

## Missionaries

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Pray for those in our community to hear the good news and believe.



## 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:	\$ 18,000
June Offerings:	\$ 17,037

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

**Associate Pastor of Youth**  
Tim Jaynes  
483-8401

**Deacon of the Week**  
Gary King  
948-0398

# This Week @NSBC

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

**July 12, 2026**



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## A Pastor's Ponderings

July 12, 2026

Suppose you're at a major league baseball game and your favorite player rips a ball down the first base line near where you are sitting. It lands in fair territory, bounces into the stands and rolls in your direction. You quickly grab the ball and hold it up, almost in awe, like Indiana Jones did with the golden idol.

Almost immediately, a little boy sitting just in front of you looks at you with wide eyes, and says, "Can I have it? Can I have it?" You know what you have to do. You've seen this scene play out a hundred times on the news. You can't keep the ball when a kid is so close by. So you hand him the ball and he explodes with excitement! Jumping up and down, he hands the ball to his dad who tucks it into his pocket ... and that's it. No thank you from the boy and nothing from the dad. No acknowledgment of your sacrifice. Nothing!

You're thinking, "That ball would have looked pretty good sitting on the shelf in my office. I could have given it to my son. I could have kept it as a memory." The guy sits right in front of you, ball in pocket, joyfully enjoying the fruits of your labor without a thought of gratitude for your act of kindness. The longer you sit there, the more aggravated you become.

I wonder if this is how God feels? How many blessings has He placed in my hands that I accepted without ever really stopping to acknowledge the Giver? How often have I tucked His gifts into the pocket of my life and simply moved on? How many times have I acted as though I deserved what could only be explained by His grace? How often do we, as humans, fail to live a life of gratitude for His ultimate sacrifice?

Today, give thanks to the One from whom every good gift comes. Give Him the rightful praise and glory He deserves. When things are good ... and, when things are bad. When things are light ... and, when things are heavy. When life is grand ... and, when life is really hard. Give Him thanks!



<i>happy anniversary</i>	<i>happy birthday</i>
<b>Brad and Heather Henley</b> July 14	<b>Brad Henley</b> 7-12 <b>Mark Neumann</b> 7-14
<b>Robert and Deborah Daugherty</b> July 17	<b>Margaret Reaves</b> 7-15 <b>Charles Payne</b> 7-18
<b>Phil and Jenny Jackson</b> July 17	



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Missions Offering**  
**Next Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**



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



**Pickleball at NSBC!**  
**Thursdays at 6:00 PM**

Never played? No problem!  
We'd love to introduce you to  
the game.

## Keep in Your Prayers

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

July 12 - July 19, 2026



### • SICKNESS AND HOSPITAL •

Janet Birchfield	Mary Gray	Dan Lewis	Addison Sells
Linda-Hart Bradley	Sue Griffin	Michael Maness	Donnie Shipley
Janet Branstrator	Betty Grossman	Gina Martin	Tom Smith
Howard Buchannan	Robert Hall	Katrina Mausolf	Butch Schmittou
Stephanie Cade	Jenny Hawk	Chris Miller	Bill Tate
Carl Callahan	Bill Hayden	David Osborne	Marshall Tate
Carole Chandley	Mark Hensley	Alan Payne	Libby Taylor
Joanna Chapman	Judy Holimann	Robin Phillips	Matthew Watson
Isaiah Cheek	Larry Holimann	Cheryl Povlich	Mike Webb
Amy Cloyd (back surgery)	Steven Houk	Cyndi Powell	Helen Whistine
Marshall Cutshall	Brenda Johnson	Carolyn Presley	Lisa Whitaker
Rex Darnell	Alda Kennedy's brother-in-law,	Carolyn Privette	Alan White
Brenda Ealey	Jose	Wayne Privette	Jarrett Whitson
Rodney Farmer	Saundra Ledford	Charlie Reed	Rose Marie Wilkes
Audrey Franklin	Bruce Lewis	Linda Richardson	Rochelle Winn
Mike Friday	Carter Lewis	Tim Robinson	
		Daryl Rowe	

### • ON-GOING NEEDS •

Linda Bailey	Charles Garland	Sherry Holtsinger	Star Pearson
Tommy Bailey	Wendy Garland	Shelby Humphrey	Margaret Reaves
Susan Belcher	Betty Gillis	Jenny Jackson	Christy Sewell
Joy Belt	Howard Gillis	Melissa Jackson	Ted Silvers
Jewell Berna	Mark Gillis	Linda King	Jordan St John
Paul Berna	Pauline Gillis	Sara Kussman	Greta Street
Jayce Clark	Alex Goodman	Joan Lewis	Michelle Tanner
Coach Cicirello	Jerry Hale	William Link	Bob Tibble
Mike Conolly	Emma Harrod	Mike May	Paula Waterhouse
Steve Cutshall	Dorothy Holley	Teresa Monteon	Dan Westbrook
Mary Davidson	James Hylton	Janice Oliver	Bob Williams
Margie Fields	Hodge Family	Ronnie Osborne	
Martina Fields	Rollie &	Marsha Patterson	
Ben Franklin	Judy Holtsinger	Peggy Payne	

### • OTHER REQUESTS •

#### NSBC MINISTRIES

Nursery  
Sunday School  
Tues. Ladies' Small Group  
Youth & Children's Min.  
Appalachian Trail Min.

#### AMERICAN MILITARY

Erik Cochran  
Anthony Frady  
Landon Laws  
Dominick Serge

- Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM)
- Ukraine Christians and Nation in crisis
- Pray for Israel
- Enon Baptist Church rebuild

### •SHUT-IN AND NURSING HOME•

Peggy Watts

### •PRAISE THE LORD!•

**I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.** Psalm 34:11

## Weekly Schedule July 12 - July 19, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> ..... 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM (Note: Nursery is available during the 10:30 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</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>Next Sunday July 19</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.

**The New Salem Singers are on hiatus for the month of July. Practice will resume in August.**

Questions?  
Rena Cutshall - 306-1186  
Cathy Claypole - 588-0298



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

### Keep in Your Prayers

Please help us keep these requests current. If you know of additions, changes or corrections, please text or call Janice Cunningham; 865-661-5926. Thanks so much for your help!