

# Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

*The Messenger*

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*“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature;  
The old things have passed away;  
Behold, new things have come.”  
– 2 Corinthians 5:17*

New Year's resolutions go all the way back to 153 B.C. when January 1 was fixed as New Year's Day on the Roman calendar. In fact, the word '*January*' comes from a Roman, mythical god-king named Janus. Janus had two faces which allowed him to look both backward and forward.

This is the time of year when most of us do the same thing. We reflect and look back over last year while we are also setting our sights on what lies ahead. January can be a great time for us to exam our lives, to identify areas that need attention, and to make resolutions to change.

By creating our 'New Year's resolutions', we're basically saying, "*The old solutions that I've tried haven't worked. It's time to re-solution this area of my life.*"

The good news is, our God is all about life change and His gospel provides us with what we need to live out what we resolve. As we move forward into a new year, we can not only depend on God to help us discern what changes to make, we can also count on His Spirit to give us the strength and discipline to make it happen.

It's good to know that we serve a loving God who supports our efforts to improve our lives. After all, Jesus didn't come into our world just to teach us to be nice or to populate heaven. He came to establish a kingdom on earth that advances through changed lives.

As you think about what aspects of your life that you would like to change this year, I encourage you not to go it alone. Invite God into the process. After all, He's definitely aware of the areas of your life that need to be transformed and His Spirit can bring the change you long for.

The bottom line is, our God offers new solutions and new beginnings. May His Holy Spirit give you the courage and strength to make the changes He's calling you to make in 2015.

Grace and Peace, Jay

## PRAYER LIST

Al Nuckolls, Bob Davidson, Kathryne 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, \*Daniel Cavender, \*Stacy Davidson, \*Judy Lusk, \*Bruce Blackwell, \*Vera Nations, \*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 McMahon-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

\*The Family of Mrs. Rita Lough-Friend of Butch Middleton

\*Joshua Huff-Judy Lusk's Nephew in Kentucky

(\*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 7

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 8

5:45 PM Brownie Troop 12613 meeting (FH)

### Friday, January 9

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

### Sunday, January 11

7:30 AM UMM Breakfast meeting (FH)

9:30 AM Prayer Group (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:05 PM SPR Brief meeting (FR. CL.)

5:00 PM Choir practice

5:00 PM Oasis Journey Group

7:00 PM Ad. Brd/Planning Session for 2015

### Tuesday, January 13

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 14

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 15

5:45 PM Brownie Troop 12613 meeting (FH)

### Friday, January 16

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

### Sunday, January 18

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 20

5:30 PM Daisies (CB Rooms)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB Rooms)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

FH-Fellowship Hall

S-Sanctuary

CB-Church Bldg.

FC-Friendship Classroom

YR-Youth Room

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom



Greetings,

I hope all of you had a great holiday time and spent some quality time with your families. I also hope that you are ready for 2015. I believe that 2015 will be your best year yet and I hope that Oasis plays a part in it becoming the best year yet in your life.

Our series we are currently in is called "Who We Are" where we will discover all about what Oasis is and what Oasis is about. I am very excited about this series as I feel like I am introducing you to a new friend. My hope is that you will use this friend to the fullest as we journey through this life together.

One of the greatest things about God is that he is never tapped out of blessings, encouragements, or dreams for his children. God has a way of wowing us over and over again and it seems like each new wow is greater than the last. You'll find yourself saying at times in your life "there is no way God can top this," and then he does something that completely tops it. I say all of this to encourage you in saying that I honestly believe that the best is yet to come in Oasis. I believe that the best is yet to come in your life because that is just the kind of God that we serve.

Christ is all,  
Josh

### UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

All of the men of the church are invited to the UMM Breakfast meeting this Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



THUMC's Wednesday Night Dinners and activities for all ages will resume this Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Dinner begins at 5:45 PM. Groups/Activities take place from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.



### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING / 2015 PLANNING SESSION

All Board members are encouraged to attend a special board meeting and planning session on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All leaders are asked to bring a calendar as well as a list of events/meetings that need to be placed on the church calendar for 2015. Thanks!

### NEW FOR 2015 - ONLINE GIVING AND AUTOMATIC DRAFTS

THUMC's Finance Committee has decided to offer two new ways to give your tithes and support the ministries of the church in 2015. Beginning in January, you will be able to set up automatic drafts and also give online. Many thanks to Vicki Kauffman, THUMC's Finance Committee Chairperson, for working to offer these services and to Karen Chesser, THUMC's Financial Secretary, who will be the plan administrator. Please contact Karen at [chessers@optilink.us](mailto:chessers@optilink.us) for more information on how to enroll for this service.

### OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO...

J.T. & Lauren Burroughs on the birth of their son, Cooper James Burroughs. Cooper was born on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in Oklahoma. He weighed 9lbs 4oz. Cooper's proud grandparents are James & Norma Burroughs and his proud great-grandmother is Mildred Dreschel.

Matthew & Keri Blackwell on the birth of their son, McCoy Karr Blackwell. McCoy was born on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He weighs 7lbs 4oz and is 20 inches long. Proud relatives include: Grandparents - Bruce & Kathy Blackwell, Uncle - Thomas Blackwell, & Great Grandparents - David & Betty Blackwell.

### THANK YOU FROM MARTHA NUCKOLLS

*My family and I would like to thank everyone for their concern during my recent surgery. The calls, cards, food and your prayers meant so much to me. Thank you all, again. – Martha Nuckolls*

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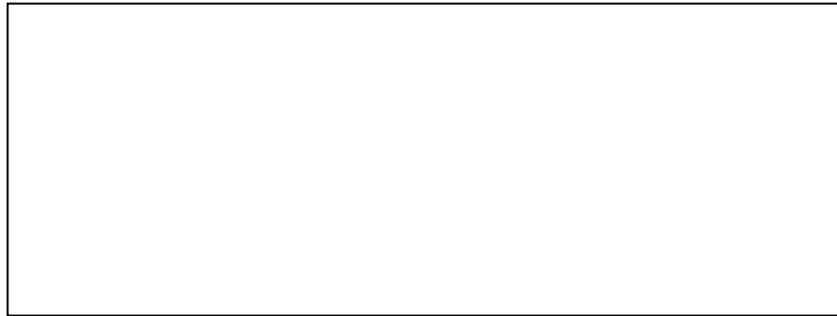
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## SERVING ON SUNDAYS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

ACOLYTES: Kayli Finnerty &  
Olivia Davis

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

NURSERY: Stephanie Cameron

### JOURNEY LAND:

Nancy Hampton - (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
Dawn LaChapelle - (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Valerie Cleaver &  
Marilyn Martin

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

ACOLYTE: See Sunday, January 11

USHERS: See Sunday, January 11

NURSERY: Karen Chesser

### JOURNEY LAND:

Joni Tenney - (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade);  
Liz Dennis - (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Brenda & Mike Hampton

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

ACOLYTES: See Sunday, January 11

USHERS: See Sunday, January 11

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2015 Weekly Budget Needed - \$4978

### Operating Budget for 1/4/2015

Amount Needed Yr. to Date: \$4978.00

Amount Rec'd Yr. to Date: \$6011.00

Difference: +\$1033.00

### GIVING FOR DECEMBER 21

Regular - \$4108.00

Sunday School - \$23.35

Birthday & Anniversary - \$53.00

Youth - \$45.00

Building Fund - \$100.00

Use of Fellowship Hall - \$100.00

### GIVING FOR DECEMBER 28

Regular - \$4791.00

Sunday School - \$31.00

Birthday & Anniversary - \$107.00

Trust Fund - \$50.00

### GIVING FOR JANUARY 4

Regular - \$5144.00

Sunday School - \$19.00

Birthday & Anniversary - \$10.00

Building Fund - \$100.00

Use of Fellowship Hall - \$50.00

Benevolence Fund - \$688.00

Shirley Gribble Honorarium - \$25.00

## OUR ATTENDANCE

### DECEMBER 21

Sunday School - 64

Worship Service - 179

### DECEMBER 28

Sunday School - 59

Worship Service - 139

### JANUARY 4

Sunday School - 45

Worship Service - 143