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# *The Beacon*

Jefferson County Baptist Association

December 2025



## *December Speakers*

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| 1  | Don Bowery       |
| 8  | Bob Neal         |
| 15 | Benny Keck       |
| 22 | Tom Sartain      |
| 29 | Hartsell McCurry |

Church	November Receipts	YTD Receipts 2025
Antioch	0.00	2,000.00
Beaver Creek	0.00	3,295.94
Bethel Mission	500.00	500.00
Buffalo Grove	592.00	5,361.00
Central Heights	0.00	0.00
Dandridge First	6,526.56	23,907.79
Deep Springs	475.30	3,587.99
Dumplin	600.00	5,800.00
East Ridge	328.00	971.00
Emmanuel	0.00	1,500.00
Flat Gap	62.00	681.00
French Broad	1,000.00	11,800.00
Good Hope	0.00	251.25
Holston Memorial	302.00	4,208.00
Living Water	0.00	500.00
Mansfield Gap	0.00	0.00
Mill Springs	0.00	450.00
Mullins Chapel	0.00	0.00
Nance's Grove	0.00	1,700.00
New Hope	0.00	853.81
New Market	485.59	5,924.72
Nina	450.00	6,519.00
Oak Hills	0.00	583.31
Piedmont	394.00	4,851.11
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove Piney	202.83	2,360.60
Rocky Valley	689.87	1,991.32
Strawberry Plains First	0.00	2,250.00
Swann's Chapel	299.00	10,787.00
Talbott	512.00	7,471.00
White Pine First	0.00	4,666.64
TBMB	626.00	11,932.74
Other Receipts	496.86	496.86
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>14,571.71</b>	<b>127,234.74</b>

November 2025	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2025	27,191.48
Total Receipts November 2025	14,571.71
Less Expenses for November 2025	7,379.64
Ending Balance November 30, 2025	34,383.55

Christmas is one of my favorite holidays. I remember as a child my excitement on Christmas morning. I would always wake my younger brother and sisters up around 4:30 and have them to wake our parents up. I was always too excited to sleep.

When I became a Christian I learned that the true meaning of Christmas was in the gift of God's Son, not the gifts under the tree. This gift made it possible for everyone who believes in Jesus to be saved.

I still get excited about Christmas, and the joy seen in the eyes of others as they come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Please pray for all of our Pastors, Missionaries and for each other as we share the true meaning of Christmas.

**Merry Christmas**  
**From**  
**John & Anita Pinkston**  
**and**  
**Jack & Sharon Campbell**

## So God Made a Preacher

God saw He needed a man  
Who would be willing to follow His plan  
He must be a unique little creature  
So God made Himself a preacher

He said I need someone  
Who will stay with my work until it is all done  
Just shoot my bullets in his gun  
Who will get to work  
And will not shirk  
So He looked down and saw a little creature  
And made Himself a preacher

He said I need a man to stand bold and brave  
Who will preach my Word all the way  
And tell people how to be saved  
A young man tender and true  
Who will stand my tests both old and new  
So God looked down at a little creature  
And made Himself a preacher

He said I need a middle aged man  
Who has struggled hard with sin  
Who repented and let me come in  
Who will stand tall and preach my Word  
So it will go forth and be heard  
So God looked down and saw another creature  
And made Himself a preacher

He said I need a man who is willing to get out of bed  
In the middle of the night, though tired and weary  
Who will drive through weather dense and dreary  
To comfort a family in a hospital room  
Filled with sadness and gloom  
Who have lost a loved one much too soon  
To speak words of peace  
When it seems there is no relief  
So God saw this unique creature  
And called Himself a preacher

He said I need someone who will stand tall  
And preach my Word to every nation  
Who will not fall, just preach it all  
From Genesis through Revelation  
Who will not bow down to sin  
Just preach it again and again  
So God saw this tough old creature  
And made Himself another preacher

He said I need a man who will be both loved and hated  
By many people who have congregated  
A man who will walk in the middle of the road  
And help all the people carry their load  
So as you read this little feature  
I hope you will truly understand  
It is our Lord who is the real preacher  
And not the man

—Tom Sartain 11/22/2025

### Birthdays

3 Wayne McKinney  
7 Allen Smith  
11 Anita Pinkston  
18 Shirley McCurry  
24 Ken Lacey

New Hope  
JCBA  
French Broad  
Rocky Valley

### Anniversaries

14 Sam & Yvonne Hinchey  
22 Pastor & Mrs. Robert Holt

Dumplin

