

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

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February 17th,

'Fasting and Feasting'

The season of Lent is meant to be a time when we remember Jesus' extreme sacrifice. It's also meant to be a time for examination and repentance. The ashes that we place on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday symbolize this repentance. They also remind us of where we came from and where we'll return. "*Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.*" These words remind us that we're entering a very somber and reflective season.

Honestly, it's difficult to think about repentance and the cost of the cross for forty days. Most of us do are okay with Mardi Gras celebrations and feasting on Shrove Tuesday but a whole season focusing on suffering and sacrifice? That's tough.

With that said, it's important for us to experience Ash Wednesday and Lent. We need to remember the journey to the cross and the sacrifice that was involved. That's why we make sacrifices during Lent. We fast or abstain from certain things in an effort to remember what Christ gave up for us.

This year I want you to challenge you to approach Lent in a slightly differently way. As you think of something to give up for Lent, also think of something that you'd be willing to add that might help you to move closer to God.

Someone once wrote that Lent is a time for Fasting and Feasting.

It's a time to...

Fast from judgment, and a time to Feast on compassion

Fast from greed and Feast on sharing

Fast from fear and Feast on peace

Fast from gossip and Feast on praise

Fast from anxiety and Feast on patience

Fast from evil and Feast on kindness

Fast from apathy and Feast on engagement

Fast from discontent and Feast on gratitude

Fast from noise and Feast on silence

Fast from discouragement and Feast on hope

- Author Unknown.

May God richly bless you as you take steps to move closer to Him over the next forty days.

Grace and Peace,

Jay

PRAYER LIST

Al Nuckolls, Bob Davidson, Kathryn 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 Home'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
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
*The Family of Matt Lassiter - friend of Val Cleaver
*Doris Masters - Judy Middleton's aunt

(*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, February 18 - ASH WEDNESDAY

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

6:30 PM B&B Club, God Followers,

6:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (S)

Thursday, February 19

5:45 PM Brownie Troop 12613 meeting (FH)

Friday, February 20

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

Sunday, February 22 - 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Monday, February 23

7:00 PM Bible Study (FEL. CL.)

Tuesday, February 17

5:00 PM Scout Pancake Supper (F.H.)

Wednesday, February 25

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

6:30 PM B&B Club, God Followers,

Oasis (FH), Adult Bible Study (S)

Thursday, February 26

5:45 PM Brownie Troop 12613 meeting (FH)

Friday, February 27

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

Sunday, March 1

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 Super Bowl Party

Monday, March 2

7:00 PM Bible Study (FR. CL.)

Tuesday, February 3

5:30 PM Daisies (CB Rooms)

6:30 PM UMW GENERAL MEETING (FH)

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,

Many times in our lives we try to do things on our own without the help of God. At first those things that we attempt to do may seem successful, but in the end we discover that it was either a failure or left us feeling empty and with no purpose. It becomes a cycle in our lives, find something to do, search for satisfaction, become dissatisfied, eliminate the original thing and start over. This is what we have been discussing in Oasis in regards to dating relationships. Many times we look for someone, hope that someone can complete a part of us that feels empty, discover that they cannot fill that void, break up, and start searching for someone else to fill that void in our lives. Hopefully we eventually reach a point of maturity where we realize that no person can make us feel whole, but rather it is God that completes us and sustains us in life. If we keep God at the center of every part of our lives then all other aspects of life tend to be put in perspective. This series that we have been going through has been challenging for me as well as our students. I believe that God is working in the lives of our students through this series. Please continue to be in prayer for Oasis as well as our current series, "It's Complicated: A Relationship Series."

Blessings,
Josh Hall

COVERED DISH LUNCHEON THIS SUNDAY!



Everyone is invited to please join us this Sunday, February 22nd, immediately following the morning worship service for a Covered-Dish Luncheon to honor our Choir Director, Dwana Malone, for thirty years of faithful service. Please bring plenty – we will have guests!

PANCAKE SUPPER DATE CHANGE

Due to the weather forecast the Scouts decided to postpone their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper that was scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th – the Pancake Supper will take place on Tuesday, February 24th, 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Cost will be by donations and all proceeds will benefit the Scouts.



MARRIAGE RESOURCES FROM PASTOR JAY

Last Sunday we wrapped up the "Different by Design" sermon series with a sermon called "Marriage in His Image". At the close of the service, we gave couples an opportunity to renew their vows and over 25 couples came forward and took part! (A video of the sermon/vow renewal ceremony has been posted on the church website - thumc.org)

Several people have asked me about the marriage website that I developed several years ago so I've listed it below. This site offers couples (individually or together) an opportunity to take a quick quiz that evaluates the strengths and weaknesses of their marriage.

It's completely free & confidential so I hope that you'll check it out. Here's the name of the website along w/ the name of my marriage page on Facebook: MyMarriageCoach.com & [MyMarriageCoach Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/MyMarriageCoach)

A NOTE FROM BILL WATKINS:

Dear Church Family, Thank you all so much for the calls, cards, food, visits and most of all your prayers.

I appreciated everything you did.

Sincerely, Bill

A NOTE FROM MARILYN MARTIN:

On behalf of myself and my family, we would like to thank everyone for their concern during my recent illness. You all mean so much to me and my family that I don't know how I can thank you enough.

Love you all, Marilyn

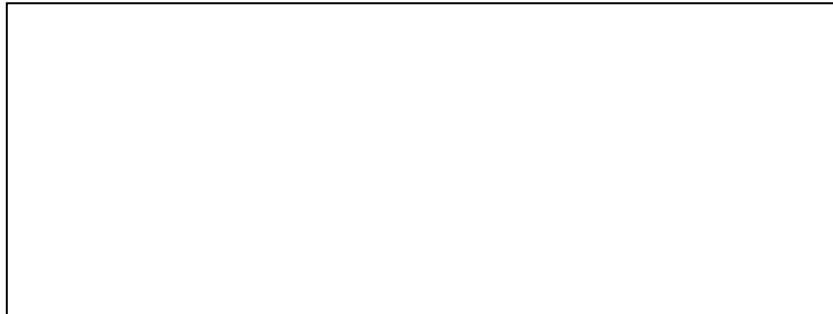
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SERVING ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

ACOLYTES: Abby Horne &

Megan Cornelison

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

NURSERY: Sarah Amos

JOURNEY LAND:

Stephanie Cameron - (Pre K-2nd Grade)
Gidget & Casey Griffin - (3rd - 5th Grades)

GREETERS: Margaret & Jim Doyle

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

ACOLYTES: Charly & Kaylee Cameron

USHERS: James Burroughs, James Riddle,
Larry DeFoor & Bill Watkins

NURSERY: Tara Amos

JOURNEY LAND:

Lindsey Roberts - (Pre K-2nd Grade);
Sidney LaVelle - (3rd - 5th Grades)

GREETERS: Lee & Vi Grimmett

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

ACOLYTES: See Sunday, March 1

USHERS: See Sunday, March 1

NURSERY: Val Cleaver

JOURNEY LAND:

Brittany Sewell - (Pre K-2nd Grade);
Tessa Malone - (3rd - 5th Grades)

GREETERS: Jo Ann Richardson

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2015 Weekly Budget Needed - \$4978

Operating Budget for 2/15/2015

Amount Needed Yr. to Date: \$34,846.00

Amount Rec'd Yr. to Date: \$30,828.97

Difference: -\$ 4,017.03

GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 8

Regular - \$3143.00

Birthday & Anniversary - \$10.00

Sunday School - \$46.00

GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 15

Regular - \$3078.00

Sunday School - \$30.00

Birthday & Anniversary - \$6.00

Use of Fellowship Hall - \$30.00

Property Rent - \$550.00

Youth - \$25.00

Youth Pastor Fund - \$100.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 8

Sunday School - 84

Worship Service - 191

FEBRUARY 15

Sunday School - 77

Worship Service - 151