



Your Journey. Our Focus.

**August 13, 2017**

**A Pastor's Ponderings**

Believe it or not, it was 14 years ago today that I first stepped into the pulpit as the pastor of New Salem Baptist Church. That fact has been on my mind a lot this week and... let me just say... my mind has been all over the map.

I've never gotten over the way God ordained the string of events that allowed *this* church in Limestone, Tennessee to find *this* preacher that, at the time, was living all the way down in the big city of Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

I do not take lightly the fact that my time as pastor bookends with that of the great missionary William Cate, New Salem's principal founder and first pastor. The very idea that God saw fit to entrust me with a legacy as rich as that is always on my mind.

It overwhelms me to look around and see a growing generation of kids at New Salem who I have literally known all their lives... kids that have never had another pastor but me. As I watch them grow up, I wonder about the impact I'm having on them. I worry if I've done enough for them.

As I look back on our 14 years together, I think of the weddings and the funerals... baby dedications and baptisms... revivals and homecomings. I know the blessing of God has been on this church. We've seen countless prayers answered and we've seen His presence manifested in our presence.

Thanks New Salem! Thanks for taking care of my family. Thanks for praying for me. Thanks for your trust. Thanks for your love and respect. Thanks for the opportunity to be called, "Pastor".

**Weekly Schedule for August 13 to August 20**

<b>Today</b>	Sunday School .....10:00 am Morning Worship .....11:00 am Evening Worship .....6:00 pm <b>Special Evening of Music by Wade Cole</b> Choir Practice.....after evening worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men's Breakfast .....9:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group .....9:30 am (at Tammy Ponder's home)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">All group activities begin at 7:00 pm.</div> K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall The Experience* Junior High Small Group* (* meets at <u>The Spot</u> ) Adult Prayer & Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>	Breakfast and Church-wide Workday <b>8am</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>HOMECOMING 2017</b> Morning Worship .....10:30 am Special Musical Guests <b><u>Sanctified</u></b>  Homecoming Lunch Will Be Served Right After Morning Worship Everyone Welcome

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Mark Gillis .....TODAY, Aug. 13 Patrick Mitchell ....TODAY, Aug. 13 Robert Freeman ..... Wed., Aug. 16 Howard Gillis.....Thurs., Aug. 17 Barbara Wright .....Thurs., Aug. 17 Carol Abbott .....Thurs., Aug. 18 Lisa Gillis ..... Sat., Aug. 19 Amy Walters.....Sat., Aug. 19 Millie Yarbor.....Sat., Aug. 19 Heather Henley.....Sun., Aug. 20	<b>Monday, August 14</b> Mark & Phyllis Neumann  <b>Wednesday, August 16</b> Nicholas & Jenifer Carter  <b>Saturday, August 19</b> Doug & Barb Weberg  <b>Sunday, August 20</b> Jamie & Laura Norton

**Nursery Volunteers**

TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<b>AM</b> - Ashley & James Bailey and Karen Gillis  (Alternate: Rachel Ratheal)	<b>AM</b> - Shelby Humphrey, Summer Pfiefer and Mike Ferguson  (Alternate: Pam Dugger)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPECIAL NIGHT OF MUSIC AND PRAISE**

Wade Cole will be here singing for us this evening **at 6pm.** This special young man has a powerful testimony of the power of God working in his life. Don't miss it! (A special love offering will be received at end of tonight's service.)

**CHURCH WIDE WORKDAY**

In preparation for Homecoming, we will be gathering here **THIS Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>** to "*spruce-up-the-place-a-little.*" The day begins with breakfast at **8am.**

**HOMECOMING 2017**

**Next Sunday** morning, New Salem will celebrate 172 years of continual Kingdom work. Sunday School will be postponed next Sunday, and our **morning service will start at 10:30.** Bring enough of your favorite covered dish for your family and one more. Come early and plan to stay late as we celebrate another year of God's blessings on our church.

**BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY TRIP**

Please stop by the table in the foyer and take a handout and read the proposed plan for our trip to the Billy Graham library. If you want to go with us, **please circle which date/dates you would be able to go.** If you can go either date, then circle both. The date which gets the most "votes" is the day we'll go.

**One Call Now** is the automated calling system we use to contact the families of New Salem with news and announcements. In addition to voice messages, this system also allows us to send alerts to your cell phone as text messages. If you currently receive voices messages and would like to receive texts as well, simply text the word, **Alert** to **22300.** Contact Pastor Ponder with any questions.

## Keep in Your Prayers

...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(James 5:16)

### Sickness and Hospital

Tommy Bailey  
B.F. Barker  
Susan Belcher  
Donna Bishop  
Sylas Bowan  
Jay Walter Brown  
Lois Broyles  
Tony Broyles  
Pam Bryant  
Rovena Bryant  
Mike Bush  
Jim Byers  
Evelyn Casmere  
Abigail Childress  
Wade Cole  
Matthew Cutshall  
Steve Cutshall  
Mary Davidson  
Rusty Edwards  
Sharon Edwards  
Charles Ellis  
Barbara Fazio  
Daniel Gardner  
Jerry Gillis  
Emma Harrod  
Pauline Hensley  
Cash Hicks  
Ray Holtsinger  
Jenny Jackson  
Hannah Jenkins  
Brenda Johnson  
Elizabeth Jones  
Alda Kennedy's  
brother: Carlos  
Bobby Kilgore  
Roger Lester  
Katrina Mausolf  
Sanford McCarty  
Jeanene McCurry  
Ron Messimer  
Lori Milliken  
Matthew Millsaps  
Vickie Rust  
Joel Shell  
Art Simpson  
Jordan St. John  
Larry & Judy Smith  
Brother Snapp  
Mildred Snapp

Pat Steadman  
Wanda Stillwater  
Jean Street  
Ted Tipton  
Doris Townsend  
Megan Vess  
Carmen Weems  
Mary Weimer  
Bud Wood  
Jack Young



### Other Requests

*Radio Ministry*  
*The Spot*  
FISH Ministry  
Washington County  
Jail Ministry  
The families of our  
community  
The young couples of  
our church  
Gatlinburg  
communities  
and churches  
Pastor &  
Congregation  
of Roaring Fork  
Baptist Church  
Unspoken requests  
American Military  
Issac Cutshall  
Adam Fillers  
(military)  
Joyce Edwards  
Those traveling  
Elmer Taylor's  
family

### Shut-in & Nursing Home

Christine Harris  
Rena Hensley  
Martha Quinn  
Eric Starner  
Betty Taylor  
Millie Yarbor

### Salvation

K. Adamson  
Kevin Ayers  
Michelle Ayers  
Robin Booth  
Charles Bowers  
S. Branstractor  
Kathy Brooks  
Karen Burgin  
Rick Burgin  
Mary S. Carter  
Heather Crumb  
Jessica Curtis  
John Dowdy  
Jon Fazio  
Ben Franklin  
Karen Ingram  
Patton Jervis  
Donna Laws  
Betty Lewis  
Scott Lewis  
Diane Miller  
John Nichols  
Jim Norris  
Becky Norton  
Harry Norton  
Kenzie Nunley  
Pam Nunley  
Jennie Reasor  
Larry Richardson  
Amy Roberts  
Dustin Roberts  
Sue Roberts  
Bill Shelton  
Rita Shelton  
Kelly Shoun  
Tammy Waterhouse  
Kevin Whistine

Note: If a name needs to remain on the prayer list for longer than one month, just let Pastor Craig or Linda King know.

## 2017 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

If you haven't already signed up to attend this conference, don't delay! Ask someone who went to previous conferences. Our ladies can testify about the special opportunity to experience wonderful fellowship and inspirational messages and music at Thomas Village Baptist Church, Duffield VA. This year's event will be **Saturday, September 16**. The van will leave the church at **8:00 a.m.** and return around **3:00 p.m.** The cost is **\$20** per person. The non-refundable fee includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch, conference gifts, and door prize drawings. Registration payment is due to **Nancy Gillis** no later than **September 3**. Please remember to **sign up** on the sheet provided in the church foyer. See Nancy if you need more information.

### SECOND ANNUAL NEW SALEM CAMPING TRIP

September 29 - October 1 at David Crockett Birthplace. Book your site now! See **Lori Davis** for more details.



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