

# Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

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*“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

Matthew 6:33

With the exception of April 15<sup>th</sup>, January 2<sup>nd</sup> is probably the most dreaded day of the year. From the fourth Thursday in November through the first day of January, we tend to put many of our everyday disciplines aside and vow to pick them back up next year. So on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, after all the shopping, parties, and football games, we realize that it's time to clean up the house, eat healthier, get on a budget, and go back to work or school.

To make matters worse, before we make our resolutions for the new year, most of us reflect back on the past year and compose our annual list of failures (ie, I didn't get the big promotion, I didn't learn to control my temper, I didn't make five new friends). That's typically the way it works isn't it? As we begin a new season, we tend to beat ourselves up by focusing on the things that we failed to accomplish in the last season.

Why not switch things up this year? As you begin to set goals and think about your resolutions for the new year, let me suggest a different approach. Begin by listing all of the ways God has blessed you over the last year. Start there. Name all the people, gifts, and blessings you have in your life.

Next, instead of focusing on the things you left undone, think of the things that God has helped you to accomplish since this time last year. List each and every thing that comes to mind and give God thanks for giving you the gifts to do what you've done. Even if you don't feel like you have accomplished as much as you originally planned, remember that your God loves you for who you are, not for what you do.

Lastly, as you sit down to list your goals and resolutions for 2016, remember that God created you not just to mark time and check items off of a to-do list but for the purpose of glorifying Him so let that be your focus. Pray about how you might serve and glorify God next year. Let His Spirit guide you as you decide what your priorities are going to be.

All in all, as you transition into a new year, remember to seek God first and keep Him in the center of your resolutions. Putting Him first is truly the only way to have a successful and happy new year.

May God bless you as seek to serve and glorify Him in 2016!

Jay

## PRAYER LIST



Al Nuckolls, Kathyne Middleton, Carol Houston, Jane Griffin,  
Margaret Doyle, Lamont Nuckolls, Ernest Edwards, Denton Nuckolls,  
Margie Hedrick, David Clark, Judy Lusk, Jan Reed, Dottie Griffin,  
Toppi Griffin, Cathy Griffin, Jeanine Clark,  
Mildred Dreschel  
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts  
Brooks Lansing-Jim Lansing's brother  
Kathy Hedrick-Margie Hedrick's daughter-in-law  
Sue & David Broome-Friends of Janice Helton  
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  
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  
Crystal Watts Grishaw-Ben Watts' Sister  
Gladys & Jasper Rogers-Friends of Gwen Maddox  
Joe & Margaret Cargal-Friends of Gwen Maddox  
Marge Fox-Cindy Fehd's mother  
\* Robin Faith-Friend of Dawn LaChapelle  
\* Derek Sims-Brother of Tarah Horne

(\*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!



### Wednesday, December 30

No Wednesday Evening Activities.

### Thursday, December 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.

### Friday, January 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.

### Sunday, January 3 - EPIPHANY SUNDAY

9:30 AM Prayer Group (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

### Tuesday, January 5

1:30 PM UMW Group II meeting (Fel. Cl.)

6:30 PM UMW Group I meeting (at Toppi's home)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (C.B.)

7:30 PM Boy Scouts (C.B.)

### Wednesday, January 6 - EPIPHANY

5:00 PM Family Night Out Meal

6:45 PM Adult Bible Study, B&B Club,

God Followers & Oasis

### Thursday, January 7

5:30 PM Daisies (Ch. Room)

### Sunday, January 10

9:30 AM Prayer Group (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

### Tuesday, January 12

5:30 PM Daisies (CB Rooms)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB Rooms)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (CB)

### Wednesday, January 13

5:00 PM Family Night Out Meal

6:45 PM Adult Bible Study, B&B Club, God

Followers & Oasis

7:35 PM Administrative Board /Planning Session

FH-Fellowship Hall

S-Sanctuary

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

FC-Friendship Classroom

CB-Church Bldg.



THUMC's Wednesday Night Dinners and activities for all ages will resume on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Dinner begins at 5:45 PM. Groups/Activities take place from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.



The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Group II will meet at the home of Toppie Griffin at 6:30 PM for a meal and meeting. Group I will meet at the church at 1:30 PM. ALL ladies of the church are invited to attend either of the two meetings or both. Join us!

### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING / 2016 PLANNING SESSION

All Board members are encouraged to attend a special board meeting and planning session on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:35 pm 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 2016.

Members are: Gene Henderson, Butch Middleton, June Lansing, Vicki Kauffman, Cindy Fehd, Kim Cavender, Ben Watts, Liz Dennis, Karen Chesser, Ed Dreschel & Joel Fehd, Steve Reed, Smokey Lusk, Kathy Watts, Brittany Sewell, Alison Strickland, Jim Lansing, Lindsey Roberts, Valerie Cleaver, Evelyn Defoor, Mickey Reed, Toppi Griffin, Ken Gowin, Ann Kuzniak, Dwana Malone, Pat Anderson, Keith Griffin, and Joe Kauffman.



### BREAKFAST JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

All of the men of the church are invited to the UMM Breakfast meeting on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

### ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

Automatic drafts and online giving are now available at THUMC. Please contact Karen Chesser, THUMC's Financial Secretary, at [thumcfinance1@gmail.com](mailto:thumcfinance1@gmail.com) for more information on how to enroll for these services.

### THANKS FROM KATHRYNE MIDDLETON

*I would like to thank all the carolers who came to my residence and sang so beautifully for me. It brightened the Christmas season and I appreciated the time they spent with me. - Kathryne Middleton*

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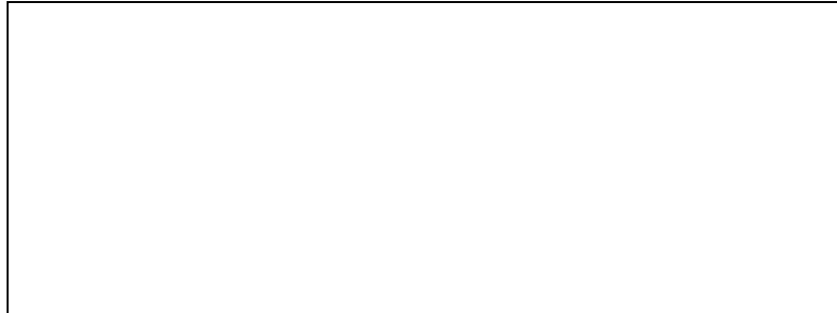
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## SERVING ON SUNDAYS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

ACOLYTE: Molly Middleton & Mia Sewell

USHERS: Gene Henderson, Justin Barton,  
Chuck Davidson & Kevin Braden

NURSERY: Tammy Horne

JAN. OFFERING TEAM: Kim Amos  
& Vicki Kauffman

### JOURNEY LAND:

Haley Middleton - (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade);  
Julie Frisbee - (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Val Cleaver & Marilyn Martin

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

ACOLYTE: See Sunday, January 3

USHERS: See Sunday, January 3

NURSERY: Jennifer Bollwerk

JAN. OFFERING TEAM: See Jan. 3

### JOURNEY LAND:

Nancy Hampton - (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade);  
Suzanne Ratliff - (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Brenda & Mike Hampton

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

ACOLYTE: See Sunday, January 3

USHERS: See Sunday, January 3

NURSERY: Ellen Dreschel

JAN. OFFERING TEAM: See Jan. 3

### JOURNEY LAND:

Joni Tenney - (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
Becky Gowin - (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Steve Reed & Norma Griffin

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$4,978

### Operating Budget Report thru 12/27/2015

Amount Needed Yr. to Date: \$258,856.00

Amount Rec'd Yr. to Date: \$247,431.00

-\$11,425.00

### GIVING FOR DECEMBER 13

GENERAL BUDGET:

\$2927.01

DESIGNATED GIVING:

\$219.00

### GIVING FOR DECEMBER 20

GENERAL BUDGET:

\$6308.00

DESIGNATED GIVING:

\$506.00

### GIVING FOR DECEMBER 27

GENERAL BUDGET:

\$6146.00

DESIGNATED GIVING:

\$615.00

### ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER 13

Sunday School - 62

Worship Service - 164

### ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER 20

Sunday School - 52

Worship Service - 168

### ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER 27

Sunday School - 60

Worship Service - 126