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Deacons Elected

On Sunday, August 16, 2026, the following individuals were elected to serve a three-year term (2026 – 2029) on our Diaconate:

Garnett Beasley
Tim Creed
John Willey

Condolence

Our love, prayers, and Christian sympathy are extended to Russell Simpson and his family on the passing of his wife, Kay Hardy Simpson.
We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to Kay's sister, Brenda Davis, who is a cherished member of our church family.

Contributions

To the General Fund

In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Betty K. Ridolfi
In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn by Peggy Wagoner
In memory of Kay Hardy Simpson by Tim and Kathy Creed
In memory of Kay Hardy Simpson by Fred and Norma Miller
In memory of Kay Hardy Simpson by Suzanne Burrow
In memory of Kay Hardy Simpson by Craig and Robin Hamlin
In honor of Brenda Davis on her 80th birthday by Larry and Shirley Danley
In honor of Brenda Davis on her 80th birthday by Steve and Jean Ingram
In honor of Brenda Davis on her 80th birthday by Terry and Nellie Thomas
In honor of Brenda Davis on her 80th birthday by David and Sue Smith
In honor of Brenda Davis on her 80th birthday by Kathy Robertson
In honor of Brenda Davis on her 80th birthday by Norma Sprinkle
In honor of Brenda Davis on her 80th birthday by Tina Johnson

To the Cemetery Fund

In memory of Kay Hardy Simpson by Charles and Donna Marion

Special Notice

All information for the October newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

Church Staff

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September Birthdays

September 1

Marshall Dollyhigh

September 8

Dan Dollyhigh

September 14

Addison Jones

September 24

Brenda D. Dollyhigh

Emily Marion

Donna Gingrich

September 26

Linda Carroll

September 27

Dianne Willey

September 28

Dennis Miller



Happy Birthday



The Grove

Growing in Christ Together

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Monthly Newsletter

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A Special Worship Service of Welcome and Celebration



Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 11:00 AM



Worship in our Beautiful Sanctuary,
Favorite Hymns, Our Talented Choir,
A Special Homecoming Message,
Catching up with Members and Friends,
Past and Present,
and a Delicious Meal!



Please bring you favorite dishes to share and a drink!

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:4-5

This verse reminds us that every member of the church brings their unique gifts and talents. When we come together during homecoming, we celebrate our individual contributions to the community, recognizing that we are all important parts of the body of Christ.

Dates to Remember

September 7

Labor Day

September 13

Deacon Ordination
Christmas Cantata
Rehearsal
Deacon and Spouse
Dinner at Libby Hill
Seafood

September 15

Ladies Gathering

September 20

Homecoming

September 22

First Day of Autumn

September 23

Church Conference

September 27

Christmas Cantata
Rehearsal

October 4

World Communion
Sunday

October 5

Deacon’s Meeting

October 11

Christmas Cantata
Rehearsal

October 14

No Choir Rehearsal

October 25

Reformation Sunday
Christmas Cantata
Rehearsal

October 28

No Midweek
Fellowship Meal
Church Conference

September’s Guide to
Worship and Study

Wednesday, September 2

Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, September 6

Worship Service

Wednesday, September 9

Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, September 13

Worship Service
and Deacon Ordination

Wednesday, September 16

Midweek at Piney Grove

Sunday, September 20

Worship Service
and Homecoming

Wednesday, September 23

Midweek at Piney Grove
Church Conference

Sunday, September 27

Worship Service

Wednesday, September 30

Midweek at Piney Grove

Stewardship Report
2025 – 2026

Through August 23, 2026

07/26/26 Offering	\$3,898.00
08/02/26 Offering	\$2,260.00
08/09/26 Offering	\$3,566.00
08/16/26 Offering	\$2,125.00
08/23/26 Offering	\$1,973.50
Total	\$13,822.50
Budget:	\$205,156.00
YTD Goal:	\$202,215.00

Budget	This Period	YTD
\$202,215.00	\$13,822.50	\$186,470.19
Over/(Under)	(\$6,002.50)	(\$15,744.81)



Worship Service
videos can be
viewed on
YouTube

Missions

Backpack Ministry

Please note that our Backpack Ministry will resume as the new school year begins.

Your kindness makes a meaningful difference in the lives of local children and families. We look forward to continuing this important work together this fall!

For more information, please contact Brenda Davis.



Midweek at Piney Grove

Midweek Fellowship Meals

Our midweek fellowship meals will resume on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

We look forward to gathering around the table again this fall for good food, fellowship, and time together as a church family. We hope you will join us!

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

These groups will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM on September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026.

American Red Cross Blood Drive Update

On Sunday afternoon, July 26, 2026, Piney Grove had the privilege of hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive. We had 22 donors registered, and 22 units of blood were successfully collected, exceeding our goal of 20. We had two first-time donors and two Power Red donors. Although two individuals were deferred, we are grateful for their willingness to participate. Every unit of blood collected has the potential to save lives, and we sincerely thank everyone who took the time to give.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who helped make this event possible. We especially want to recognize Tammy Johnson for her outstanding coordination and Beth Gordon for graciously hosting the blood drive. We are also grateful to Linda Johnson-Marion and Carolyn Sawyers for generously providing food and drinks.

Thank you again to everyone who gave, volunteered, and supported this important ministry. Your kindness and generosity truly make a difference, and together we are helping save lives.

Deacon Ordination

Deacon Ordination Service for John Willey
Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 11:00 AM



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 for our “Student of the Week” feature in the weekly bulletin, helping our church family stay connected with and pray for our students throughout the school year.

From the Pastor

“One More Night with the Frogs”



Exodus 8:10 takes us into the account of the second of the ten plagues that God sent upon Egypt. We know that the Israelites had been in Egypt for generations, and for much of that time they had lived under the oppression of slavery. Today, I want us to focus on the second plague. Frogs! And not just a few frogs. Frogs everywhere! According to Exodus 8, the frogs overran the land of Egypt. They were in the houses, in the bedrooms, in the beds, and even in the ovens and kneading bowls. From Pharaoh’s palace to the homes of ordinary Egyptians, frogs were everywhere. Can you imagine lying

down in your bed at night only to feel the clammy skin of a frog? Can you imagine opening your oven and finding frogs inside? And then there was the constant croaking, the overwhelming sound of frogs everywhere you turned. How could there possibly be so many frogs? Of course, we know the answer. God could bring as many frogs as He wanted. He could have brought them from the Nile, from a small creek, or even from a puddle. Egypt had plenty of water, and the Nile River provided an enormous source from which these creatures could emerge. But here’s where the story gets especially interesting. Pharaoh finally called for Moses and Aaron. He wanted Moses to ask God to remove the frogs. Moses then asked Pharaoh a remarkable question: “When do you want me to ask God to take the frogs away?” “Tomorrow!” Tomorrow? Of all the strange things in this story, that may be the strangest of all. Pharaoh was surrounded by frogs. Frogs were in his house. Frogs were in his bed. Frogs were in his kitchen. Frogs were everywhere he looked. And when given the opportunity to have them removed, Pharaoh said, “Tomorrow.”

The spiritual application here is this. Why would we, as God’s people, choose to stay in any awful situation a minute longer? And yet, isn’t that exactly what people do? Some people live with a gambling habit until it has taken everything they have. Some continue down the road of alcohol even though they know it is killing them. Some live another night consumed by worry and anxiety, allowing it to rob them of their peace and their rest. Still others gossip until their spiritual joy is nonexistent. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST.” Ask God for help at once! Do not spend another night “with the frogs!”

God bless you and keep you,
Pastor Eddie

Church Conference

On Wednesday, September 23, 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 and Spouse Dinner

Our annual “Deacon and Spouse Dinner” will be held on Sunday evening, September 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Libby Hill Seafood. We look forward to an evening of fellowship and appreciation with our deacons and their spouses.

Ladies Gathering

All ladies of Piney Grove are invited to a Ladies Gathering on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. We hope you will join us for an evening of fellowship, conversation, and fun.

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
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
Audrey Wright
Randy Bledsoe
Rusty York
Mary Smith
Amelia Wilmoth
Tom Butcher
Andrew Moore
Milton and Ivy Head
Fred and Norma Miller
Carrol Hunter
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