

### Missionaries of the Week

**Zozum and Vannoi Kuihon** serve as church planters in Indiana.



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Pray for more leaders in our church, spiritual growth for the church and for us to become a church that plants churches.

### Live Stream Opportunities

Our 11 AM service streams live on Facebook and YouTube every Sunday. Additionally, Pastor Ponder's Wednesday night Bible study also streams live, but only on Facebook.

Links to these live-streams and a link to our YouTube channel can be found on our church website.

### Giving Opportunities

On the front page of the church website, click the box labeled "On-Line Giving." You'll be directed to an easy-to-navigate form where you can make a one-time on-line donation or set up a recurring donation.

You may also mail your tithes and offerings to the following address:

**New Salem Baptist Church,  
c/o Church Treasurer  
554 Frank Stanton Rd, Limestone, TN 37681**

### Monthly Budget Report

2024-2025 Budget:	\$199,995
Monthly Budget Need:	\$ 16,667
November Offerings:	\$ 16,603.90

**Pastor**  
Dr. Craig Ponder  
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Tim Jaynes  
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# This Week @NSBC

The Weekly Bulletin Of  
New Salem Baptist Church ♦ Limestone, Tennessee

**December 8, 2024**



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## A Pastor's Ponderings

Many of the carols we sing every year have a rich theological tradition, and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!" is certainly no exception.

The Christmas standard was written by English Methodist leader and hymn writer Charles Wesley, who wrote over 6,000 hymns, more than any other male writer. (Fanny Crosby wrote 8,000).

His goal in writing hymns was to teach sound doctrine to the poor and illiterate. His brother, John Wesley, famous theologian and founder of Methodism, said that Charles' hymnal was the best theological book in existence. Some have noted that Methodism was born in song and Charles was the chief songwriter.

About a year after his conversion, while walking to church on Christmas Day, Charles heard the distant sound of London church bells and was inspired to write a poem entitled simply "Hark." The poem first appeared in Hymns and Sacred Poems in 1739 with the opening line: "Hark, how the welkin (heaven) rings."

In 1753, George Whitefield, a student and eventual colleague of Wesley's, adapted the poem into the song we now know today. It was Whitefield who penned the phrase "newborn King."

For well over two hundred years, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" has been a Gospel-saturated anthem pointing people to the Savior sent by God to reconcile the sinner back to Himself.



**PLANNING A PARTY?**

*Christmas Party* If you want to use the Education Building during this holiday season, please **reserve your date** using the calendar located in the kitchen by the door.

# Welcome

## We're Glad You're Here

*Merry Christmas!*

**NSBC Christmas Mailbox is Now Open!**

Christmas Card list is available at the mailboxes.

Last day to bring cards Sunday, December 22

**UPDATES TO OUR CHRISTMAS CARD LIST**

#87 - Shirley Wilcox  
*(She'll be with us for Christmas this year, so you can ignore the mailing address!)*

#88 - Pam Dayton

**The New Salem Singers**

**Rehearsal Wednesday • 8:00 PM**

January 2025

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

A complimentary 2025 calendar is available in the foyer.

**December Happenings**

**December 15**

**Homebuilders Class Party • 6:30 PM**  
Everyone is welcome! Bring a \$5 gift. Chicken will be provided, please bring sides and desserts!

**WMU** will be putting together Christmas gifts for teachers at West View and South Central in the fellowship hall, right after Sunday School.

*Let's Go Caroling*

**Monday, December 23 • 5 PM**

**THE GREENEVILLE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**

**FBC Greeneville December 13, 14 and 15**

We have tickets, but seating is limited. Sign up today if you'd like to go with us.



## Keep in Your Prayers

“...since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you...” (Colossians 1:9)

**December 8 - December 15, 2024**



<p>● <b>SICKNESS AND HOSPITAL</b> ●</p> <p>Danny Birchfield Janet Birchfield Linda-Hart Bradley Howard Buchannan Stephanie Cade Jayce Clark Rex Darnell Margie Estes Audrey Franklin Alan Gass Mary Gray Shirley Greene Bill Hayden Larry Holimann Glenna Hughes, <small>(Kim Holley's Mother)</small> James Hylton Brenda Johnson Saundra Ledford Daryl Lemons Bruce Lewis Carter Lewis Dan Lewis Ed Lucas Dan McReynolds</p>	<p>● <b>OTHER REQUESTS</b> ●</p> <p><b>NSBC MINISTRIES:</b> Nursery <b>Sunday School</b> Tues. Ladies' Small Group Youth &amp; Children's Min. Wed. Small Groups <b>New Couples Class Needed</b> Appalachian Trail Min.</p> <p><b>American Military</b> Gunner Barker Erik Cochran Issac Cutshall Landon Laws Jeremiah Martin Dominick Serge</p> <p>Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM)</p> <p>Ukraine Christians and Nation in crisis</p> <p>Pray for Israel</p>	<p>● <b>SALVATION</b> ●</p> <p>Kevin Ayers Michelle Ayers Robert Banks Charles Bowers Karen Burgin Rick Burgin Mary S. Carter Heather Crumb Jessica Curtis John Dowdy Jon Fazio Bryan Henley Johnny Horne Karen Ingram Patton Jervis Ken Kuwahara Donna Laws Scott Lewis Diane Miller Jim Norris Becky Norton Harry Norton Kenzie Nunley Pam Nunley Steve Pointer Larry Richardson Bill Shelton Kelly Shoun Elsie Vance Gaither Vance Tammy Waterhouse Kevin Whistine Unspoken</p>
<p>● <b>ON-GOING NEEDS</b> ●</p> <p>Linda Bailey Tommy Bailey Jewell Berna Paul Berna Coach Cicirello Mike Conolly Steve Cutshall Allyson Evatt Mary Davidson Betty Gillis Howard Gillis Mark Gillis Pauline Gillis Emma Harrod Dorothy Holley Rollie and Judy Holtsinger Shelby Humphrey Sara Kussman</p>	<p>Liz Broyles' family</p>	
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<p>● <b>PRAISE THE LORD!</b> ●</p> <p>Betty Westbrook's recovery Gunner Barker is home.</p>		

## Weekly Schedule for December 8 - December 15, 2024

<p><b>Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>Morning Worship</b> ..... <b>9:00 AM</b> and <b>11:00 AM</b> (Note: Nursery is available during the 11:00 AM service only.)</p> <p><b>Sunday School Classes</b> ..... <b>10:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>Children's Church</b> ..... <b>11:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>On-Line Worship Opportunities</b> Our <b>11:00 AM Morning Worship Service</b> can be viewed live on <b>Facebook</b> and <b>YouTube</b>.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b></p>	<p><b>Men's Breakfast</b> ..... <b>9:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>Ladies' Prayer Group</b> ..... <b>9:00 AM</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>Adult Bible Study</b> ..... <b>10:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>Adult Bible Study</b> ..... <b>7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>Youth meets @ The Spot</b> ..... <b>7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>KIA meet in the Education Building</b> ..... <b>7:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>New Salem Singers rehearsal</b> ..... <b>8:00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Next Sunday December 15</b></p>	<p><b>Morning Worship</b> ..... <b>9:00 AM</b> and <b>11:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>Sunday School Classes</b> ..... <b>10:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>Children's Church</b> ..... <b>11:00 AM</b></p>



Visit our website and navigate to the *Media* page to read more about our free streaming platform and request your free login invitation.

Some of us have embarked on a plan to **read through the Bible in a year**. The great thing about this plan is that you can start any time. That means it's not too late for you to get on board! Copies of the plan are available on the Welcome Desk.

### Keep in Your Prayers

Additions, changes or corrections? Please text or call Janice Cunningham; 865-661-5926. Thanks so much for your help!