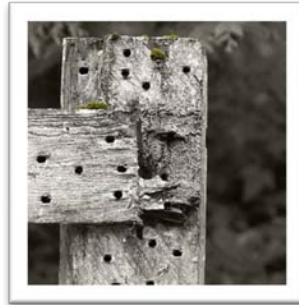


# Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

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## ***“The Lesson Taught on the Backside of the Fence”***

*“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”*

*- Ephesians 4:29*

I once heard a story about a young boy who had a bad temper. He was constantly getting mad and saying hateful things to the people around him.

He and his family lived on a farm and early one Saturday morning, the boy's father decided to teach his son a lesson that would make him think about the impact of his words. He gave the young boy a bag of nails and told him that every time he said something mean to go into their backyard and hammer a nail into the backside of the fence.

The first day the young boy drove 37 nails into the fence. Gradually though, over the next few days he discovered that it was easier to hold his tongue than it was to drive so many nails into the fence.

After several weeks, the day came when the boy didn't say one hateful word to anyone. He knew that his father would be proud so he told him that he had learned his lesson. His father congratulated him and then told him that from that point forward he was to go back to the fence and pull out one nail for each day that he didn't make any mean comments.

The days passed and the young boy did well. Finally he was able to tell his father that all the nails in the fence were gone. That evening, the boy's father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence then he said, *“You have done well son but I still want to talk with you about how hurtful words can be.”*

He rubbed his fingers across all of the holes in the fence and said, *“This fence will never be the same. Always remember that hateful words deeply wound the people that we love. Even if we say that we're sorry for something that we said, sometimes the scars remain for a long, long time”.*

I hope you can join us in worship this Sunday as we consider what God's Word has to teach us about the power of our words. Until then, if you feel the urge to lash out and say something hateful to someone, stop, take a breath, and remember the lesson taught on the backside of the fence.

Grace and Peace,  
Jay

## PRAYER LIST



Al Nuckolls, Kathryne Middleton, Carol Houston, Ray Anderson, Jane Griffin, Margaret Doyle, Linda Reed, Lamont Nuckolls, Ernest Edwards, Butch Middleton, Shirley Gribble, Denton Nuckolls, Gene Adamson, Margie Hedrick, David Clark, Veda Nuckolls, Judy Lusk, Thomas Blackwell, Steve Reed, Jan Reed, Dottie Griffin, Toppi Griffin, \*Macoy Griffin  
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  
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  
Sandy Clark-Anne Monk's Sister  
Sammy Jackson-Gene Henderson's brother  
Betty Cagle-Kay Henderson's aunt  
Lee Hogan-Friend of David Clark  
Dana Bragg-Friend of Janice Helton  
Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's mother  
Rose Reinhardt -Dawn LaChapelle's mother  
Kenneth Tatum-Veda Nuckolls' Brother  
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  
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  
Jeremy McMahon-Brenda & Mike Hampton's son  
Susan Wells-Chris Wells' aunt  
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  
Gladys Henderson-Norma Griffin's Sister-in-law  
Gabarb Vaughn Summers  
Doris Masters - Judy Middleton's aunt  
Breanne Locklear - Jo Anna Wells' niece  
Talan Williams - Friend of Debbie Griffin  
Jim Middleton-Butch Middleton's uncle  
Don Gribble  
Margie Bruner  
Tina Taylor - Val Cleaver's sister & Marilyn Martin's daughter  
Rana Mashburn- Daughter of Debbie Griffin's friend  
Crystal Watts Grishaw-Ben Watts' Sister  
\*The Family of Mrs. Josephine Griffin Patterson

(\*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, October 14

5:45 PM Family Night Meal

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

7:35 PM Administrative Board meeting (F.H.)

### Thursday, October 15

5:30 PM Daisies (FR. CL.)

### Sunday, October 18

9:30 AM Prayer Group (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

### Monday, October 19

6:45 PM "Crazy Love" study

### Tuesday, October 20

5:30 PM Daisies (CB Rooms)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB Rooms)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

7:00 PM Church Conference at Mt. Vernon UMC

### Wednesday, October 21

5:45 PM Family Night Meal

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

### Thursday, October 22

5:30 PM Daisies (FR. CL.)

### Sunday, October 25-

9:30 AM Prayer Group (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERING

5:00 PM Choir Practice

6:00 PM Oasis (FH)

### Monday, October 26

6:45 PM "Crazy Love" study

### Tuesday, October 27

9:30 AM Young at Heart Trip to Ellijay

5:30 PM Daisies (CB Rooms)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB Rooms)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (CB)

### Wednesday, October 28

6:00 PM TRUNK OR TREAT

6:30 PM Oasis (FH)

FH-Fellowship Hall

S-Sanctuary

CB-Church Bldg.

FC-Friendship Classroom

YR-Youth Room

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom



## UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERING

What does the United Methodist Children's Home offer to hurting children and families?  
A safe place, a chance to start over, healing, hope, and most importantly, God's love.

Together with United Methodist Churches throughout North Georgia, the Children's Home has been offering hope to young people all over North Georgia since 1871. From short-term housing apartments to foster homes, you can see hopes being realized through the ministries of the Children's Home.

These opportunities for healing and growth for children and families are only possible because of the generosity of the churches of the North Georgia Conference.

We will receive a special 'Amazing Grace Campaign' offering for the Children's Home in worship on Sunday, October 25th. More information will be provided in worship this Sunday and envelopes will be provided for your gift on the 25th. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to support this important ministry.

## CHURCH CONFERENCE

THUMC's Annual Church Conference is set for Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church. This will be a special time for us to celebrate what God is doing in and through THUMC. Everyone is invited to attend!

## THANK YOU

*Thank you for all your prayers and concern for David. He is doing well and we are thankful.  
Thank you very much. - Mary Helen Jolly*



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> - 6:00 PM**

Everyone who wants to participate is asked to decorate your car & trunk & bring plenty of candy (as many as 200 children could attend). The Family Committee also asks for donations of brownies, cup cakes, cookies and/or drinks. A hot dog supper will also be provided. Everyone is invited!



THUMC's 'Young at Heart' group has planned a trip to an apple barn in Ellijay on Tuesday, October, 27<sup>th</sup>. The group will leave the church at 9:30 a.m., visit the apple barn, and then have lunch before returning to Tunnel Hill. Everyone is invited!  
Please contact Larry or Evelyn DeFoor for more information.

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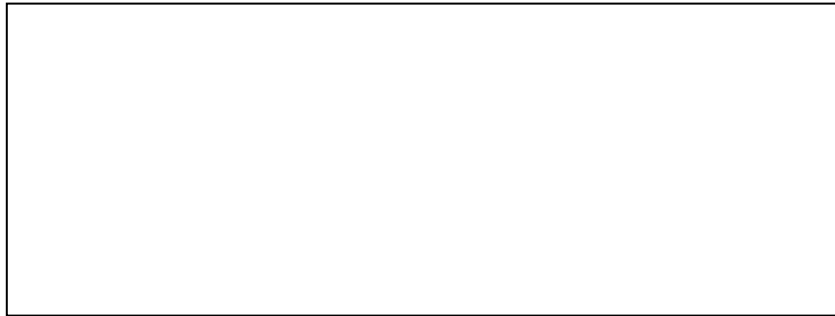
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## SERVING ON SUNDAYS

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

ACOLYTES: Mia Sewell

USHERS: Chris Bollwerk, Ray Sharp,  
James Riddle &

NURSERY: Kelly Jones

### JOURNEY LAND:

Haley Middleton - (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

Becky Gowin - (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Brenda & Mike Hampton

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

ACOLYTES: See Sunday, Oct. 18

USHERS: See Sunday, Oct. 18

NURSERY: Janice Helton

### JOURNEY LAND:

Kay Henderson - (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade);

Julie Frisbee - (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Norma Griffin & Kinsey Griffin

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

ACOLYTES: Katie Bollwerk

USHERS: Blake Griffin, Butch Middleton,  
Todd Middleton & Grant Middleton

NURSERY: Brenda Hampton

### JOURNEY LAND:

Debbie Griffin - (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade);

Liz Dennis - (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Evelyn & Larry DeFoor

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$4978.00

### Operating Budget Report thru 10/11/2015

Amount Needed Yr. to Date: \$204,098

Amount Rec'd Yr. to Date: \$193,441  
-\$10,657

### GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER 27

GENERAL BUDGET:

\$2790

DESIGNATED GIVING:

\$8

### GIVING FOR OCTOBER 4

GENERAL BUDGET:

\$6618.77

DESIGNATED GIVING:

\$771.00

### GIVING FOR OCTOBER 11

GENERAL BUDGET:

\$2387

DESIGNATED GIVING:

\$6.00

### ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 27

Sunday School - 60

Worship Service - 131

### ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 4

Sunday School - 78

Worship Service - 121

### ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 11

Sunday School - 49

Worship Service - 102