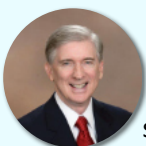




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News and Events from Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church



On My Heart...

Dr. Philip May • *Senior Pastor*

Our Praise Band, choir and orchestra are preparing services to celebrate Christmas. On Saturday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. the choir and orchestra will be presenting a medley of Christmas music. On December 17, the Praise band will present a concert at 7:00 p.m.

Every service in December will incorporate Christmas music. On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve we will have our contemporary and traditional combined service at 10:30 a.m.

Our Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal is \$13,500 for International Missions. I hope you will pray and give above your tithe to support our more than 3,000 international missionaries.

Thank you for your support of Operation Christmas Child. We sent over 1,500 boxes to this ministry. Because of you, the Angel Tree ministry has been a great success. All "angels" were taken within two weeks. Volunteers are needed to deliver these gifts between December 16-22.

Delaine and I hope you have a Blessed Christmas!

Your Pastor,
Philip May



Please Join Us For

CHRISTMAS JOY!

Presented by the
Pleasant Valley South
Praise Band

Sunday, December 17th
7:00p.m. in the
Family Life Center

Hot Chocolate and Coffee Provided

Financial Report

Thank you for your faithfulness with your tithes and offerings.

FINANCIAL REPORT / NOVEMBER 2023

ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT 2023	\$1,879,593.25
RECEIVED TRU 11/30/2023	<u>\$1,525,084.73</u>
NEED TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET	\$354,508.52
MONTHLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT	\$156,632.77
BUDGET RECEIVED 11/30/2023	<u>\$140,863.80</u>
RECEIVED UNDER BUDGET	\$(15,768.97)
TITHES AND OFFERINGS YTD	\$1,525,084.73
OTHER INCOME RECEIVED YTD	<u>\$81,803.08</u>
	\$1,606,887.81
SPENT TO DATE	<u>\$1,359,266.11</u>
UNDER SPENT YTD	\$247,621.70
HERITAGE FUND RECEIVED THRU NOVEMBER 2023	\$23,017.00

2023 Christmas Calendar of Events

- Saturday, Dec. 9:** Women's Craft Event from 10-12 p.m. in Game Room.
- Saturday, Dec. 9:** Christmas Program presented by PVS Choir at 6 p.m. in Worship Center.
- Wednesday, Dec. 13:** Student Fusion Youth Christmas Party from 6-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 13:** PVS Kids Christmas Party at 6 p.m. in the Game Room.
- Sunday, Dec. 17:** A Christmas Celebration presented by PVS Praise Band at 7 p.m. in the FLC.
- Sunday, Dec. 24:** **Combined Service,**
Worship at 10:30 a.m. No Sunday School, No Kids' Church or Children's Church.
- Sunday, Dec. 31:** **Combined Service,**
Worship at 10:30 a.m. No Sunday School, No Kids' Church or Children's Church.

***No Wednesday Night Services/Team Kid/Student Fusion: Dec. 20, Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.**

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, Jan. 7 at 9 a.m.

Wednesday night services on Jan. 10.

Eric Gargus

Youth and Children's Minister



December is a big month for Student Fusion. Our Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 13, 6:00PM - 8:00PM in the FLC. We will have a delicious Italian meal along with some surprise activities including a rowdy gift-swapping game and some great surprises! All 6th graders through high school seniors are always welcome at Student Fusion.

Our Winter Retreat (December 27-31) is FULL! The trip will include staying in our very own lodge, enjoying the Strength To Stand Student Conference at Pigeon Forge's LeConte Center (featuring concerts by We the Kingdom, Tauren Wells, & Cody Carnes along with speakers Shane Pruitt, Ed Newton, Thomas Beavers & Scott Dawson), the world's largest Buc'ees, Smoky Mountain Knife Works, downtown Gatlinburg, The Island at Pigeon Forge, and a couple of surprise stops. Please pray that hearts and minds will be challenged to go deeper in the faith while we are in the mountains.

Merry CHRISTmas,
Eric



It's the time of year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus! Our PVS Kids Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 13, at 6:00PM! Here's what is happening at the party:

- Pizza, Cookies (to decorate), & Juice/Water
- Happy Birthday Party for Jesus
- Spin Art Station where each child makes her/his own unique piece of art
- Penguin Fish Fling where children use "stomp launchers" to fling fish into the penguin's baskets
- Battle Cones, where two children at a time compete for the highest score while racing to hit special light sensors atop traffic cones
- Christmas-themed Photo Booth

We hope to see your children there!

- Eric & the TeamKid Crew

Richard Brown

Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Missions

2023 Week Of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering: Our Week of Prayer is set for December 3rd through 10th. Prayer Guides will be made available the morning of the 3rd in the church foyer or you may download your own copy at www.imb.org/pray/week-of-prayer/. This year, our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal is \$13,500. Let me urge you to give! Every penny you give goes directly to the work of missionaries around the world.

Here is what is happening beginning Wednesday, **January 17, 6:30 – 8:00 pm:**

GriefShare is a 13-session video driven series designed to offer hope and healing to those who are grieving due to the loss of a family member or close friend. You will become part of a group where people find support, direction and help after a loved one's death. You will be encouraged by people who have been where you are, and you will learn how to manage grief's emotions and stresses. This series will be led by Richard and Denise Brown. Sign up online at www.griefshare.org/groups/176399
The group will meet in room 106 in the Education Building.

Financial Peace University is a 9-session video driven series designed to help anyone with getting their financial house in order! Historically, when a participant completes the 9 session series, the average FPU grad is debt-free in two years or less! We're not saying it's easy, but it works—if you will. This could be a major game-changer in your life! FPU will be facilitated by Kevin and Mai Lee Payne. The group will meet in room 105 in the Education Building. Be watching for registration opportunities.

Ted Fuller

Minister of Education / Business Administrator

There are many traditions that we enjoy during the Christmas holidays. Some examples are giving gifts, spending time with family, eating a Christmas dinner, and putting up Christmas decorations. I recently read about the world's most expensive Christmas tree. The tree was found in a hotel in the United Arab Emirates. It was decorated with diamond necklaces, gold, precious stones, and designer watches. The total value was \$11.4 million and the tree is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records. This Christmas let's remember Jesus wasn't born in a fancy hotel with extravagant surroundings. He was born in a stable and laid in a feeding trough. But, He came so we can receive the free gift of salvation which is worth more than all the money in the world.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

Mark Winstead
Minister of Music

Pleasant Valley South Baptist
Church Choir and Orchestra

~ Presents ~

A Christmas Special

Saturday, Dec. 9th at 6:00 p.m.

We wish you and your family a very
Merry Christmas!

May God bless you all!

Love, Mark

Never worry
about money again.



Please join the Financial Peace University class starting Wednesday, January 17, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m., and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth.

Visit www.fpu.com/DD5FE3 to sign up!

Sign-up sheets will be in the Welcome Center and FLC.

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