

### Missionaries

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Pray for us to continue to reach the lost and impact our city for Christ.  
Pray for God to raise up local leadership to continue to invest in the church for years to come.

### 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:	\$ 206,959
Monthly Budget Need:	\$ 17,600
August Offerings:	\$ 20,034

#### Pastor

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

#### Associate Pastor of Youth

Tim Jaynes  
483-8401

#### Deacon of the Week

Phil Dugger  
444-5935

# This Week @NSBC

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

**September 14, 2025**



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## A Pastor's Ponderings

September 14, 2025

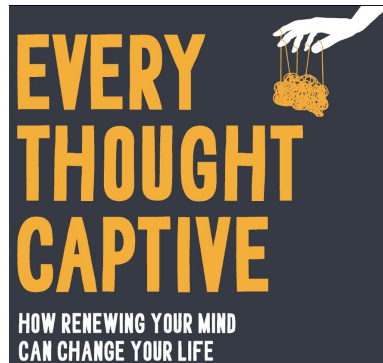
In the vast plains of the Serengeti in southeast Africa, about the only thing that grows are gnarly old acacia bushes. These don't provide very straight arrow shafts for the little bushmen that inhabit the plains, so they've formulated an ingenious process to keep their quivers full.

First they go out and find a suitable branch; it doesn't matter if it's got a 30-degree angle in it, just so it's the proper thickness and length. Next they'll build a fire, and right beside the fire they'll drive two rows of pegs into the ground, about six to eight inches apart. Then they'll put the branch into the fire to get its juices flowing making it pliable. When it's hot enough, they'll fish it out of the fire and jam it between the two rows of pegs and let it cool. It's a little straighter, but still looks more like a boomerang than an arrow.

So it's back to the fire, move the pegs a little closer together, back to the fire, jam the shaft between the rows and let it cool again. It's getting straighter. Back to the fire, back to the pegs, back to the fire, back to the pegs ... until finally the pegs are right next to each other, with only an arrow's width between them. When the bushman pulls it out this last time, he's got a perfectly straight arrow that's useful to its maker.

We like the part about "useful to the maker," but it's the fire and that bending we'd just as soon avoid. If you want to be made useful, though, you've got to take the tough with the easy. In Daniel 3, we learn from the account of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego that God doesn't always take His children around the fire; sometimes He meets them in the middle of the furnace.

**You're Invited!**



Every Sunday at 10 AM  
in the Pavilion.  
Come join us!

pastor's  
bible study

Wednesdays at 7PM



WMU®

Ladies, you are welcome!  
**Sunday, September 21**  
4:00 PM in the Pavilion

# Welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

### Ladies: Shopping at Hamrick's and Lunch at Cracker Barrel TOMORROW

Meet at church at 9:00; return at 3:00  
(Hamrick's will issue a 10%-off coupon  
and free gifts to each shopper if we have  
at least 11 participants in our group.)

### Ladies' Lunch Apple of God's Eye NSBC Pavilion

Saturday, September 20

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Cost \$3.00

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.



### Homecoming Picture

If you'd like a copy (or copies!)  
of our church family picture,  
stop by the welcome desk.



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**.

### happy anniversary

**Dustin and Beth Holland**  
September 22

### happy birthday

<b>Robert Daugherty</b>	<b>09-15</b>
<b>Jeanene McCurry</b>	<b>09-15</b>
<b>Ashley Bailey</b>	<b>09-16</b>
<b>Sandy Casmer</b>	<b>09-16</b>
<b>Andrea Tolley</b>	<b>09-16</b>
<b>Toni Hodge</b>	<b>09-18</b>
<b>Selena Hayes</b>	<b>09-21</b>
<b>Michael Curtis</b>	<b>09-22</b>
<b>Nancy Quillen</b>	<b>09-22</b>

### Hurricane Helene Anniversary Observance

The Farm at Jackson Bridge

Saturday, September 27  
Dinner starts at 4 PM

### To RSVP

scan the QR code below

or

sign up in the foyer (no need  
to do both).



**The New Salem Singers**  
Rehearsal  
Wednesdays • 8:00 PM

## Keep in Your Prayers

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

**September 14 - September 21, 2025**



### • SICKNESS AND HOSPITAL •

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

### • 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

### • ON-GOING NEEDS •

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

### • 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

## Weekly Schedule September 14 - September 21, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> ..... 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM (Note: Nursery is available during the 11:00 AM service only.) <b>Sunday School Classes</b> ..... 10:00 AM <b>Children's Church</b> ..... 11:00 AM  <b>On-Line Worship Opportunities</b> Our 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service can be viewed live on <b>Facebook</b> and <b>YouTube</b> .
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> ..... 9:00 AM <b>Ladies' Prayer Group</b> ..... 9:00 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study and Business Meeting</b> ..... 7:00 PM <b>KIA meet in the Education Building</b> ..... 7:00 PM <b>Youth meet @ The Spot</b> ..... 7:00 PM <b>New Salem Singers rehearsal</b> ..... 8:00 PM
<b>Next Sunday September 21</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> ..... 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM <b>Sunday School Classes</b> ..... 10:00 AM <b>Children's Church</b> ..... 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	Lorena Royal
Mildred Snapp	Peggy Watts

### Keep in Your Prayers

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