



# Cedar Grove Baptist

Church

The Apostle Paul begins his letter to Titus by saying that he serves as an apostle, "for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began and at the proper time manifested in his word" (Titus 1:1-3 ESV). As I embark on my ministry as pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, I would like to offer these words as my commitment to you. With the Lord's help, I intend to serve as your pastor for the sake of your faith and knowledge of the truth, that Christ may be formed in you!

I intend to give myself to preaching and teaching God's Word, that your faith may be stirred up and your mind renewed. I thank God that he has given us "the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:15-17) God has graciously manifested himself and his will for us in his Word. Thus, my job as your pastor is to "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." (2 Timothy 4:2)

I intend to do this in hope of God's faithfulness. Above, Paul said he does his ministry "in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began and at the proper time manifested in his word" (Tit 1:2) I know (and I'm sure you do as well) that I am not perfect. There will be times in the coming months and years that I will get in the way of what God is trying to do or say. However, I cast myself on the utter faithfulness of God to accomplish mighty things through our meager efforts at faithfulness. "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor 1:9) and he has said that his Word will not return to him empty but will accomplish that for which he purposes it (Isa 55:11). I am humbled by and oh so thankful for the opportunity to be your pastor, and I pray that the Lord will give Himself to us more and more as we embark on this journey together.

Happy New Year, Church!

Pastor Levi



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Eddie & Shelby Pryor	Carol Vizthum
Betty Johnston	Liz Morgan
Sharon Grey	John Ritchie
Ed & Mary Guffey	Bobbie Carpenter
Jerry & Marilyn Riggs	Betty Jean Helton

Mark Sanders
Burl McCammon
Lisa Gibson
Bud Chandler
Pat McPherson



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Sharon Grey	20 Cleve Coates
8 Kim Trussell	23 Susan Wilson
12 Kirby McCarter	26 Ginger Newman
14 Vic McCammon	27 Lauren Kelly
17 Angie Pryor	30 Wayne Lowe
18 John Murrell	30 Hunter Harrison
19 Charlie Cunningham	



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN

# JANUARY

## **BIBLE READING PLAN**

We know that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God"(Matt 4:4; Deut 8:3). Thus we encourage you to make plans for maintaining your intake of God's Word this year. If you do not already have a reading plan picked out for 2025, our church has chosen a New Testament in a year plan to begin this month. You are invited and encouraged to join this plan alongside others in our congregation. Plans are available in the Welcome Area and a copy of the document can be emailed to you as well. Send an email to [cgbctenn@gmail.com](mailto:cgbctenn@gmail.com) to request your digital copy.

## **RETIREMENT CELEBRATION**

On Sunday, January 5, our church family is hosting a Retirement Party honoring Pastor Gary & Penny! We will have a potluck lunch following the morning worship, so bring a dish to share! Come enjoy a sweet time of fellowship as we send Gary & Penny into retirement with a grand celebration!

## **YOUTH RETREAT & YOUTH SUNDAY**

Our youth group will be headed to the Tuckaleechee Retreat Center in Townsend, TN January 10-12 for a weekend of fellowship & study through the Sermon on the Mount! All our youth students are invited to join us! Permission slips are due by Wednesday, January 8. See Jayden, Zoe, or Hunter with questions!

The Sunday morning the youth return from their retreat will be Youth Sunday! This is a special time to invite our students and their leaders to take part in leading the service and use the gifts they feel God has given them. Make every effort to be here this Sunday as we encourage our students and see God's work in and through them.

## **BABY SHOWER-BABY McCARTER**

Our church family is invited to come celebrate with Austin & Monica McCarter as they are expecting a sweet baby BOY! We will have a baby shower to bless them and celebrate their growing family on Sunday, January 19, following the morning service. If you would be willing to bring a dish, let Kelsie or Kirby know! The couple is registered at Target, Amazon, and Babylist.

## **LADIES BOOK CLUB**

Ladies Book Club will meet on Monday, January 27, from 6-7:30. We will be discussing chapters 7, 8, & 9. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to join us!

## **CHURCH CONTACT DIRECTORY 2025**

An updated version of our Church Contact Directory is available! If you would like this document emailed to you, let Kelsie know! Paper copies are available in the Welcome Area or the box outside the church office.

## **OFFERING COUNTERS**

January offering counters are Hunter Harrison and Kevin McCarter. Please report to the Finance Office after Sunday morning service each Sunday of the month to count the offering. If you will be out, Chuck Jones is the alternate this month.

# Weekly Worship



Each week our tech team updates our church's Weekly Worship Briefing. This is a playlist which can be accessed on Spotify and our church website. The playlist is updated around midweek with the hymns for the upcoming Sunday morning. Enjoy listening to the songs together with your family as you prepare for worship!

## Sunday Morning Serving



Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Chuck & Michelle J.	Sharon C.	Kirby M. & Katie M.	Wayne L. & Lauren K.
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ronnie & Gayle S.	Sharon C.	Connie R. & Michelle J.	Marcie A. & Kevin Morgan
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Vic & Buelah M.	Erika R.	Monica M. & Maddie W.	Sharon C. & Hayden J.
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sally D. & Pat B.	Erika R.	Penny M. & Mackenzie B.	Betsy C. & Michelle S.

\*Please be at church by 8:30.  
Includes pickup & take home\*

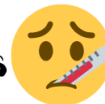
## Midweek Ministries

A new semester of midweek services will begin on Wednesday, January 8! We will have a meal at 5:30, and following at 6:00 we have TeamKid for K-5 graders, Youth Bible Study for 6-12 graders, and an adult Bible Study as well.

The adults will be starting an inductive Bible Study of 1 Corinthians picking up where Levi last preached from the book. The remainder of the letter is largely concerning what it looks like when the church gathers together. All adults are encouraged and invited to come take part in this study!



### Winter Weather & Sickness Policies



As we enter the winter season, we wish to remind you that if Blount County schools are called out for winter weather on a Wednesday, we will NOT have midweek activities. Please also be reminded that if you are sick you do not need to be at church! A fever within 24 hours of a church activity means you need to sit out and get well to join us at the next meeting! Please help us keep everyone safe and healthy!



Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>No Midweek Services</b>
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle J. & Sharon C.
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	Marcie A. & Michelle S.
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Terry W. & Katie M.
Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle J. & Sharon C.



<b>No Midweek Services</b>
Nachos; Wayne & Shelia
Soup; Chuck & Leisa
Pizza; Charles & Betsy
Breakfast; Vic & Helper

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  No Midweek Service	2	3	4
5 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:40  	6  Deacon Mtg 6:30	7	8  5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Nursery, TeamKid, Youth, & Adult Study Choir 7:30	9	10   YOUTH 2025 Retreat	11   YOUTH 2025 Retreat
12 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:40  	13	14	15  5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Nursery, TeamKid, Youth, & Adult Study Choir 7:30	16	17	18  L&A In use
19 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:40  	20  	21	22  5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Nursery, TeamKid, Youth, & Adult Study Choir 7:30	23	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:40 The Lord's Supper	27  Ladies Book Club   6-7:30	28	29  5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Nursery, TeamKid, Youth, & Adult Study Choir 7:30	30	31	