

# Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

*The Messenger*

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## ***Dealing with Disruptions***

*“There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens.”*

**Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Last Wednesday night at the Covenant Bible Study we discussed the third chapter of the book of Ecclesiastes. It's an incredible chapter that reminds us that God's timing is always perfect. We also talked about how it's important to remember that truth because life sends plenty of things our way that we don't necessarily anticipate. Little did I know that my understanding of this passage would soon be put to the test.

Early Thursday morning as I headed down I-75 on my way to a funeral in Snellville, I had an unexpected visit from an old friend - Mr. Kidney Stone. Unfortunately, he showed up uninvited and immediately starting acting up so I was forced to turn around and head toward a hospital in Chattanooga. Without going into all of the details, in order to bid farewell to my stony little friend, I had to have an emergency outpatient procedure which landed me back at home on bed rest for 3-4 days.

Now you need to know that I'm not a very good patient. I can admit it. I do whatever my doctors tell me to do but I don't do well sitting on the sidelines resting. So as a result, I hate to say it but after a couple of days I started to have a little pity party. I wasn't very happy because my life had been interrupted without my permission. I hadn't planned to start the New Year with a trip to the hospital...blah, blah, blah, whine, whine, whine. It was pathetic.

Well, while I was knee deep writing my own little sob story God reminded me of that passage from Ecclesiastes that our group had studied a few days earlier. It didn't take me long to get the point. I knew I needed to quit whining, trust God's timing, and look for what I could learn from what I was going through. In other words, it was time to practice what I preach.

God taught me several things through my disruption but honestly the most valuable lesson was about you...my church family. I knew that THUMC was full of loving and compassionate people. Time and time again, I have witnessed you reaching out and caring for those going through their own 'disruptions', but over the last week I experienced it firsthand.

I cannot begin to tell you how much your cards, calls, prayers, and food have meant to us. Thank you for your love and concern. But most of all, thank you for reminding me of how God comes alongside us in very real ways when life doesn't go as we plan.

No we don't always understand why things happen when they do, but we can always trust that God's timing is perfect. Some of His best lessons are taught during what we see as disruptions.

Grace and Peace,  
Jay

## PRAYER LIST

Al Nuckolls, Bob Davidson, Kathyne Middleton, Carol Houston, Ray Anderson, Jane Griffin, Margaret Doyle, Linda Reed, Lamont Nuckolls, Peggy Barnes, Ernest Edwards, Butch Middleton, Shirley Gribble, Denton Nuckolls, Gene Adamson, Margie Hedrick, David Clark, Mary Helen Jolly, Veda Nuckolls

The Youth and those on the Youth Prayer List

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Brooks Lansing-Jim Lansing's brother

Kathy Hedrick-Margie Hedrick's daughter-in-law

Scott Hudson-Tara Hudson's brother-in-law

Bruce Nance-Toppi Griffin's brother

Amos Bradley-at Quinton, Dalton

Sue & David Broome-Friends of Janice Helton

Judy Yarbrough-Mother of John Yarbrough

Terry Corcoran-Erin Middleton's dad

C.H. Tindall-Tarah Horne's stepfather

Andrea Walters - Kathy Watts' sister

Gail Israel-Gwen Maddox's cousin

Hannah Locke-continuing therapy

Isaac Tilotson-Friend of Janice Helton

Sandy Clark-Anne Monk's Sister

Sammy Jackson-Gene Henderson's brother

Betty Cagle-Kay Henderson's aunt

Lee Hogan-Friend of David Clark

Noel Clark-Friend of Debbie Griffin

Dana Bragg-Friend of Janice Helton

Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's mother

Frank Walker-friend of Judy Lusk

Rose Reinhardt -Dawn LaChapelle's mother

Kenneth Tatum-Veda Nuckolls' Brother

Jaxon Beavers-friend of Trevor Jones

Butch Edwards-friend of Norma Griffin

Ricky Ervin-brother of Ann Finlay

Steve Payne-friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Ricky Houston-Ron Houston's brother

Jerry (Cooter) Hartness-Kimberly Amos' father

Bradley Durst-Friend of the Alison & Bucky Strickland

Alexxus Smith-friend of Jimmy Baker

John DeSha-Kitty Waters' son

Gene & Edna Blevens-JoAnna Wells' aunt & uncle

Scott LaChapelle-Dawn LaChapelle's brother

Rick Fehrenhach - friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Linda Corn-friend of Susie Webb

Carrie Chambers-Friend of Justin Barton

Tommy Akers-Friend of Ken Gowin

Raya Owens-Friend of Jada Barton

Mike Thompson-Friend of Amy Roberts

Gary Long-Juanita Long's husband (B&B Janitorial)

Jeremy McMahan-Brenda & Mike Hampton's son

Susan Wells-Chris Wells' aunt

Linda Bailey-car accident

Amber Cantrell-Friend of Butch Middleton

Marianne & Sandy Christison-Mary Wood's mother & father

Sarah Brindle-Friend of Jo Anna Davenport Wells

Robert Green-friend of Jo Anna Davenport Wells

Joshua Huff-Judy Lusk's Nephew in Kentucky

\*The Family of Mr. Paul Henderson-Norma Griffin's Brother

\*Gladys Henderson-Norma Griffin's Sister-in-law

(\*Denotes new additions)

Please contact the church office at 706- 673-4022 or [thumc@optilink.us](mailto:thumc@optilink.us) to add/remove a friend or loved one from the Prayer List. - Thanks!



### Wednesday, January 21

5:45 PM Family Night Out Meal (F.H.)

6:30 PM B&B Club, God Followers,  
Oasis (FH), Adult Bible Study (S)

### Thursday, January 22

5:45 PM Brownie Troop 12613 meeting (FH)

### Friday, January 23

7:00 PM Cub Scouts-Tiger Den (CB Rooms)

### Sunday, January 25

9:30 AM Prayer Group (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir practice

5:00 PM Oasis Journey Group

### Tuesday, January 27

5:30 PM Brownies (YR)

5:30 PM Daisies (CB Rooms)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB Rooms)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

### Wednesday, January 28

5:45 PM Family Night Out Meal (F.H.)

6:30 PM B&B Club, God Followers, Oasis (FH),  
Adult Bible Study (S)

### Thursday, January 29

5:45 PM Brownie Troop 12613 meeting (FH)

### Friday, January 30

7:00 PM Cub Scouts-Tiger Den (CB Rooms)

### Sunday, February 1

9:30 AM Prayer Group (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

6:00 PM Oasis Super Bowl Party

### Tuesday, February 3

1:30 PM UMW Group II meeting (FEL. CL.)

5:30 PM Daisies (CB Rooms)

6:30 PM UMW Group I meeting (FH)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB Rooms)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

FH-Fellowship Hall

S-Sanctuary

CB-Church Bldg.

Classroom

FC-Friendship Classroom

YR-Youth Room

FEL CL-Fellowship



Greetings,

We are officially in full swing within 2015 and I couldn't be more excited. I have mentioned some new things we have coming up in 2015 and I am ready to tell you about some of those opportunities. First, we will be having a Super Bowl Party on February 1st, we will be enjoying some food, games, fun, as well as the big game. Secondly, our worship team is set to go live full-time starting February 4th. Also on that same day we will be starting a new relationship series called "It's Complicated" where we will explore what God intended for our relationships all along. Thirdly, at that same time we will have some new ministry opportunities opening up in Oasis. We will have an opportunity for people to serve in the media area as well as working in some video features. We are also in the process of discussing a drama team for small skits, performances, and maybe even some video packaging features. Needless to say there will be a lot going on in Oasis within the next month and I couldn't be more excited about it.

Blessings,  
Josh Hall

Journey  
Groups



Are you looking for a group of friends to share the journey with?  
Are you needing a place to talk about what God is doing in your life?  
Consider leading or forming a Journey Group.

Journey Groups are small, intimate groups of 5 or 6 friends that meet regularly for conversation, fun, prayer and study. Groups may decide to go through bible studies or books together or they can also get together for a meal, a mission project, a movie or some other activity just for fun. They are however very intentional in the way that they are committed to helping people grow closer to God and one another.

To learn more about Journey Groups at THUMC please pick up a Journey Group sheet in the front foyer of the church or contact Pastor Jay at 770-846-9648 or [jay.tenney@ngumc.net](mailto:jay.tenney@ngumc.net)

### THE COOK'S NEW ADDRESS

Several people have asked for the Cook's mailing address. MR. & MRS. MICHAEL COOK, 201 CHERYL STREET, LONGVIEW, TX 75604

### TAX LETTERS

The Tax Letters are ready. Please contact or see Karen Chesser either before or after church on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> or February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### THANK YOU

"We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints – and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us."

2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15

*We want to thank THUMC for hosting the "Mercy Call" event on behalf of our family. Thank you to all who gave and the prayers that continue as Jeremy heals from surgery.*

*With Love, The McMahans - Jeremy, Amber, Hanna & Sadie*

### VALENTINE'S NIGHT OUT

Valentine's Night Out has been set for 6:00 PM., Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. at the "Farm to Fork" in Ringgold, GA. We will all meet at the restaurant. To make your reservations, please call Valerie Cleaver at 423-754-9134.

The children and youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 PM until 7:30 PM. Supper will be served.



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## SERVING ON SUNDAYS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

ACOLYTES: Kayli Finnerty &

Olivia Davis

USHERS: Chuck Davidson, Keith Griffin,  
Gene Henderson, Justin Barton

NURSERY: Kim Amos

### JOURNEY LAND:

Valerie Cleaver- (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade);

Ben & Kathy Watts- (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Steve Reed & Norma Griffin

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

ACOLYTES: Abby Horne &

Megan Cornelison

USHERS: Steve Reed, Chris Bollwerk,  
Kevin Braden & Jeremy Schneider

NURSERY: June Lansing

### JOURNEY LAND:

Brenda Hampton- (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

David & Jeanine Clark - (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Evelyn & Larry DeFoor

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

ACOLYTE: See Sunday, February 1

USHERS: See Sunday, February 1

NURSERY: Beth McCutcheon

### JOURNEY LAND:

Brentley Lansing - (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade);

Kathy Blackwell- (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Janice & David Helton

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2015 Weekly Budget Needed - \$4978

Operating Budget for 1/20/2015

Amount Needed Yr. to Date: \$14,934.00

Amount Rec'd Yr. to Date: \$13,038.13

Difference: -\$ 1,895.87

## GIVING FOR JANUARY 11

Regular - \$3116.13

Sunday School - \$20.00

Youth - \$100.00

Youth Pastor Fund - \$100.00

Use of Fellowship Hall - \$50.00

## GIVING FOR JANUARY 18

Regular - \$3940.00

Sunday School - \$29.00

Birthday & Anniversary - \$2.00

Property Rent - \$550.00

Youth - \$25.00

## OUR ATTENDANCE

### JANUARY 11

Sunday School - 52

Worship Service - 134

### JANUARY 18

Sunday School - 75

Worship Service - 162