



Wednesday 6:30pm (No  
TeamKID on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Wednesday of the month)



Meet Every 1<sup>st</sup>  
Wednesday Night

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Piney Grove  
Baptist Church

"A Church that exalts Christ, loves one another and the nations"

*The Messenger*

Home of  
  
*"The Message  
of Easter"*

May 2025

*A Word From Pastor Larry*  
"A Message of Easter Reflection"

Another season of the Message of Easter has come and gone. It has been my pleasure to have participated in the Drama for many years, and I have had a great opportunity to see the Lord shape it every one of those years. There is something powerful about hearing the gospel message ring across the speakers every night and to see it portrayed. I am reminded of the words of the apostle Paul to followers of Jesus in Rome, ***"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching (Romans 10:13-14)."*** The proclamation of the gospel message is necessary. We are constantly reminded, the players portraying the message are not perfect but the message is.

This year marked the 46<sup>th</sup> year the Message of Easter has been a ministry at Piney Grove. Yes, we are even counting the missing year that Covid-19 stole. Many members have gone on to be with the Lord Jesus, and a few remain who saw it begin. It is our goal as a church to utilize the Drama in such a prolonged way to propagate the good news of Jesus. The props and grounds need upkeeping, the costumes demand continual adjusting, the cast changes over the years, but the gospel message never changes. For whatever reason, the Lord in His sovereignty has chosen Piney Grove to portray the message of the gospel through the Message of Easter Outdoor Drama.

For me, one of the most meaningful moments happened this year during one of the performances. I portray one of the unnamed disciples and just started to ascend the stairs for the upper room scene. Just as the disciples were heading up the steps it began to rain. The rain remained constant for close to 30 minutes straight. This puts the rain stopping at the ascension scene. I cannot speak for any other members, but this was a very humbling experience. It is amazing what a little discomfort can do for humility. Could we have complained? Yes. I did not hear one person complain during the 30 minutes of constant rain, and most of those who attended stayed as well. Here is the thought I had, "If my Lord can suffer and die for my sins in such a cruel way, to be sure I can endure a few drops of rain for His sake."

Even though 46 years is a long time for any ministry to endure, I pray the Lord will continue to use the Message of Easter for many years to come.

# Notes of Thanks

To our Piney Grove Church Family,

What a blessing you have been to us. Cards, food, messages, calls, and other thoughtful gifts...but what has meant the most is knowing that you have been praying for us, for Rabbit and for me. It's hard to believe it's been three months since my hospital stay. Sincere thanks to each of you for all you have done. We are truly grateful for the outpouring of love and for your servant hearts.

Rabbit and Kathy Edmondson

Dear Piney Grove Church Family,

We want to thank you for your recent gift of support with William and Reba. Your generosity is appreciated more than you will ever know. We're also grateful for your continued prayers as Williams has a long, hard road ahead of him.

Love,  
William & Reba Harrington & Family

Dear Piney Grove,

God bless each of you. Thank you for praying for me after my fall you helped me through a traumatic time and made the time much easier. Each day I looked forward to another beautiful card. They meant so much. God bless you in love.

Etta Moseley

To My Church Family,

Thank you all for all the acts of kindness and out pouring love shown to me and my family during the passing of my husband Clifton Peele "Lilbaby". Thank you all for your prayers, love, cards, money, food, visits, calls, text, paper products, whatever you did we appreciate it so very much. Love you all from the bottom of my heart. Please continue to keep me and my family in your prayers.

Love you all,  
Wanda Peele & Family



**May TeamKID News**

**May Meetings:**  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>

**Mission Project:**  
Snacks for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders

**Learning Focus:**  
God's promises to His people

**End of year celebration & auction**  
May 28<sup>th</sup>

## The Mission Team

The Mission Team invites you to join us in showing appreciation to our local Emergency Workers during the month of May. Now through May 11<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting snacks and other items to be delivered to our local Law Enforcement, Firefighters, EMS and our 911 Communication Center. A list of items include:

Gum, Peanuts, Trailmix, Fruit Snacks, Mini Chocolate Bars, Pretzels, Crackers, Cookies, Goldfish, Rice Krispie Treats, Beef Jerky Treats,  
Cheese Sticks, Powdered Drink Mixes, Starburst, Skittles, Protein Bars.



## Flowers

May 04 Josie & Mona Hardison  
May 11 Communion  
May 18 Lesa Hardison  
May 25 Sylvia Moore

## Fellowship Meals

May 07 Student Ministry  
May 14 Group # 1  
May 21 Group # 2  
May 28 Group # 3

## Children Church

May 04 Jason Tate  
May 11 Sylvia Moore  
May 18 Candi Manning  
May 25 Need Volunteer

## Nursery

May 04 Rhonda Silverthorne, Mary Gwen Griffin  
May 11 Danielle Hardison, Kathy Griffin  
May 18 Allison Edwards, Kristy Barber  
May 25 Nancy Simpson, Terri Taylor

## Deacons

May 04 Jimmy Griffin, Roger Ward  
May 11 Dick Richardson, Randy Mobley  
**Serving Holy Communion**  
Pastors Larry & Jason Officiating  
Dick Richardson, Randy Mobley, Richard Durham  
Kevin Brown, Jimmy Griffin, Roger Ward  
**Serving Shut-ins:** Zach Williams, James Griffin  
May 18 Zach Williams, James Griffin  
May 25 Richard Durham, Kevin Brown



**MAGNIFIDI**  
Lifeway  
EST. 2010

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!**

**June 23-27, 2025**  
Meal: 6:00pm  
VBS: 6:30-8:30pm

Piney Grove Baptist Church  
2925 Piney Grove Church Rd.  
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# Prayer Concerns

## Church Family

04-13-25 Travis Brown, Alice Coltrain, James Griffin, Bobby Hardison, Jeanie Hardison, William Harrington, Ronnie Keel, Myrnie Perry, Steve Wilson.

04-20-25 Winifred Griffin, Reba Harrington, Sallie Hutchinson, Tom Brown Tice, Shannon Ward, Mona Watson, Adrienne Whitaker, Sandra Wynne.

04-27-25 Mark Keel, Mollie Stephenson, Linda Taylor, Suzanne VanNortwick, Henry Williams, Pam Williams.

## Community:

04-13-25 Jerry Ange, Mary Lane Baker, Krystal Cherry, Noelle Franklin, Susan Griffin, Denise Gurkin, Sam Hardison, James Hutchinson, Chris Jones, Matt Lilley, Ricky Martin, Studie Reason, Andy Walker, Richard Ward.

04-20-25 Betty Coltrain, Parker Joyner, Windell Martin, Deborah Phelps, Steven Pope, Frank Pridgen, Jessica Tomlinson Todd, Brenda Taylor Watkins.

04-27-25 Donald Beacham, Dee Dee Bryant, Evalynn Cleo Corey, Hunter Griffin, Noah Loftus, Ricky Mobley, Jerry Norris, Lareo Riddick, Betty Roberson, Pearl Teeter, Mack Williams, Shirley Winstead, & *The Family of Samantha Shepherd*.

Special Prayers: Members who are either unable to attend services, living in a nursing home, elderly or with continuing health issues. Usually reserved for church members or their extended family upon request. Sallie Hutchinson, B.F. Lilley, Myrnie Perry

**Piney Grove Church would like to extend our prayers and compassion to families who have lost loved ones in our community. May the families of Raymond Finn, Cliff Lilley, Clifton "Lilbabe" Peele, Jeff Rogers, Samantha Shepherd, & Gary Williams find comfort through our Lord during this time of grieving. We are remembering and praying for you with your loss in mind.**



Please remember in prayer those serving our country; Kim & David Griffin, David Griffin (Maryland), William Manning (Alaska), Noah Stephens (Florida), Ross Woolard (Camp Pendleton, CA), Garrett Wynn (North Carolina) and our missionaries; Tim Bertram (Haiti), Bryan Coble (Chicago), Taylor Field (New York), Kay Bennett (New Orleans), Shannon Kelley (Florida), Gary & Dena Pate (Ecuador), Shaun & Joy Price (Liverpool).

*WMU*

The WMU would like to thank the circles and everyone that helped serve snacks for the Drama. The Mission Team and the WMU appreciate all the food and gift cards for the food roundup. It is about time to start on the WMU yearbook. I will talk to the ones that have forever flowers that I have not already talked to yet. If you would like to sign up for any available date let me or Charlene know. Thanks again for all you do for the WMU and the church.

*Martha Peel*

# May Birthdays

May 04 Jake Meetze	May 22 Charlene Turner
May 07 Larry Stephens	May 24 Mary Gwen Griffin
May 11 Josh Keel	May 27 Grace Furlough
May 16 Lora Rawls	May 27 Roger Ward
May 17 Bobby Revels	May 29 Loyd Jones
May 20 Candi Manning	May 29 Emmett Revels
May 22 Keith Holliday	May 31 Jake Lilley
May 22 Randy Mobley	

Church & Sunday school offering figures do not include designated funds from those offerings *for the below period*:

Annie Armstrong \$400.00

Date	Church & SS Offerings	SS Attendance
March 30	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday \$8,957.00	103
April 06	\$8,456.00	115
April 13	\$3,701.25	110
April 20	\$3,829.25	118
April 27	\$9,168.00	94

**VBS  
DECORATING  
DAY**

Lend a hand to make simple decorations that will magnify our VBS environment

**SATURDAY, MAY 24TH  
9:00AM**

**ACTIVITY CENTER**


Light breakfast, supplies, & fun provided

Discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things

**JUNE 23RD - JUNE 27TH**

**MAGNIFIED!**  
PSALM 34:3

# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Noon Bulletin Cutoff	2	3 9-12 Drama Drop-off
4 8:45 am Assembly 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00am Church 6:00pm Curtis Hyler	5	6 6:00 pm Ministry Team 7:00 pm Directors Team	7 6:00 pm Meal -Student Ministry 7:00 pm WMU/Baptist Men	8 Noon Bulletin Cutoff	9 Dream Team Meal	10
<b>11 Mother's Day</b> 8:45 am Assembly 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00am Church	12	13 10:30 am Senior Saints	14 9-12 Bazaar Drop-off 6:00 pm Meal Group # 1 6:30 pm TeamKid 7:00 pm Bible Study	15 Noon Bulletin Cutoff	16	17 9-12 Bazaar Drop-off
18 8:45 am Assembly 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00am Church BBQ Fundraiser Lunch 3:00 pm VBS Meeting 6:00 pm Deacon's Meet	19 Newsletter Cutoff 7:00pm G/Griffin Circle 7:00pm C/Peel Circle (AC) 7:00pm Men's Group	20 11:00 am M/Harrington Circle	21 6:00 pm Meal Group # 2 6:30 pm TeamKid 7:00 pm Bible Study	22 Noon Bulletin Cutoff	23	24
25 8:45 am Assembly 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00am Church Church Conference	26 <b>Office Closed</b> 	27 7:00 pm Mission Team	28 9-12 Bazaar Drop-off 6:00 pm Meal Group # 3 6:30 pm TeamKid 7:00 pm Bible Study	29	30	31

