

Missionaries

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Pray our church's finances.

"Pray that God would identify more church planters from within our local churches. Pray that our church planters will excel in our evangelism efforts as we advance the gospel of Jesus and His kingdom. Pray that the homes of our church planting families would be a place of peace and a source of joy."
~Matt Miller, Kansas City Send City Missionary

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
July Offerings:	\$ 19,385.91

Pastor

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

Associate Pastor of Youth

Tim Jaynes
483-8401

Deacon of the Week

Jim Ward
741-3186

This Week @NSBC

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A Pastor's Ponderings

August 24, 2025

[I borrowed the following reflections (with her permission) from a Facebook post by Diane Silvers. It struck a chord with me and I decided more folks needed to hear it. Thanks Diane!]

I can remember when the church was full on Sundays and Wednesday nights. I remember when the congregation was filled with teachers, choir members, pianists and organists and workers.

I remember when it was a feat to find available parking, when the sanctuary had to add seating at the ends of the pews and around the back; even the front pews were packed with families.

Gradually, the workers became fewer and fewer. A few core members were the only ones willing to jump in and fill the gaps. We all noticed and prayed heavily for it to be temporary. But it wasn't temporary; it was slowly becoming more prevalent. The devil was ecstatic.

Fast forward to 2020. Covid ravaged congregations. Churches resorted to online services to reach their people and protect them. For some churches, this was long term and some refused to close at all. But the fear, which is of the devil, kept people home. Some have never fully returned. The devil sits back smiling.

Five years have now passed. Churches are still struggling. Some have closed their doors permanently. The people, it seems, have succumbed to the habit of staying home believing they are safer there.

It's a dangerous habit to get into. Family falls completely apart without the compass of accountability—to God, to each other and to our families. The devil sits back, arms crossed, smug and arrogant, feeling he has won.

It's high time to come back. Return to your one true love. Come back to your congregation. Be the church. Show Satan he has no power. Come back and offer your gifts to the body of Christ. Be willing and available to the opportunities, which are abundant, to show ALL people what the church is about—the love of Jesus. Be the body.

Ephesians 4

happy birthday

Brennan Craft 08-24
Michelle Curtis 08-26
Billi Wood 08-27
Martina Harmon 08-30
Donna Bishop 08-31

happy anniversary

Tommy and Linda Bailey
August 27
Larry and Ginger Lane
August 30
Ray and Suza Selle
August 30



We rejoice in the fact that these folks joined our church last Sunday by way of believer's baptism!

Laura Bardouche
Justin Barnett
Brent Mitchel
Shanna Mitchel
Dalton Mitchel
Selah Ratheal
River Shipley

"Welcome To The Family!"



A money tree is in the foyer to help Anthony and Hannah with their move to Colorado.



For Gunner Barker's fiancé Dana

This Saturday,
August 30th at 5 PM

Central Church of Christ
2722 E. Oakland Ave
Johnson City

If you plan to attend, they ask you to please RSVP as soon as possible by texting (423) 444 - 5916



All ladies are encouraged to sign up. Please pay Nancy Gillis or put your money in an envelope labeled for Ladies' Event and your name and place it in the offering box.



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

Keep in Your Prayers

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

August 24 - August 31, 2025



• SICKNESS AND HOSPITAL •

Janet Birchfield	Karen (Sandy Casmer's friend)	Ronnie Osborne
Della Bishop		Hope Overbay
Linda-Hart Bradley	Mark Hensley	Alan Payne
Janet Branstrator	Larry Holimann	Karen Payne
Howard Buchannan	Randy Humphries	Cheryl Povlich
Stephanie Cade	James Hylton (critical condition, Vanderbilt)	Carolyn Presley
Carole Chandley	Brenda Johnson	Linda Richardson
Rex Darnell	Michelle Kruger	Greta Street
Rodney Farmer	Saundra Ledford	Libby Taylor
Audrey Franklin	Bruce Lewis	Matthew Watson
Alan Gass	Carter Lewis	Helen Whistine
Mary Gray	Dan Lewis	Alan White
Sue Griffin	Gina Martin	Emily White
Betty Grossman	Katrina Mausolf	Jarrett Whitson
Robert Hall	Michael McCracken	Rose Marie Wilkes
Jenny Hawk	Chris Miller	Rochelle Winn
Bill Hayden		

• ON-GOING NEEDS •

Linda Bailey	Howard Gillis	William Link
Tommy Bailey	Mark Gillis	David Long
Joy Belt	Pauline Gillis	Teresa Monteon
Jewell Berna	Alex Goodman	Pastor Mike Oaks
Paul Berna	Jerry Hale	Janice Oliver
Warren Browder	Emma Harrod	Karen Payne
Hilda Bryant (fall)	Dorothy Holley	Peggy Payne
Jayce Clark	Rollie and Judy	Christy (Ponder) Owens
Coach Cicirello	Holtsinger	Christy Sewell
Mike Conolly	Shelby Humphrey	Jordan St John
Steve Cutshall	Jenny Jackson	Bob Tibble
Mary Davidson	Melissa Jackson	Paula Waterhouse
Charles Garland	Linda King	Dan Westbrook
Wendy Garland	Sara Kussman	Bob Williams
Betty Gillis	Joan Lewis	

• OTHER REQUESTS •

NSBC MINISTRIES:
Nursery
Sunday School
New Couples Class
Needed
Tues. Ladies' Small Group
Youth & Children's Min.
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
•Those still recovering from the flood
•Enon Baptist Church rebuild

• 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

Weekly Schedule August 24 - August 31, 2025

Sunday	Morning Worship 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM (Note: Nursery is available during the 11:00 AM service only.) Sunday School Classes 10:00 AM Children's Church 11:00 AM On-Line Worship Opportunities Our 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service can be viewed live on Facebook and YouTube .
Tuesday	Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Ladies' Prayer Group 9:00 AM
Wednesday	Adult Bible Study and Business Meeting 7:00 PM KIA meet in the Education Building 7:00 PM Youth meet @ The Spot 7:00 PM New Salem Singers rehearsal 8:00 PM
Next Sunday August 31	Morning Worship 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday School Classes 10:00 AM Children's Church 11:00 AM

Our church uses **One Call Now** to send notifications and church news via phone calls. If you would like to get text messages as well as voice alerts, simply text the word **ALERT** to **22300**. Let Pastor Craig know if you have any problems or questions.



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.

• SHUT-IN AND NURSING HOME •

Edith Grindstaff
Mildred Snapp
Lorena Royal
Peggy Watts

• PRAISE THE LORD! •

Homecoming 2025

Keep in Your Prayers

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