

THE GATHERING is the Senior Adult Newsletter of
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Ham, hashbrown casserole, slaw, corn
bread, banana pudding & drink
Cost \$5.00

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We hope you'll make plans to join us Tues. Oct. 20 as we welcome Bro. Grover Westover to share a music program for us. Tommy Moore will lead our devotion and share a few highlights of his recent Germany trip with the TN Baptist Men's Chorale.



Bro. Grover calls Pinson TN home. He is a graduate of South Side High School in Jackson TN and Boyce Bible School in Louisville KY.

He has worked in radio broadcasting in Henderson, Selmer, and Jackson TN.

Bro. Grover was saved at the age of 23 and baptized at Parkburg Baptist Church in Pinson.

He was called to preach in 1980 and began

pastoring in January 1981; having pastored churches in West Virginia, Kentucky, and West Tennessee. He is currently pastor of Walnut Hill Baptist Church in Bells TN.

His hobbies include watching TN football and playing bluegrass music. He is married to Judy Westover since 1998. They have four grown children and four wonderful grandchildren.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—

"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

J.O.Y. Report for Sept. 2026

Enrollment—114

Attendance—37

Offering—\$47.00

\$113.85 was given to the PreK Program for snacks

Oct.—Dec. Offering will be for the community Blessing Box at DFBC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2nd Bonnie Bullock
- 3rd Linda Pollard
- 18th Jack Ford
- 21st Steve Biggs
- 26th Wayne Perkins
- 28th Cindy Jones



Have a blessed day!

Gray hair is a crown of splendor, attained in the way of righteousness (Proverbs 16:31).

As October paints the world in gold and crimson, we are reminded of the changing seasons in our own lives. The autumn harvest brings thoughts of gathering, reflection, and gratitude for the fruits of a lifetime.

For senior adults, this season of life mirrors October. You have weathered many springtimes of planting and summers of hard work. Now, you stand in a rich season of harvest. Your experiences, wisdom, and stories are a gift to those around you.

"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." — Isaiah 46:4

Sometimes, physical changes or quiet days can make you feel sidelined. But God does not view retirement or aging the way the world does. In God's kingdom, your ministry of prayer, encouragement, and a steadfast spirit is more vital than ever. Just as the autumn trees let go of their leaves to rest and trust the cycle of life, God invites you to lean hard on His sustaining grace today. He carried you yesterday, He is carrying you today, and He will hold you tomorrow.



Food, Folklore, & Halloween

A Sweet Load of Candy: Halloween makes October the 2nd largest commercial holiday in America. More candy is sold on Oct. 28th than on any other day of the year, usually because people eat through their first stash before trick-or-treaters even arrive!

National Food Months: Oct. is not just about candy; it's also officially recognized as National Pizza Month, Popcorn Poppin' Month, & Seafood Month.

Weather Folklore: According to old weather lore, if deer have a gray coat in Oct., you should prepare for a harsh winter. Additionally, a warm Oct. is said to predict a exceptionally cold February.