

All the News that is fit to print and than
some....

September 1, 2026 Newsletter
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Club Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Friendship Hall of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church,
143 Chota Ctr., Tellico Village. Across from POA office.

Meeting Highlights

On this first day of
September, 45
members attended
the meeting, inspite

of the 95 degree heat! Shelly Ratcliff, soon to be a new
members, also joined us.

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Madam President, Andrea Johnson - shared a few thank
you notes for our club donations.

- Mandi Wolfe, Director, Loudon County Schools Family
Resource Center - Good Samaritan Center - and
Susan Fox, Director, Lenoir City Family Resource
Center.

Announcements by Madam President:

- Fall Picnic has been canceled.
- Membership - Social - Program Committees all need
volunteers!!
- Next meeting lunch will be homemade by Jane Holt!
Email Kim Silvestri, Ginger Swintosky if you want to
have lunch. Kim: silvestri807@yahoo.com
Ginger: gswintosky@gmail.com

Kevin Flanagan – Thanked members for their participation
in the Golf Tournament.

- It was another success fundraiser. Preliminary
Net Profit – \$ 23K
- \$3,466. Donated by golfers for Iva's Place & CAC.
- \$533. donated by golfers for Key Club.
- **KEVIN announced he will not chair the golf tournament
next year. Anyone interested & will step up??????**

Larry Dill, Treasurer, has sent out Dues Letter. Please
renew your membership. Payment needs to be in no later
than September 30th for the upcoming Kiwanis Year of
October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027.

Bonnell Cooper announced she and Lewis McElfresh are
returning to the Madisonville Kiwanis Club. Traveling and
health issues are the reason. We will miss them. But
understand. They will hold a place in our hearts.

It's a Great Day



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LOUDON, TN

to be a Kiwanian

Bev Woodard, Co-Chair Pancake Breakfast:

bevwoodard@hotmail.com reminded members tickets
cost \$15.00 per ticket. Sign up sheets at Sept. 15 meeting.

- Since event is on Halloween, you can dress up BUT
nothing ghoulish. Pointed Hat is okay.
- Deb Santos, Andrea have already begun soliciting for
items to be donated towards the breakfast. Check with
Bev on items needed.
- Lisa Frazier volunteered to make decorations. If you
have any fall items, such as fabric pumpkins, email Lisa
at lisajofrazier@gmail.com
- Jane Holt has taken over club Tee Shirt orders. Email
Jane at: kenandholt@yahoo.com

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Please follow us on Facebook.



happy birthday

SEPTEMBER 2026 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Heather Burke	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Loren Plemmons	17 Bev Sikorski	18	19 Laura Wrubel
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER 2026 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Mary Procyk	7	8	9	10
11	12 Larry Dill	13	14	15	16 Larry Weir	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Bob Swintosky	26 Caren Salazar	27 Barbara McVeety	28 Pat Humphrey	29	30	31 



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Thank you 

To our Guest Speaker
on September 1, 2026
**Debbie Michel, Administrator
Monroe County Imagination
Library**



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, launched in 1995, is a remarkable initiative aimed at fostering a love for reading among young children. By providing age-appropriate books to children aged 0 up to 5, the program seeks to enhance early literacy skills, setting a solid foundation for future educational success. Currently operational in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Australia, the Imagination Library, to-date has gifted over 300 million books, with 3 million books being shipped each month. With over 1.74 million children enrolled, the program's impact is widespread and profound.

Here in Monroe County, we are honored to carry Dolly's dream forward, one child and one book at a time. In Dolly's memory, those who wish to honor her may make a gift to the Monroe County Imagination Library follow the link to donate: <https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com/>
Donations can be mailed to: Monroe County Imagination Library, P.O. Box 1042, Madisonville, TN 37354. Her dream lives on in every book opened and every child inspired.

The efforts by Monroe County Imagination Library's board of directors are focused on enrolling every eligible child, emphasizing the importance of early literacy in improving reading proficiency. initiatives like this are crucial. A strong educational foundation is vital for a child's future, and the Imagination Library is playing a pivotal role in shaping brighter futures through the power of books.

Monroe County Imagination Library relies on grants and fundraisers to cover books purchased through the program. To learn more, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/monroetnimagination/>

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/find-my-program/>

Chloe

We Did It!

Weekend Food 4 kids

The Weekend Food 4 Kids Project at
Loudon Elementary School kicked off on
Friday, August 21, 2026

Our Kiwanians were there ready to help make a
difference in combating food insecurity among students.

This year, the program witnessed an increase in its outreach,
with 251 bags packed and distributed, reaching approximately
36% of the school's students.

This is a notable jump from the previous year, when the
consistent number of bags packed was around 140.

Each bag is thoughtfully curated with nutritious snacks, ensuring
that children who might otherwise go without have access to
essential nourishment over the weekend. This initiative not only
supports the physical health of young learners but also fosters a
sense of community and care, reinforcing the commitment to
nurturing the well-being of every student.



Our Kiwanis Team:
Phil Smith,
Diana Preston,
Reba Herzfeld,
Shirley Bierkamp,
and Project Leader
Pat Humphrey
(front)

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Greenback Elementary School

Check Presentation
August 24, 2026

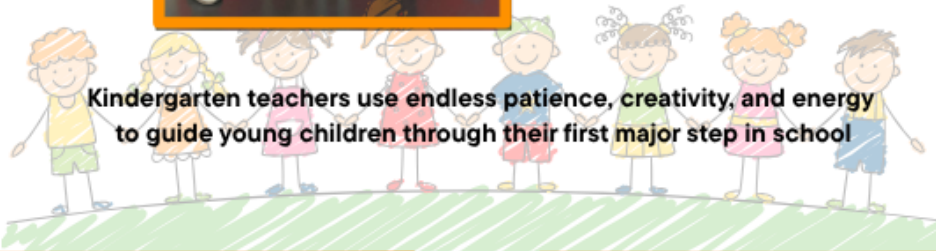
Two checks were presented to Greenback Elementary School by the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village.

The \$500.00 contribution will be instrumental in enabling kindergarten teachers to acquire essential supplies, ensuring that young learners have access to the resources they need for a productive and enjoyable learning experience.

The \$200.00 donation is a flexible resource that can be utilized wherever the school identifies a need, providing a buffer for unforeseen expenses or immediate requirements.



Left to Right:
Andrew Disney, School Board Member
Tellico Village Kiwanians
Larry Dill, Treasurer
Reba Herzfeld, Project Leader, and
Matt Brookshire, Principal



Kindergarten teachers use endless patience, creativity, and energy to guide young children through their first major step in school

A. Justice

The Ladies Tea at The Neighborhood

Hosted by our dedicated Kiwanis Gals, is a delightful monthly gathering that exudes charm and creativity. Each event is centered around a unique theme, which brings a fresh and exciting atmosphere every time.

The Kiwanians pour their hearts into beautiful decorations, transforming the room into a visual feast that perfectly complements the theme of the month.

The August 25th theme was **BACKYARD PICNIC!**

The Ladies Tea at the Assisted Living Facility brought joy and a sense of community to all who attended. Seventeen lovely ladies were the stars of the afternoon, basking in the attention and care provided by the thoughtful Kiwanians. The ladies sipped hot tea and indulged in an



assortment of homemade tea sandwiches, fresh fruit, and delightful treats. The monthly teas are more than just social gatherings; they are cherished moments that celebrate the spirit and vitality of these remarkable women, reminding everyone of the simple joys of life and the power of human connection.

Kiwanis Gals:

Diane Preston, Paulette Craig,

Lisa Frazier, Bev Sikorski,

Anne Cloud, Pat Humphrey,

Janine Julian, and Deb Ford.

Theresa Maresca donated treats but was unable to attend.



A. Moore



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**BUG PROGRAM KICK OFF
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2026
LENOIR CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Kiwanians Rick and Bev Woodard, along with Pam Graves from Lenoir City Pilot Club served students their lunches. Pizza was donated by our Kiwanis Club.



Col Chance

The program teaches goal setting and helps students become more engaged in learning.

The students were excited at the opportunity to earn recognition and win some cool prizes.

Following each reporting period, there will be a lunch assembly recognizing students who either earned straight A's or brought up their letter grades while maintaining other grades.

Students will receive a certificate plus prizes and a ticket entry to win prizes at the end of the school year, including bicycles!

This engaging approach not only promotes academic excellence but also instills a sense of accomplishment and motivation in young learners.



Dr. Chad Lewis, Principal kicked off the event with the 3rd grade students.

Kiwanian Project Leader Andrea Johnson, helped to explain the new program.





A BENCH FOR *caps*

On August 27, 2026
3 Benches were delivered by
Tellico Village Kiwanis Club
under our A Bench for Caps
(ABC Program).



Bench #138 was delivered to Lenoir City Elementary School. Kevin Meyer, Tellico Village Kiwanis Project Coordinator and Arlene Anderson, Guidance Counselor are pictured. Tellico Village Kiwanis sponsored the bench.

Bench #139 was delivered to Mandi Wolfe, Director Loudon County Family Resource Center. The bench supports the Alternative School and Transition Academy. Pictured are Kevin Meyer and Mandi Wolfe. Tellico Village Kiwanis sponsored the bench.



Bench #140 was purchased by the Maryville Kiwanis Club. It was dedicated in honor of their club member and the outgoing Blount County Mayor, Ed Mitchell. Pictured: Kevin Meyer, Wanda Davis, Maryville Club Bench Coordinator, and Mayor Ed Mitchell. The bench was placed at Eagleton Ballpark in Maryville.

A Bench for Caps Program is environmentally conscious, repurposing non-recyclable plastic lids and bottle caps into benches and tables.

Since its inception in 2019, the Tellico Village Kiwanis Club's A Bench for Caps Program has produced 140 benches, 4 Ozark Hex Tables, and 2 regular picnic tables from 31,400 pounds of non-recyclable plastic, showcasing an innovative approach to community building and environmental stewardship.

Of Course

 Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Athens deserves gratitude for hosting an Inter-Club on Friday, August 28, 2026.

It was another opportunity for the members of Tellico Village Kiwanis to engage in meaningful fellowship and camaraderie.

The friendly atmosphere and shared purpose of contributing to community service projects made the gathering both enjoyable and inspiring.



David Coulter, Tellico Village Kiwanis Member and outgoing Lt. Governor of KY-TN District, Division 4 had the privilege of presenting Greg Moses, the Lt. Governor-Elect, KY-TN District, Division 4 an award for outstanding new Key Club Sponsorship that commenced in 2026



Tellico Village Kiwanians:
David Coulter,
Rick Woodard,
Bev Woodard,
Kevin Meyer,
Anne Cloud, and
Dave Miller



C. A. Chesser

SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED ALL YEAR ROUND. Below is the link to the Family Resource Center Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2J7BJLRB0FXT4?ref=wl_share

Highlight the above link, hold down your Ctrl key, and click on the link with your mouse. It will automatically open to the Amazon Wish List for the Family Resource Center.

Or using your phone camera, hover over the QR Code. The Amazon site will appear below the QR Code. Just click on it to open the Family Resource Center Wish List.



Lenoir City Schools
Family Resource
Center



AMAZON WISH LIST

The Lenoir City Schools Family Resource Center is dedicated to supporting families within Lenoir City Elementary, Lenoir City Intermediate Middle, Lenoir City High School, and iLearn Institute Lenoir City by addressing their fundamental daily needs. To enhance our service to the community, we have compiled this wish list, which will be utilized to meet the needs of our teachers, students and their families within our school system. We sincerely appreciate your support of our program.

Purchased items from our wish list will mail directly to the Lenoir City Schools FRC.



Below is an outline of the upcoming Meetings and Events in MemberDay with full details.

Meetings and Events List

Event Time	Meeting Type	Meeting Name	Location
Sep 1, 2026 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Regular Meeting	Kiwanis Club Meeting	Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
Sep 3, 2026 4:15 PM - 6:00 PM	Event	New Villagers - Marketing	Yacht Club Tellico Village
Sep 4, 2026 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Weekend Food 4 Kids	Loudon Elementary School
Sep 10, 2026 7:45 AM - 8:30 AM	Event	Lending Library	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 10, 2026 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 11, 2026 4:15-6:30 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 14, 2026 7:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 14, 2026 11:00 AM - 2:15 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 15, 2026 7:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 15, 2026 11:00 AM - 2:15 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 15, 2026 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Kiwanis Club Meeting	Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
Sep 15, 2026 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Board of Directors Monthly Meeting	Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
Sep 16, 2026 7:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 16, 2026 11:00 AM - 2:15 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 17, 2026 7:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Event Time	Meeting Type	Meeting Name	Location
Sep 18, 2026 7:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 18, 2026 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Weekend Food 4 Kids	Loudon Elementary School
Sep 18, 2026 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 22, 2026 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Event	Ladies Tea at The Neighborhood	The Neighborhood
Oct 1, 2026 4:15 PM - 6:00 PM	Event	New Villagers - Marketing	Yacht Club Tellico Village
Oct 6, 2026 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Kiwanis Club Meeting	Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
Oct 6, 2026 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Event	POA Orientation	Yacht Club Tellico Village
Oct 20, 2026 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Kiwanis Club Meeting	Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
Oct 23, 2026 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Weekend Food 4 Kids	Loudon Elementary School
Oct 27, 2026 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Event	Ladies Tea at The Neighborhood	The Neighborhood



Weekend Food 4 kids

Pat Humphrey, Project Leader,
Weekend Food 4 Kids Project

There has been a large increase in the number of bags our volunteers normally pack for this important project.
Last school year, the average amount of bags needed was 140.

On August 21, 2026, our volunteers packed 251 bags. 36% of the student body.

Volunteers are needed for the following dates,

September 4 and 18

October 23

November 6 and 20 December 4



THE WORLD IN WORDS LENDING LIBRARY

**The Lending Library Program
Lenoir City Elementary School
every Thursday while school is in session
from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**

Our Kiwanians serve as librarians, equipped with a cart full of diverse books. The kindergarten students independently select a book that interests them. This process not only empowers young learners to make their reading choices but also instills a sense of responsibility as they manage their borrowed books.

Teachers supply folders containing useful reading tips for parents, ensuring that the reading experience continues beyond the classroom into the home.

This endeavor fosters an environment that celebrates literacy and promotes lifelong learning.

Young Children: Priority One Committee
Ron Uncapher, Project Leader

If you enjoy helping children and want to make a difference, email: ronalduncapher@gmail.com



**September 10th is first day for
Lending Library Program.**

**Please contact Ron Uncapher,
Project Leader.**

ronalduncapher@gmail.com

Volunteers are Needed!

Early Childhood Literacy

**Young Children: Priority One Committee
(Reading to Pre-Kindergarten Children)
Ron Uncapher is Project Leader.**

**If you would like to spend a most rewarding
time with the little munchkins, email Ron at:
ronalduncapher@gmail.com**



The Early Childhood Literacy Program at Lenoir City Elementary School is designed to promote books and reading among Pre-Kindergarten children. Held every other Thursday, during the school year, this program complements the Lending Library initiative, providing a literacy experience. Volunteers read aloud to the children, capturing their attention and inspiring their imagination.

The interactive question-and-answer sessions that follow encourage curiosity and engagement, helping to develop critical thinking and comprehension skills. This program introduces children to storytelling and aims to lay a foundation for lifelong learning and literacy.

This project is every other Thursday, following the Lending Library. Volunteers begin at approximately 8:35 a.m. and spend an hour reading to the pre-kindergarten children.





Kevin Meyer announced the Key Club is bringing back the monthly fundraising bake sales. The bake sale will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month during lunch break at the Loudon High School.

Proceeds will go toward funding the Key Club members' participation at the KY-TN District Key Club Annual Convention.

Kevin is asking our members to, again, support their fundraising efforts.

Items such as cookies (homemade or purchased), candy bars, fudge, etc. should be placed into individual small plastic bags and brought to our 2nd meeting of each month.

Kevin will deliver the bags to the Key Club.

(Pack each bag with the same item. Don't be too stingy.)

The first meeting held this school year welcomed 87 students interested in learning about Key Club.

Contact Kevin Meyer, Project Leader, with any questions you have regarding our amazing Key Club. kmeyer56@sbcglobal.net



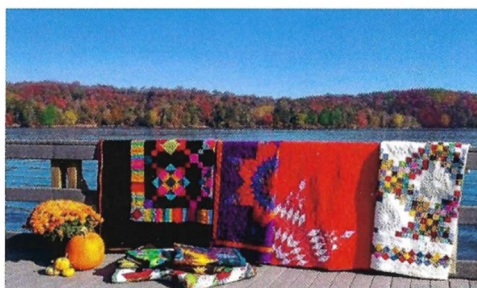
<https://helpingbabies.org/events-2/>

You are Invited

Jazz BABY!
September 24th
Thursday
5:30-8:00 PM
@ The Mill & Mine
www.helpingbabies.org

Friends of Tennessee's
BABIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Friends is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working to enhance the potential of infants and young children with disabilities by offering vital support to their families and the early intervention professionals who serve them.



"Quilts by the Lake"

WHEN: Sept 25 & 26, 2026

9 am to 5 pm

Tickets for Sale at Door \$10 for one day/\$15 for two days.

Under Age 16, Free.

WHERE: "The Venue"

7690 Creek wood Park Blvd,
Lenoir City, TN 37772

FEATURING: Traditional & Artistic Quilts, Handmade Gifts & Décor Items for Purchase,
"Quilts of Valor" Award Program & Exhibit, Unique Surprises at the "Treasure Cove",
Assorted Goods from Area Vendors, Food Trucks...you can stay all day!

Raffle tickets \$2. Raffle Winners Announced 4pm Saturday, Sept 26.

Winner Need Not be Present.



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Quilt!!



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<https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisTV/>



**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START
THINKING ABOUT YOUR
HALLOWEEN COSTUME.**

**REMEMBER –
NOTHING GHOULISH!**

**SIGN UP SHEETS FOR
VOLUNTEERS WILL BE
AVAILABLE AT THE
SEPTEMBER 15 TH MEETING.
PLEASE SELL YOUR TICKETS.**

**BOB COLEMAN, CLUB SAFETY
MANAGER, GAVE US
CONCERNING NEWS ABOUT
THE GRILLS WE USE FOR THE
PANCAKE BREAKFAST.**

**THE CARTS MADE BY KIM
SILVESTRI HUSBAND, CHRIS
ARE PERFECT.**

**UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN
TESTED, THE GRILLS DID NOT
FIRE UP.**

**THEY ARE WORKING ON A
SOLUTION.**



CELEBRATE Halloween

All You Can Eat
Fall Pancake Breakfast hosted by
the friendly witches and wizards of
the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village.

Community Church at Tellico Village
Saturday, October 31, 2026
7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

\$15.00 per person
Kids 12 and under eat FREE.

Menu Includes cauldrons filled with:
Pancakes, (gluten free available on
request), Scrambled Eggs,
Sausage, Fruit Cups,
Juice, Coffee, Tea and Water.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance
and are available at:**
Sloan's Hardware,
United Community Bank,
The Village Salon, or any
Tellico Village Kiwanis member.

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KIDS NEED KIWANIS **KIWANIS NEEDS YOU**



September 2026

- 3 – Adopt-a-Class Charity Baker Ladies Luncheon**
- 3 – New Villager Social- Service Info Tables**
- 12 – FOTVL Book Sale**
- 12- TVRA Litter Angels**
- 19 – Lions Walk for Life (Strides) 8 am Wellness Ctr**
- 24 – FOTVL Ladies Tea Fundraiser**

October 2026

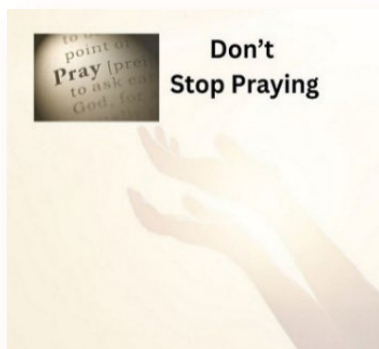
- 1 – New Villager Social- Service Info Tables**
- 3 – Our Place - Walk to Remember**
- 5 - Lions Octoberfest – YC start 4 pm**
- 6 – TV Welcome Orientation- Service Info Tables**
- 10- TVRA Litter Angels**
- 11 - GFWC Home Tour**

November 2026

- Adopt-a-Class Winter Holiday Card Fundraiser**
- 5 – New Villager Social- Service Info Tables**
- 14 – TVRA Litter Angels**
- 19 – 100WWC Giving Circle – 4 pm at YC**

December 2026

- 1 – TV Welcome Orientation- Service Info Tables**
- 3 – New Villager Social- Service Info Tables**
- 5 – FOTVL Book Sale**
- 12- TVRA Litter Angels**



Let us know if you or someone you know has asked for prayers.
Continue to pray for our nation, our military, the first responders, everyone
committed to protect and uphold our freedoms.

Please continue to pray for *Al Porell*. His health difficulties are increasing more every day. Pray for strength for his wife, Yvonne.

Pray fervently for our fellow Kiwanians, families and friends as our prayers are heard.

The Blessings of September

- ♥ S trength renewed in the Lord daily.
- ♥ E ndless grace that carries us though.
- ♥ P eace that surpasses all understanding.
- ♥ T rusting God's timing and perfect plan.
- ♥ E verlasting love that never fails.
- ♥ M iracles beyond what we could imagine.
- ♥ B lessings overflowing in every season.
- ♥ E ncouragement through God's Word.
- ♥ R efuge and safety in His presence.

@saltandlightwords



Peace Out,
Angie Antico
Creator/Editor