

SPREADING THE LIGHT OF JESUS



BY LOVING ONE
ANOTHER AND
GLORIFYING GOD

JOHN 13:34-35 & MATTHEW 28:19-20

Morning Worship

September 13, 2026 @ 11:00 AM

Sunday Morning Service

Opening Greeting and Prayer

Prelude

Lois Rowe, Organist
Mary Alice Richesin, Pianist

Call to Worship

"All Creatures"

Welcome

Congregational Worship

"Cornerstone"
"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"

Offertory Prayer

Offering

"Hymn Medley"

Mary Jo Scott, Kathy Ridenour, Steve Riddell and Debbie Devine

Message:

Pastor Jason Pounds

Empty Hands

Matthew 19:13-20:16

Response

"I Surrender All"

Postlude

Lois Rowe, Organist
Mary Alice Richesin, Pianist



the KING and the KINGDOM

THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

Empty Hands

Matthew 19:13-20:16

The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who, like children with empty hands, trust their generous Father.

- 1. The Open Hand (19:13-15)**
- 2. The Full Hand (19:16-22)**
- 3. The Counting Hand (19:23-30)**
- 4. The Giving Hand (20:1-16)**



September Birthdays

- 13 Jan Hensley~170 Mount Zion Rd., Ten Mile, 37880
- 15 Sharron Ingram~1463 Highway 68, Sweetwater
- 15 Matt Loomis~718 Old Highway 68, Sweetwater
- 16 Corkey Whitlock~110 Plemons Rd., Sweetwater
- 16 Daniel Rogers~2296 Euchee Rd., Ten Mile 37880
- 17 Jamey Ogles~213 Lance Rd., Sweetwater
- 17 Angie Roy~307 Dogwood Trail, Sweetwater
- 18 Nicole Ridley~508 N Price St., Sweetwater
- 19 Danny Pardue~417 Ashbury Cir., Sweetwater
- 19 Billy Richesin~520 Old HWY 68, #8, Sweetwater



September Anniversaries

- 14 Joe & Sue Anderson~104 Runyon Rd.
- 17 Ken & Sheila Stuart~111 County Road 111, Athens
- 25 Justin & Alyssa Nation~159 Holly Grove Lane, Loudon
- 27 Mike & Karen Skaggs~2131 Kiser Rd., Philadelphia
- 30 Tommy & June Latham~215 County Road 293,
Philadelphia



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

**Weekly @
4:45 - 6:00 pm**

September 16 Menu

**Parmesan Chicken
Roasted Potatoes
Carrots
Salad & Rolls
Cheesecake**

**Kid's Option: Chicken Nuggets
& Fries**

**\$7.00 Adults & Youth, \$3.00 K-6th
Grade**

Meals for 1st time Guest are free!

Thank You Fellowship



Honoring Reed & Lena Dixon

FOR 45+ WONDERFUL YEARS OF SERVICE

Saturday, September 19th, 2026

2:00 to 4:00 pm

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

We hope to see everyone there!

FBC Life Groups

If you are interested in growing closer in relationship to other believers, getting to know people better and having a more personal setting to discuss God's word; you should consider a life group!

Two of our life groups currently have room – Monday night and alternating Thursdays. Please sign up at the Connect Center or see Karen Burke (423) 552-2501 for more information or if you might have interest in hosting or leading a group.

Box & Canned Food Drive!

GAs • RAs • Mission Friends



The class that brings in the
MOST wins
BAKED GOODS
to share with their class!

Now until **October 18!**



Drop off at church

Look for the collection bins in the lobby or at kids' classes!



Help feed families in need!

Your boxes and cans make a big difference in our community.



Let's work together!

Together we can show God's love by caring for others.

Thank you for your generosity!

♥ BUILT ON LOVE • ROOTED IN CHRIST ♥

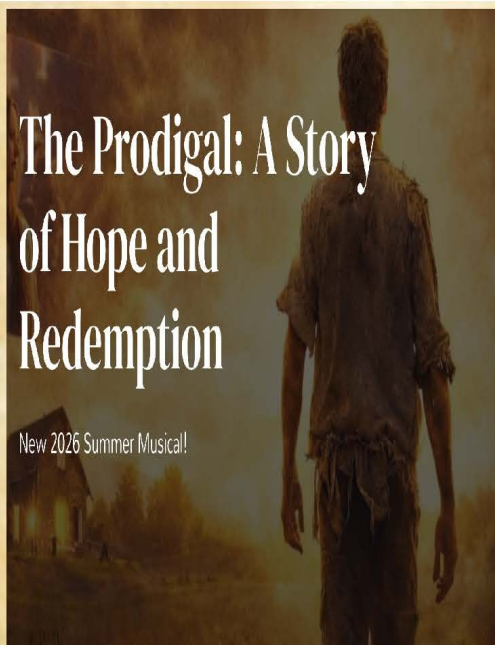
Senior Adult *Ministry*



Overnight Atlanta Trip September 18-19

Join us on this incredible trip to Atlanta to see two of the most amazing things you can experience in the city. On this trip we will visit both the Botanical Gardens and the Georgia Aquarium. We will depart the campus early on the 18th and take in the Georgia Aquarium first. After a stay in the city that night we will get up and tour the Botanical Gardens. Both venues offer wheelchair or scooter rentals for those that may have difficulty walking.

Cost for the trip will be around \$200 depending on the hotel cost.



Biblical Times Dinner Theater Trip Friday, October 23

Hop on the bus for the ride up to Pigeon Forge for an evening of fellowship at the Biblical Times dinner theater. The evening features a worship concert during the dinner portion of the evening followed by a drama that tells "the story of the Prodigal Son, and the lessons of redemption and forgiveness that comes with the relationships we all have with our loved ones, and the strength we can find in Christ to treat each other with the same grace he treats us."

Cost of the trip is \$70.00.

Men's Ministry Event

Apologetics & Evangelism Conference 2026



Not Just a Book: Why the Bible Stands Alone

Is the Bible just another religious text—or the very Word of God?

In a world filled with competing truths, cultural confusion, and spiritual noise, how can we be sure the Bible is reliable, relevant, and absolutely true?

This October, join fellow believers, seekers, and leading scholars at the Steadfast National Conference as we explore why the Bible is not just a book, but divine revelation you can trust—completely.



Date: October 9th – 10th, 2026



Location: First Baptist Church Rock Hill, SC



Cost: Regular Admission (Early Bird) \$92.41 (By Aug 1, 2026) - \$103.07 (By Oct 8, 2026) – Tickets available via SES website (**Purchase Directly**) (<https://ses.edu/events/steadfast-national-conference-2026/>)

Hotel Accommodations: Double Occupancy, Space is Limited – First Come Basis!
(**Deposit due by Sept 27, 2026** – Approx \$135 per person per night)



Sign up today!

For Carpooling and Information Contact Daryl West at (423) 271-7181 or sign up in the Church Vestibule.



"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." – Proverbs 27:17

FINISH THE *Vision*

Offerings Year to Date

09/06/2026

0%



100%

■ 3 Year Goal:
\$1.2 Million

■ Offerings YTD:
\$1,206,366.96



SENIOR ADULT
Banquet

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
— 5:00 PM —

Entertainment featuring
JACK CLARK
leading us in a
RED BACK HYMNAL SING
with other SOUTHERN GOSPEL FAVORITES



Senior adults make plans now to join us for our Fall banquet featuring Jack Clark leading us in a Red Back Hymnal sing! After a delicious meal in the fellowship hall we will move upstairs for an evening of singing with Jack and members of the worship team singing favorites from the Red Back Hymnal and other Southern Gospel songs.

It's Operation Christmas Child Time!!

**Shoeboxes are located on the 2nd & 3rd Floors!*

**Please Return Shoeboxes NO Later than
November 15th, 2026**

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators

ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans



"Through your prayers

and generosity, we're sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth! Be sure to make your shoebox gift unique and include a letter and photo—those personal touches can mean so much to a child."

—Franklin Graham,
President, Samaritan's Purse



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A New Beginning for Génesis



In the mountains of Ecuador, 8-year-old Génesis was invited to an Operation Christmas Child outreach event by her cousin. There she heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ clearly presented and was surprised with her first gift ever—a shoebox filled with a stuffed animal, doll, and her favorite toys. Even "the box itself made me very happy," said Génesis.

At the event, she also accepted Jesus Christ into her heart! "I have a new friend," said Génesis. "I am happy for the opportunity I had to come here. I have learned about God and received a shoebox. He is my Savior."

Génesis went home and told her mother, who was sick with COVID-19, about Jesus. As a result, both of her parents came to faith in Christ! The family was also grateful to God for her mother's full recovery.

Génesis went on to participate in The Greatest Journey, the follow-up discipleship program designed especially for shoebox recipients, where she learned more about following Christ and sharing Him with others.

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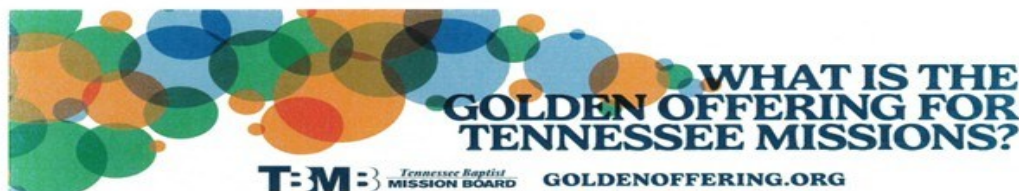
Deacon Nominees for 2026/2027



Jared Rogers



Greg York



WE PRAY. WE GIVE. WE GO.

This year, as we celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions, those words carry the weight of a remarkable legacy. In 1902, W. C. & Mildred Golden gave TN Baptists a vision for what a unified mission could accomplish... and 125 years later that vision is still being fulfilled in communities across TN and among the nations. What legacy will we leave for the next generation? Together, let's honor 125 years of faithfulness by writing the next chapter.

A MESSAGE FROM
DR. RANDY C. DAVIS
President & Executive Director
of Tennessee Baptist Mission Board



- The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is:
- meeting human needs through **COMPASSION MINISTRIES**.
 - helping restore a community following a storm with **DISASTER RELIEF**.
 - sharing the hope of Jesus on Tennessee college/university campuses with our **BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES**.
 - discipling the church to be on mission through **MISSIONS DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES**.
 - AND SO MUCH MORE...

THE GOLDEN OFFERING IS COLLECTED ALL YEAR FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST THROUGH AUGUST 31ST WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER!



week of prayer for tennessee missions

The Week of Prayer for Tennessee Missions is a concentrated time of prayer for Tennessee Baptists which coincides with the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.

While traditionally observed during the second week of September, churches can choose any week of the year that is convenient to them.

THE GOLDEN OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS IS THE ANNUAL STATE MISSIONS OFFERING THAT PROVIDES INVALUABLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MINISTRIES THAT HELP REACH TENNESSEANS FOR CHRIST.

MEET THE GOLDENS



The offering is named after W.C. & Mildred Golden, who started the Week of Prayer for State Missions & a State Missions Offering in 1902.

Tennessee Baptists contributing through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions provide support for Tennessee ministries, sustaining state ministries not funded through the Cooperative Program. This year, GOTM celebrates 125 years



Wednesday Dinner Volunteers Needed!

3:00-5:00pm Food Prep, Serve &
Clean Up

5:00-7:00pm Dishes & Clean Up

*If you can help, please give the
Church Office a call at 423-337-3533 or
Loretta Napier at 423-999-0947.*

Thank you for your Servant Hearts!!



KEEP BRINGING ALUMINUM CANS!



We have collected over \$250 since April!

**Please be kind to our 4 gentlemen
who take them off for us:**

- ✓ **ONLY BRING ALUMINUM CANS.**
- ✓ **MAKE SURE THEY ARE DRAINED OUT, WE
DON'T WANT TO ATTRACT BUGS AND CRITTERS
WITH THE LIQUID.**
- ✓ **BAG IS SECURELY TIED, SO THEY DON'T
HAVE TO PICK UP LOOSE CANS.**

Thank you for your help!

Offering for September 6, 2026

Sunday School	108
Morning Worship	213
Weekly Budget Needs	\$14,682.49
Regular Budget Offerings (09/06/26	\$12,504.53
FTV Offerings (09/06/26	\$5,577.45

Weekly Workers– September 13, 2026

Deacon on call: Perry Bivens 423-337-1167

Security: Team 2

Sunday School Nursery: Christie Hicks

Service Time Nursery: Cheyenne Lewis, Kathy Allen, Kay Bettis, Andy & Nikki Edgemon

Weekly Workers– September 20, 2026

Deacon on call: Stephen Powers 423-584-7673

Security: Team 3

Sunday School Nursery: Tammy Russell

Service Time Nursery: Jennifer Hicks, Carrie Byers, Travis & Nicole Ridley, (Tammy Russell)

Homebound Encouragement September 13, 2026

Billy Richesin

Wood Assisted Living
520 Old HWY 68, #8
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Richard Rowe

104 Crestway Drive
Sweetwater, TN 37874

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 13, 2026

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Morning Worship Service
- 11:15 am Children's Church (4 yrs.-2nd grade)
- 4:00 pm Garage Guys
- 5:00 pm Adult Choir
- 5:00 pm Kid Missions

Monday, September 14, 2026

- 6:00 pm ReNew Recovery in F.H.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

- 10:30am Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

- 11:00am Mid-Week Adult Bible Study
- 4:45 pm Church-Wide Supper
- 5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice
- 5:30 pm Children's Choir
- 6:15 pm AWANA's
- 6:00 pm Youth Activities
- 6:15 pm Praise Team Practice
- 6:30 pm Adult Bible Studies

Thursday, September 17, 2026

- 11:00 am F.H. Reserved

Saturday, September 19, 2026

- 2:00 pm Thank you Fellowship For Reed & Lena Dixon
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September Events:

- ♦ 9/19-Thank You for 45+years of Service Fellowship at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for Reed Dixon
- ♦ 9/20-Our Mission Team leaves for Brazil, they return on Sunday 9/27
- ♦ **9/23-AWANA Crazy Socks & Shoebox**

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