

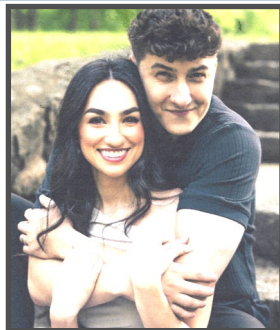
### Missionaries

**Rafael and Genavieve Bricci** serve as church planters in Michigan.

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Pray for this young congregation to grow in their fear of the Lord and hunger for Him. Pray for us to see an abundance of baptisms and life-long commitments to serving Jesus Christ.

### 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  |
| August Offerings:    | \$ 19,398  |

### 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

**September 6, 2026**



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## A Pastor's Ponderings

September 6, 2026

I want you to think back some big gala or event that you were invited to that asked that you graciously RSVP by a certain date. Maybe it was a wedding or a dinner or other social event. You get the idea.

Well, imagine that, before you realized it, the date of the event was upon you and you'd forgotten all about it. You realize that you had also forgotten to send in your RSVP. You think to yourself, "I think I'll still show up. Surely, they'll let me in. After all, I was invited." So, you clean yourself up and put on your best clothes. You look in the mirror and think, "I look so good! There's no way I'm not getting in!"

The event is being held at a very exclusive and gated private estate. You can't wait to see what's on the inside. This is going to be a special night and it cost you nothing! But there's a problem. At the gate, you tell them your name and they tell you that you're not on the list! You say, "But I was invited!" No matter how much you argue, they send you away, telling you that it had been your responsibility to acknowledge and accept the invitation.



My friend, that's a great picture of Heaven. God wants you there. He sent you the invitation. All you have to do is accept it. Not after you clean yourself up. Not when you think you look the way you think you're expected to look. No! You have to accept the invitation before it's too late. Otherwise, you're not getting in. Don't wait until it's too late to respond.



### happy anniversary

**Doug and Tammy Shaw**  
September 7

**Sherrill and Janie Phillips**  
September 10

### happy birthday

**Camerson Wilhoit** 9-06

**Megan Winterroth** 9-06

**Betty Gillis** 9-09

**River Shipley** 9-09

**Sabrina Bailey** 9-11

**Michael Holland** 9-12

**Hannah Lewis** 9-12

**Judy Long** 9-12



**Thursdays at 7 PM**

*(Note the time-change)*

*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; ... Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*  
(Ps 95:1,2)

**The New Salem Singers**  
invite you to join them  
in rehearsal on  
Wednesday evenings.



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.

## Keep in Your Prayers

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

September 6 - September 13, 2026



### • SICKNESS AND HOSPITAL •

|                    |                     |                  |                    |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Janet Birchfield   | Sue Griffin         | Gina Martin      | Tom Smith          |
| Linda-Hart Bradley | Betty Grossman      | Katrina Mausolf  | Butch Schmittou    |
| Janet Branstrator  | Robert Hall         | Chris Miller     | Bill Tate          |
| Howard Buchanan    | Jenny Hawk          | David Osborne    | Marshall Tate      |
| Stephanie Cade     | Bill Hayden         | David Parman     | Libby Taylor       |
| Carl Callahan      | Mark Hensley        | Alan Payne       | Matthew Watson     |
| Carole Chandley    | Judy Holimann       | Robin Phillips   | Mike Webb          |
| Joanna Chapman     | Larry Holimann      | Cheryl Povlich   | Helen Whistine     |
| Isaiah Cheek       | Steven Houk         | Cyndi Powell     | Lisa Whitaker      |
| Robin Cutshall     | Brenda Johnson      | Carolyn Presley  | Alan White         |
| Rex Darnell        | <b>Taylor Jules</b> | Carolyn Privette | Jarrett Whitson    |
| Brenda Ealey       | Saundra Ledford     | Wayne Privette   | Rose Marie Wilkes  |
| Rodney Farmer      | Bruce Lewis         | Linda Richardson | Rochelle Winn      |
| Audrey Franklin    | Carter Lewis        | Tim Robinson     | Bill Wood's niece, |
| Mike Friday        | Dan Lewis           | Daryl Rowe       | Bonnie             |
| Mary Gray          | Michael Maness      | Donnie Shipley   |                    |

### • ON-GOING NEEDS •

|                 |                 |                   |                  |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Bill Abegggen   | Margie Fields   | Sherry Holtsinger | Star Pearson     |
| Linda Bailey    | Ben Franklin    | Shelby Humphrey   | Nelson Ponder    |
| Tommy Bailey    | Charles Garland | Jenny Jackson     | Margaret Reaves  |
| Susan Belcher   | Wendy Garland   | Melissa Jackson   | Tommy Sells      |
| Joy Belt        | Betty Gillis    | Alda Kennedy's    | Christy Sewell   |
| Jewell Berna    | Howard Gillis   | brother-in-law,   | Ted Silvers      |
| Paul Berna      | Mark Gillis     | Jose              | Jordan St John   |
| Tammy Broyles   | Pauline Gillis  | Linda King        | Danny Steadman   |
| Jayce Clark     | Alex Goodman    | Sara Kussman      | Greta Street     |
| Chris Clausen   | Jerry Hale      | Joan Lewis        | Robert Tanner    |
| Coach Cicirello | Emma Harrod     | William Link      | Bob Tibble       |
| Amy Cloyd       | Dorothy Holley  | Mike May          | Paula Waterhouse |
| Sheree Cloyd    | James Hylton    | Teresa Monteon    | Dan Westbrook    |
| Mike Conolly    | Hodge Family    | Janice Oliver     | Bob Williams     |
| Steve Cutshall  | Rollie &        | Ronnie Osborne    |                  |
| Mary Davidson   | Judy Holtsinger | Marsha Patterson  |                  |
| Curtis Denton   |                 | 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

**Ruth Kennat**  
**Grayson's classmate,**  
**Nolan**

•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!•

**Linda King**  
**Pauline Gillis**  
**Sheree Cloyd**

## Weekly Schedule September 6 - September 13, 2026

|                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>                           | <b>Morning Worship</b> ..... <b>9:00 AM and 11:00 AM</b><br><b>Sunday School Classes</b> ..... <b>10:00 AM</b><br><b>Children's Church</b> ..... <b>11:00 AM</b><br><br><b>On-Line Worship Opportunities</b><br>Our <b>11:00 AM Morning Worship Service</b><br>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><br><b>Ladies' Prayer Group</b> ..... <b>9:00 AM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                        | <b>Adult Bible Study</b> ..... <b>7:00 PM</b><br><b>KIA meet in the Education Building</b> ..... <b>7:00 PM</b><br><b>Youth meet @ The Spot</b> ..... <b>7:00 PM</b><br><b>New Salem Singers Rehearsal</b> ..... <b>8:00 PM</b>                                                                                           |
| <b>Next Sunday<br/>September<br/>13</b> | <b>Morning Worship</b> ..... <b>9:00 AM and 11:00 AM</b><br><b>Sunday School Classes</b> ..... <b>10:00 AM</b><br><b>Children's Church</b> ..... <b>11:00 AM</b>                                                                                                                                                          |



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**.

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### 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!