

Missionaries

Josh and Danielle Payne serve in chaplaincy with the U.S. military in Ohio.

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Pray for an open door to gospel conversations as we love the men and women of Wright-Patterson AFB.



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
November Offerings:	\$ 20,495

Pastor

Dr. Craig Ponder
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Deacon of the Week

Bob St John
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This Week @NSBC

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A Pastor's Ponderings

December 28, 2025

Wise men came to Bethlehem, following a new star in the sky. There they found a child in His mother's arms. Maybe at first all three were overwhelmed with feelings of dismay or even disappointment. But when they heard Mary sing the song recorded in Luke 1—"My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior."—they knew they were in the right place.

Imagine with me that one of the wise men had made the trip because he felt sure that what the world needed was a King; one who could rule the nations with authority and power, put down unrighteousness, and bring peace to mankind. So certain was he that the star would lead them to a King, he had brought along a present fit for royalty. "My Lord!" cried the first wise man. "I have found my King!" And he presented his gift of gold.

Perhaps the second wise man thought the world's ideas of God were so warped that God needed to come in human form and show the world what He was really like. Wanting God to be manifest in the flesh, he brought a gift used for worship. "My God!" exclaimed the second wise man and presented his gift of frankincense.

Maybe the third wise man knew that the world was a sinful place, sadly in need of One who would bear the guilt of mankind's sins. So convinced that the star would lead them to a Savior and that such a great *Savior* would also be a great *sufferer*, he brought a gift for one destined to die. "My Savior!" chorused the third wise man, and then presented his gift of myrrh; a spice used to embalm the bodies of the dead.

Still today, each gift speaks to how we all should see Jesus.

"My Lord!" "My God!" "My Savior!"



Baptismal Service

To commemorate the New Year, a baptismal service is being planned for next Sunday.

Pastor Craig needs to know if you are interested in being a part of this special day.

happy anniversary
Harold and Sheila Hayes
December 30

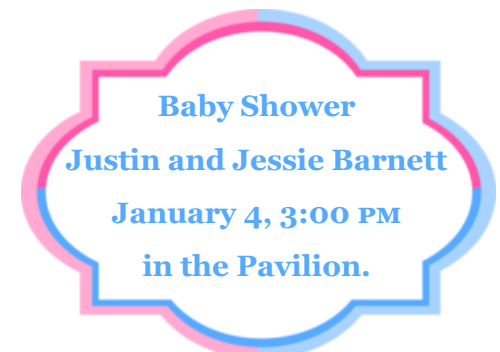
happy birthday
Alda Kennedy 01-02
Alvin Hoyle 01-03



All regular
Wednesday night activities
are cancelled this week.



*We will have only one
service next Sunday
at 11 AM,*
so that our entire church family
can be part of our
baptism service.



Keep in Your Prayers

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

December 28, 2025 - January 4, 2026



• SICKNESS AND HOSPITAL •

Janet Birchfield	Robert Hall	Katrina Mausolf	Tom Smith
Linda-Hart Bradley	Jenny Hawk	Michael McCracken	Greta Street
Janet Branstrator	Bill Hayden	Chris Miller	Bill Tate
Howard Buchannan	Karen (S. Casmer's friend)	Ronnie Osborne	Marshall Tate
Stephanie Cade	Mark Hensley	Alan Payne	Libby Taylor
Carole Chandley	Larry Holimann	Karen Payne	Faye Tolley
Rex Darnell	Brenda Johnson	Cheryl Povlich	Matthew Watson
Rodney Farmer	Saundra Ledford	Carolyn Presley	Helen Whistine
Audrey Franklin	Gary Lester	Carolyn Privette	Alan White
Mike Friday	Bruce Lewis	Margaret Reaves	Emily White
Alan Gass	Carter Lewis	Charlie Reed	Jarrett Whitson
Mary Gray	Dan Lewis	Linda Richardson	Rose Marie Wilkes
Sue Griffin	Gina Martin	Daryl Rowe	Rochelle Winn
Betty Grossman		Addison Sells	

• ON-GOING NEEDS •

Linda Bailey	Mary Davidson	Dorothy Holley	Teresa Monteon
Tommy Bailey	Margie Fields	James Hylton	Janice Oliver
Justin Barnett	Martina Fields	Rollie & Judy	Marsha Patterson
Susan Belcher	Ben Franklin	Holtsinger	Karen Payne
Joy Belt	Charles Garland	Sherry Holtsinger	Peggy Payne
Jewell Berna	Wendy Garland	Shelby Humphrey	Christy Owens
Paul Berna	Betty Gillis	Jenny Jackson	Christy Sewell
Donna Bishop's recovery	Howard Gillis	Melissa Jackson	Ted Silvers' heart
Jayce Clark	Mark Gillis	Linda King	Jordan St John
Coach Cicirello	Pauline Gillis	Sara Kussman	Bob Tibble
Mike Conolly	Alex Goodman	Joan Lewis	Paula Waterhouse
Steve Cutshall	Jerry Hale	William Link	Dan Westbrook
	Emma Harrod	David Long	Bob Williams

• OTHER REQUESTS •

NSBC MINISTRIES	AMERICAN MILITARY	•Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM)
Nursery	Erik Cochran	•Ukraine Christians and Nation in crisis
Sunday School	Anthony Frady	•Pray for Israel
Tues. Ladies' Small Group	Landon Laws	•Enon Baptist Church rebuild
Youth & Children's Min.	Dominick Serge	
Appalachian Trail Min.		
New parenting class	Holly Morris	
	John Craddick	

• SALVATION •

Kevin Ayers	Mary S. Carter	Patton Jervis	Kenzie Nunley
Michelle Ayers	Heather Crumb	Ken Kuwahara	Pam Nunley
Robert Banks	Jessica Curtis	Donna Laws	Steve Pointer
Charles Bowers	John Dowdy	Scott Lewis	Larry Richardson
Karen Burgin	Jon Fazio	Diane Miller	Bill Shelton
Rick Burgin	Bryan Henley	Jim Norris	Kelly Shoun
	Johnny Horne	Becky Norton	Elsie Vance
	Karen Ingram	Harry Norton	Gaither Vance

Weekly Schedule December 28, 2025 - January 4, 2026

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	Regular activities cancelled.
Next Sunday January 4	Morning Worship 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.

•SHUT-IN AND NURSING HOME•

Edith Grindstaff Lorena Royal Peggy Watts