

### Missionaries

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Pray to impact the brokenness in Monroe with the gospel and to engage His people with kingdom-minded discipleship.

### Live Stream Opportunities

Our 11 AM SUNDAY service and Pastor Ponder's Wednesday night Bible study stream live on Facebook and YouTube every week. Links to these live-streams and to our YouTube channel can be found on the front page of 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

2025-2026 Budget:	\$ 200,400
Monthly Budget Need:	\$ 16,700
April Offerings:	\$ 16,813.39

#### Pastor

Dr. Craig Ponder  
Home: 257-5466  
Cell: 329-5901

#### Associate Pastor of Youth

Tim Jaynes  
483-8401

#### Deacon of the Week

Steve Cutshall  
747-2093

# This Week @NSBC

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

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## Benevolence on Barwick

By Diane Silvers

If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Galatians 6:3-5

You know, social media is not real, right? The poster shows you only what they want you to believe about them. It's easy to fall into the false narrative of strangers. Sometimes this makes us believe we are failing in some way; we aren't thin enough, fat enough, fashionable enough, rich enough, etc. NOW, stop right there! Before you head down that rabbit hole, take a moment to study who God says you are because that is all that truly matters.

Here are 40 statements of who God says you are:

I

I AM a child of God. (John 1:12)  
 I AM loved unconditionally. (Romans 8:38-39)  
 I AM fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)  
 I AM created in God's image. (Genesis 1:27)  
 I AM a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)  
 I AM redeemed. (Ephesians 1:7)  
 I AM forgiven. (Colossians 1:14)  
 I AM saved by grace through faith. (Ephesians 2:8)  
 I AM justified. (Romans 3:24)  
 I AM a partaker of God's divine nature. (2 Peter 1:4)  
 I AM a temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:19)  
 I AM led by the Spirit of God. (Romans 8:14)  
 I AM chosen. (1 Peter 2:9)  
 I AM more than a conqueror. (Romans 8:37)  
 I AM blessed with every spiritual blessing. (Ephesians 1:3)  
 I AM an heir of eternal life. (1 John 5:11-12)  
 I AM an heir of God. (Galatians 4:7)  
 I AM a light in the darkness. (Philippians 2:15)  
 I AM the salt of the earth. (Matthew 5:13)  
 I AM the righteousness of God in Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:21)  
 I AM strong in the Lord. (Ephesians 6:10)  
 I AM blessed in all things. (2 Corinthians 1:10)  
 I AM a laboring hand with God. (1 Thessalonians 3:3)  
 I AM loved by God. (1 John 4:16)  
 I AM called to do good works. (Ephesians 2:10)  
 I AM beloved of God. (Ephesians 4:32)  
 I AM the image of God. (Genesis 1:27)  
 I AM a vessel. (2 Corinthians 10:10)  
 I AM the head and not the tail. (Deuteronomy 28:13)  
 I AM healed. (1 Peter 2:24)  
 I AM worthy. (Revelation 5:10)  
 I AM a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)  
 I AM a vessel of honor. (2 Timothy 2:21)  
 I AM the light of the world. (Matthew 5:14)  
 I AM the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:27)  
 I AM blessed with every spiritual blessing. (Ephesians 1:3)  
 I AM the true vine. (John 15:1)  
 I AM the good shepherd. (John 10:11)  
 I AM the way, the truth, and the life. (John 14:6)  
 I AM a child of light. (1 Thessalonians 5:5)

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It really doesn't matter who I think I am or should be; all that really matters is who He thinks I am. Isn't that reassuring? We are who He says we are. That's plenty enough.

You are ENOUGH.

# Welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

### happy anniversary

Martin and Nikki Harmon

May 25

Steve and Rena Cutshall

May 26



### happy birthday

Mike Willis	05-18
Sandra Jaynes	05-20
Gunner Barker	05-21
Nicholas Carter	05-21
Jessica Hodge	05-24



**Did you know we recently  
voted to start  
a new church van fund?**

Donations can be made through our on-line giving portal. You can also make donations through our normal giving. Be sure to clearly mark that your donation is for the **church van fund**.



**== Sundays @ The Spot ==**

**What?** A brand-new small group for all 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students

**When?** Sundays at 6 PM

**What else?** Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Missions Offering

Today's mission's offering will be used to help offset the rising cost of vacation Bible school, specifically, the cost of food and snacks. **Dig deep New Salem!**



**Vacation Bible School!**

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Supper at 5pm VBS 6 - 8pm**

### "Flags In"



In honor of Memorial Day, it has become an annual tradition to place American flags on the graves of the veterans resting in our cemetery. This special time of remembrance will take place next **Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 3 PM**, rain or shine. All are welcome to attend. (Note that it is on Sunday this year.)



Pastor Ponder's  
sermon series

**Written In Stone :**  
**Avoiding Unnecessary Pain**  
returns on **Sunday, June 1.**



## Keep in Your Prayers

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

**May 18 - May 25, 2025**



### • SICKNESS AND HOSPITAL •

Janet Birchfield  
Linda-Hart Bradley  
Howard Buchanan  
Stephanie Cade  
Jayce Clark  
Dallas Clausen  
Rex Darnell  
Rodney Farmer  
Wade Feathers  
Audrey Franklin  
Alan Gass  
Mary Gray  
Sue Griffin  
Betty Grossman  
Robert Hall  
Bill Hayden  
Mark Hensley  
Larry Holimann  
Glenna Hughes,  
(Kim Holley's Mother)  
James Hylton  
Brenda Johnson  
Saundra Ledford  
Bruce Lewis  
Carter Lewis  
Dan Lewis  
Ed Lucas  
Gina Martin

Michael McCracken  
Chris Miller  
Ronnie Osborne  
Hope Overbay  
Christy (Ponder) Owens  
Dixie Patton  
Alan Payne  
Karen Payne  
Cheryl Povlich  
Carolyn Presley  
Linda Richardson  
Greta Street  
Wren Sutherland  
Libby Taylor  
Matthew Watson  
Peggy Watts  
Helen Whistine  
Alan White  
Emily White  
Jarrett Whitson  
Rose Marie Wilkes

### • ON-GOING NEEDS •

Linda Bailey  
Tommy Bailey  
Joy Belt  
Jewell Berna  
Paul Berna  
Hilda Bryant (fall)  
Coach Cicirello  
Mike Conolly  
Steve Cutshall  
Mary Davidson  
Charles Garland  
Wendy Garland  
Betty Gillis  
Howard Gillis  
Mark Gillis  
Pauline Gillis  
Emma Harrod  
Dorothy Holley  
Rollie and Judy  
Holsinger

Shelby Humphrey  
Jenny Jackson  
Melissa Jackson  
Linda King  
Sara Kussman  
Joan Lewis  
William Link  
Teresa Monteon  
Pastor Mike Oaks  
Janice Oliver  
Peggy Payne  
Loraine Royal  
Christy Sewell  
Jordan St John  
Bob Tibble  
Paula Waterhouse  
Bob Williams  
Enon Baptist  
Church rebuild

### • OTHER REQUESTS •

#### NSBC MINISTRIES:

Nursery  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Tues. Ladies' Small Group  
Youth & Children's Min.  
Wed. Small Groups  
**NEW COUPLES CLASS**  
**NEEDED**  
Appalachian Trail Min.

#### AMERICAN MILITARY

Gunner Barker  
Erik Cochran  
Anthony Frady  
Landon Laws  
Jeremiah Martin  
Dominick Serge

Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM)

Ukraine Christians and Nation in crisis

Pray for Israel

Vacation Bible School

Fun in the SON kids camp

#### Deacon Nominations

**Daniel Miller** (surgery)

**Dominick Serge's mother**

**Chad, Ronnie and Joe**  
(Scotty Davis' co-workers with various sicknesses)

### • SALVATION •

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

### • SHUT-IN AND NURSING HOME •

Edith Grindstaff  
Dixie Patton  
Mildred Snapp

## Weekly Schedule May 18 - May 25 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	<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.)  <b>Sunday School Classes</b> ..... <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Children's Church</b> ..... <b>11:00 AM</b>  <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> .
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> ..... <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Ladies' Prayer Group</b> ..... <b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study</b> ..... <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Youth meet @ The Spot</b> ..... <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>KIA meet in the Education Building</b> ..... <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>New Salem Singers rehearsal</b> ..... <b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>Next Sunday May 25</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> ..... <b>9:00 AM</b> and <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>Sunday School Classes</b> ..... <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Children's Church</b> ..... <b>11:00 AM</b>

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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 new-year-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!