

October's Guide to
Worship and Study

- Sunday, October 4
Worship Service
World Communion Sunday
- Wednesday, October 7
Midweek at Piney Grove
- Sunday, October 11
Worship Service
- Wednesday, October 14
Midweek at Piney Grove
- Sunday, October 18
Worship Service
- Wednesday, October 21
Midweek at Piney Grove
- Sunday, October 25
Worship Service
- Wednesday, October 28
No Midweek Fellowship Meal
Midweek at Piney Grove
Church Conference

Stewardship Report 2025 – 2026 Through August 30, 2026			
08/30/26 Offering		\$2,438.25	
Total		\$2,438.25	
Budget:	\$205,156.00		
YTD Goal:	\$205,156.00		
Budget	This Period	YTD	
\$205,156.00	\$2,438.25	\$188,908.44	
Over/(Under)	(\$502.75)	(\$16,247.56)	
2026 – 2027 Through September 20, 2026			
09/06/26 Offering		\$3,256.88	
09/13/26 Offering		\$2,936.25	
09/20/26 Offering		\$1,694.00	
Total		\$7,887.13	
Budget:	\$208,787.00		
YTD Goal:	\$12,045.00		
Budget	This Period	YTD	
\$12,045.00	\$7,887.13	\$7,887.13	
Over/(Under)	(\$4,157.87)	(\$4,157.87)	



Worship Service
videos can be
viewed on
YouTube

Missions

Backpack Ministry

We will be collecting donations for the Backpack Ministry throughout the month of October.

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

For more information, please contact Brenda Davis.



Midweek at Piney Grove

Midweek Fellowship Meals

Our midweek fellowship meals will be held on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM on October 7, 14, and 21, 2026. There will be no meal on October 28. 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 October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2026.



Sing for the Season!

This Christmas, the Piney Grove Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir will present *Christmas... Sing Noell*, a joyful and worshipful Christmas musical from Brentwood Benson. Created by Dale Mathews and arranged for unison/two-part choir by Michael Frazier, this 27-minute musical celebrates the wonder, joy, and hope found in the birth of Jesus Christ.

Through a beautiful blend of beloved Christmas carols and contemporary Christmas songs, *Christmas... Sing Noel!* tells the story of Christ's birth and invites us to celebrate the good news proclaimed by the angels: the Savior has come!

The musical features:

- "Sing We Now Noel" with "Joy to the World!"
- "Everything Changes Now"
- "Rejoice with Exceeding Great Joy" with "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
- "O Little Town Underscore"
- "When Love Was Born" with "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
- "Angels (Glory to God)"
- "Hope in a Manger"

From the excitement of the angels' announcement to the tender wonder of Christ's birth in Bethlehem, *Christmas... Sing Noel!* is a celebration of the greatest gift ever given. We invite you to join us as we lift our voices and sing Noel — celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Our special rehearsals will last from 2:00 until 3:00 PM unless noted otherwise.

October 11 ~ October 25
November 1 ~ November 22 ~ November 29
December 6 ~ December 9 (7:30 PM)

Dates and times are subject to change as needs arise.

From the Pastor

The Other Side



"Mr. Lowe, the best we can hope for is that your wife passes away before the tumor ruptures." As blunt as those words sound, they were spoken to my dad and me by my mother's doctor after he examined the growing tumor on mom's neck. Nineteen years have passed, but I can still hear those words. What had started as a small "pimple" had begun to grow, and the news was grim. Mom was too weak for surgery or any other treatments. So, at the age of 67, mom passed away. I was her only son. I was momma's boy, and my three sisters and dad knew it. She knew me like no one else. She spoiled me. And, if I am honest, even today, when I see people's mothers grow older with such peace and grace, it still stings. Why? Why did God take such a sweet lady? If I could answer that question, I am sure I still would not understand. But there are some things I do understand.

In Mark 4:35, Jesus said, "Let us pass over unto the other side." Unbeknownst to the disciples, they were setting sail into a gathering storm. Even Jesus was going with them. He knew what lay ahead. Jesus knew. Let that sink in. Why would Jesus willingly allow them to sail into the storm without warning them? This storm was going to be so severe that these men would fear for their lives. And remember, many of these men were fishermen. They made their living on the sea. They knew storms. They knew how to handle a boat. Yet this storm frightened even them. If I, or anyone else, claimed to know exactly why God allows certain storms to come into our lives, we would be lying to you. But here is what we do know: Jesus was with them. He knew exactly what was going to happen. And Jesus is with you and me. He knows exactly where you are. He knows the storm you are facing. He knows what lies ahead, even when you cannot see it. And because He knows, we can trust Him to guide us and guard us.

As our family gathered around mom's casket, I laid my hand on hers. Through my tears, I whispered, "I'll see you on the other side."

Love and peace to all,
Pastor Eddie

Church Conference

On Wednesday, October 28, 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, October 5, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Ladies Gathering

All ladies of Piney Grove are invited to a Ladies Gathering on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, in the fellowship hall at 6:00 PM.

Condolences

Our love, prayers, and Christian sympathy are extended to Ruth Dollyhigh and family on the death of her brother-in-law, James Tandy Pell, Jr.

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Our love, prayers, and Christian sympathy are also extended to Nancy Watson and family in the death of her nephew, Michael Davis Gwyn.

Contributions

To the General Fund

- In memory of Kay Hardy Simpson by Anonymous Donor
- In memory of Wayne Larry Draughn and Kay Hardy Simpson by Audrey Wright
- In honor of Brenda Davis on her 80th birthday by Jerry and Carolyn Sawyers
- In honor of Brenda Davis on her 80th birthday by Anonymous Donor
- In honor of Brenda Davis on her 80th birthday by Ruth McHone

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
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