at PGBC and since then. He has become my "Son in the Ministry" as St. Paul wrote about Timothy in the Bible. I will offer a special prayer for you tomorrow as you worship at PGBC.

*Sent with my Love and Appreciation,
Jim Hamblen*

Dear Piney Grove Church,
What a blessed feeling to have a wonderful church family!! Your thoughts, prayers,
food, and help were greatly appreciated during Wayne's illness.

My family joins me saying – Thanks for the many acts of kindness, and flower arrangement. Hope to see you soon.

Katie Draughn

*Katie Draughn
Dana, Doug, and Dale*

Dear Pine y Grove Church Family,
On behalf of the YVEDDI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program. Thank You
for your generous donation of women's and children's clothing to support
survivors of domestic violence.

Your kindness provides much more than clothing, it restores dignity offers comfort, and reminds individuals and families escaping abuse that their community cares about them during one of the most difficult times in their lives. Many survivors leave dangerous situations with only the clothes they are wearing. Because of your generosity. Mothers can provide clean, comfortable clothing for themselves and their children as they begin rebuilding their lives in safety.

Thank you again for supporting YVEDDI in our mission to provide safety, advocacy, and supportive services to survivors throughout Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin counties. We are truly grateful for the continued support and commitment to helping families heal.

*With a Truly Grateful Heart,
David Smith
Program Director
YVEDDI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program*

Small Things



Zechariah 4:10 says, “Who has despised the day of small things?” We know the prophet was speaking about the small remnant of Israel who returned from Babylonia captivity and how they were hated by the heathen tribes around them. The returning Jews were the underdog and not respected. The surrounding nations would rather the Jews perish altogether. We see much of the same reference in 1 Samuel 17, when David, as a young shepherd comes to the battlefield where Goliath is taunting the army of Saul. When David’s older brother spotted him, big brother asked, “What are you doing here and who did you leave those “few sheep” with?” From this we gather that David’s brother hated small things. This month, I want us to realize that God works in a “small things” kind of way.

A friend of mine gave me a piece of advice on the price point of small things and their significance in the furniture market. His advice was to market small items in volume. Around this same time, I had registered for bigger craft fairs in North Carolina, some in Raleigh, Clayton, Greensboro, Cary, Winston, etc. I carried several pricey items, and so I made several wood vases for dried flowers. I timed myself for maximum efficiency and made several for sale for fifteen dollars each. My first market with them was in Hanes Mall and I nearly run out of them! Their small price drew buyers in for higher items also. From then on, they were a staple item. To make a long story short, I set up in one particular market every month along with others. It was at this one market that I had a sweet old lady who sought me out every month. One fifteen-dollar vase...that is all she would buy. One slow day, I struck up a conversation with her, and she explained to me that her son had passed and so every month she bought a new vase for him. From that day forward, I never looked at those cheap small vases the same way. With everyone that I turned on the wood lathe, her small, feeble hands crossed my mind. A small, frail lady who looked for a memento every month for a son who died before her. Of course, I wanted to sell big ticket items, but I never went to a market again that I did not carry along small things...

*Love and blessings,
Pastor Eddie*

Church Conference

On Wednesday, August 26, 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, August 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Ladies Gathering

We want to encourage all the ladies to come to the church wide “Picnic on the Grounds” on Wednesday, August 19, 2026. We will not have a separate Ladies Gathering in August.

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*

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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)

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Back-to-School Mission Project

Donations may be placed in the collection area at the church through Sunday, August 16, 2026.

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!