

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

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In the days when the Bible was being written, the Israelites often chose names for their children based on some hope or prayer of the parent. This was the case with Zechariah whose name means *'God has remembered'*.

Other names were chosen based solely on the child's appearance. As you might imagine, this could be incredibly flattering or terribly embarrassing. The latter was the case with *'Esau'* which means *'hairy'* and also with *'Korah'* which means *'bald'*. Can you imagine living your entire life with either of those labels?

Scripture tells us that before Jesus was born, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream to let him know that the child Mary was carrying had been conceived by the Holy Spirit and not be afraid to take Mary as his wife. Before the angel left, he also told Joseph that their child should be named *'Jesus'*.

At that time, the name *'Jesus'* was very common. Josephus, the first-century Jewish historian, mentions in his writings around twenty different men named Jesus. There's even another man mentioned in the New Testament who was also named Jesus. This *'Jesus'* was the companion to the apostle Paul mentioned in Colossians.

It's amazing to think about isn't it? The child whom God sent to be the Savior of the world was given a very common name, a name that by itself did not set him apart from the rest of the human race.

'Jesus' may have been a common name but it still has tremendous significance because it literally means *"God is salvation."* The angel who appeared to Joseph alluded to that meaning when he said, *"Name him Jesus for he will save his people from their sins."* Our God had it all planned out. He even wanted His Son's name to be a constant reminder of His saving grace.

I hope you'll be able to join us this week in worship as we think about how this child with a very common name was sent to bring salvation and peace into the world.

Grace & Peace,
Jay

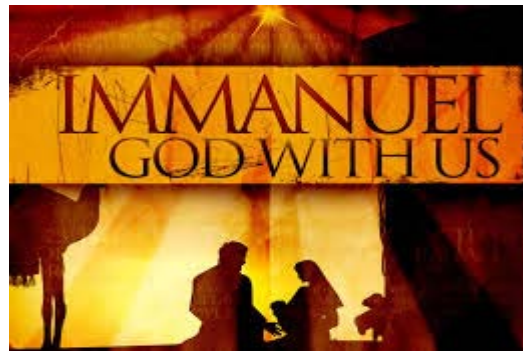
PRAYER LIST



Al & Denton Nuckolls, Kathryn Middleton, Jane Griffin, Margaret Doyle, Ernest Edwards, Judy Lusk, Jan Reed, Dottie Griffin, Toppi Griffin, Cathy Griffin, Mildred Dreschel, Sis Damron, Thomas Blackwell, Ray Anderson, Macoy Griffin, *Dot Rann, *Keith Griffin
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
Brooks Lansing-Jim Lansing's brother
Kathy Hedrick-Vicki Hedrick's sister-in-law
Sue & David Broome-Friends of Janice Helton
Terry Corcoran-Erin Middleton's dad
Lee Hogan-Friend of David Clark
Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's mother
Rose Reinhardt -Dawn LaChapelle's mother
Kenneth Tatum-Veda Nuckolls' Brother
Gene & Edna Blevens-JoAnna Wells' aunt & uncle
Scott LaChapelle-Dawn LaChapelle's brother
Linda Corn-friend of Susie Webb
Raya Owens-Friend of Jada Barton
Susan Wells-Chris Wells' aunt
Sarah Brindle-Friend of Jo Anna Davenport Wells
Robert Green-friend of Jo Anna Davenport Wells
Gabarb Vaughn Summers
Breanne Locklear - Jo Anna Wells' niece
Don Gribble
Gladys & Jasper Rogers-Friends of Gwen Maddox
Marge Fox-Cindy Fehd's mother
Robin Faith-Friend of Dawn LaChapelle
Brantley Dean-Friend of Julie Frisbee
Peggy Cochran-Friend of Amy Roberts
Whitley Brooker-Friend of Lindsey Roberts
Orallia Hernandez-friend of the Middletons
Richard Sharp-Friend of Stephanie Loggins
Jerry Alberson-Friend of Butch Middleton
Jackie Neel - Anne Monk's Sister
Nathan Gaddy - Friend of Dawn LaChapelle
Kinslie Marie Flowers-friend of Julie Frisbee
Jim Orr-Friend of Mike Hampton
Reese Rivera-(10month old w/spinal cancer)-
Friend of Susie Webb
Bobbie King Hogan
Dolly Hamby-friend of Kay Jernigan
Heather Stiles-friend of Susie Webb
Eddie Mac Sanders-Friend of Kenny Gowin
Hunter Reed-Wendy & Brian Voiles son
Ricky Reed-friend of Amy Roberts
Sue Rogers - Ron Houston's sister
Catina Lough-Friend of Stephanie Loggins
Bobby Harris-Friend of Steve & Randy Reed
Kyler Bass-Friend of Wendy Voiles
*Maryann Fowler-Friend of Susie Webb
*Glen Dean-Friend of Susie Webb
*The Family of Mr. Griffin Kinsey (Vera Nations' and Mary Helen Jolly's nephew)
*The Family of Mrs. Ruby Fitzpatrick

(*Denotes new additions)

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



Tuesday, December 13 – Run-off Election Day

5:30 PM Girl Scouts (C.B.)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (C.B. & FH)

Wednesday, December 14

No meal or activities.

Friday, December 16

6:00 PM Adult Church Christmas Party (F.H.)

Sunday, December 18

7:30 AM UMM Christmas Breakfast meeting (F.H.)

(All ladies are invited!)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

6:00 PM Concert by the Dalton Chamber Choir (S)

Wednesday, December 21

No meal.

6:30 PM Oasis Christmas Party (FH)

Thursday, December 22

Church Office closed.

Friday, December 23

Church Office closed.

Saturday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service (S)

Sunday, December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM No Choir Practice

Monday, December 26

Church Office closed.

Wednesday, December 28

No meal or activities.

FH-Fellowship Hall

CB-Church Bldg.

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

FC-Friendship Classroom

S-Sanctuary



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday Night December 18th – 6:00 PM

Dalton Chamber Choir will present Christmas music with a Christmas carol sing-a-long. Joel and Cindy Fehd are members of this choir. Hope you can join us!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

Everyone is invited to a Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24th, at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. This will be a very special time of worship so please invited your friends and neighbors to attend with you.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

We'll celebrate the birth of Christ with a special service at 11am on Christmas Morning. Please note that we will not have Sunday School on Christmas Day so that families can spend more time together.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER SCHEDULE

Meals will not be served on December 14th, 21st, & 28th.

Wednesday Night Dinners and all activities will resume on January 4th, 2017.



Opportunities to Assist Families this Christmas

If you would like to help families across Whitfield County, please bring an unwrapped toy or clothes item and place it under the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall on or before December 14th.

New Toys

For children ages infant to 18 years need to be new and valued over \$20. Please note, if the toy needs batteries, please include them and tape them to the toy.

New Clothing

All children and youth sizes needed. These items will be delivered to "The Sharing is Caring Program of Whitfield County" and distributed to families that have applied for assistance.

Financial Donations

If you would like to assist families in our church and community this Christmas, you can contribute to THUMC's Birthday/Anniversary Fund or THUMC's Benevolence Fund. Both of these funds will be used to purchase gifts and gift cards for families in our church or community who may need a little help this Christmas. Make your check payable to "THUMC" and mark it "Birthday Fund" or "Benevolence Fund".



*WOW! Thomas and I were overwhelmed with your generosity. But not your love and prayers because that is what our Church does best. We love you and thank you. We're following God's path for Thomas.
Love, Kathy and Thomas*

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SERVING ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

USHERS: Frank Moody, Maurice Moody,
Reece Moody & Zack Moody

NURSERY: Tammy Horne

OFFERING TEAM: Brenda Hampton &
Chuck Davidson

GREETERS: Stacy, Julia & Chuck Davidson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

USHERS: See Sunday, December 11

NURSERY: Ellen Dreschel

OFFERING TEAM: See Sun., Dec. 11

GREETERS: Ellen Dreschel & Liz Dennis

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

USHERS: See Sunday, December 11

NURSERY: Delilah Sharp

OFFERING TEAM: See Sun., Dec. 11

GREETERS: Anne Monk & Cathy Griffin

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,094.00

Budget Report through December 4, 2016

Rec'd for budgeted expenses yr. to date: \$222,848.00

Budgeted Expenses year to date: \$227,092.00

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GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 20

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3909.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$604.00

GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 27

GENERAL BUDGET: \$4732.10

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$42.00

GIVING FOR DECEMBER 4

GENERAL BUDGET: \$6775.35

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$506.00

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 20

Sunday School - 78

Worship Service - 154

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 27

Sunday School - 65

Worship Service - 149

ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER 4

Sunday School - 72

Worship Service - 138