

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

The Messenger

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“We love because He first loved us.”

- 1st John 4:19

As you probably have already realized, Valentine’s Day will be here soon. Obviously Valentines isn’t a religious holiday, however it is a day devoted to celebrating love so that can’t be a bad thing right?

Valentine’s Day gets its name from a priest named Saint Valentine that lived in Rome around 250 AD. The emperor of Rome at that time was a man named Claudius. In hopes that more men would be available to fight in his army, Claudius decided to ban marriages and threatened to punish anyone who broke this new law.

Legend has it that St. Valentine strongly disapproved of the ban and he continued to perform marriage ceremonies. As a result, one night as Valentine was marrying a couple in secret, Claudius had him thrown in jail and sentenced to death.

While waiting to be put to death, Valentine developed a friendship with the daughter of the prison guard. Her father allowed her to visit Valentine and they would talk for hours. On February 14, 269 AD, the day Valentine was to die, he left the young lady a note thanking her for her friendship and loyalty. It was signed, *“Love from your Valentine.”*

Evidently that one note started the custom of exchanging love notes on Valentine's Day. How we went from that one event to buying jewelry, candy hearts, and chocolate I’ll never know! At any rate, I guess a day set aside to celebrate love can’t be a bad thing.

Although Valentine’s Day isn’t a religious holiday, it can be said that in the church we celebrate love every day. We also teach that all forms of love come from God and that we are only able to love others because He first loved us.

As you celebrate Valentine’s Day this year, remember to thank God for this incredible gift called love. After all, without His love in us we would have no love to share.

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, 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 McMahan-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

Joshua Huff-Judy Lusk's Nephew in Kentucky

Gladys Henderson-Norma Griffin's Sister-in-law

(*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 4

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 5

5:45 PM Brownie Troop 12613 meeting (FH)

Friday, February 6

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

Sunday, February 8

7:30 AM UMM Breakfast meeting (FH)

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, February 10

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, February 11

5:45 PM Meal for Children & Youth (F.H.)

6:00 PM VALENTINE'S NIGHT OUT

Thursday, February 12

5:45 PM Brownie Troop 12613 meeting (FH)

Friday, February 13

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

Sunday, February 15

9:30 AM Prayer Group (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

6:00 PM Oasis Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 16 – PRESIDENT'S DAY WINTER BREAK (ALL WEEK)

Tuesday, February 17

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



Many times in our lives we like to figure out how to do things for ourselves. Our parents can do a great job of guiding us on the right path, but there are some things that we just have to learn on our own. One of the key areas in life that we typically learn on our own is in relationships. Whenever we reach that special age that our parent's say that it is okay to date we begin this cycle of: find someone we like, search for satisfaction, not be able to find it in that person, and finally break up which leaves emotional scarring. God has a plan for our lives, God even has a plan for our relationship life, and I believe that God's ultimate plan in relationships is to have one with Him first and foremost. If we fall in love with God before we attempt to fall in love with another person then many of our relationships gain a certain ultimate perspective. If we are seeking first God's Kingdom then all these other things begin to fall in place or at the very least all these other things are seen in the right perspective. This is the kind of thing that we will be covering in a new series we are starting called "It's Complicated: A Relationship Series." In this series we will explore what God has intended for our relationships all along. I believe it will be a time of engaging, thought provoking, and applicable communication and dialogue. God is starting something special in Oasis and I can't wait to see what he has for us.

Blessings,
Josh Hall



Current Sermon Series:

Different by Design

The Unique Gifts that God Gives to
Men & Women

Sunday, February 8th – “God’s Crowning Jewel”

Sunday, February 15th – “Marriage In His Image”

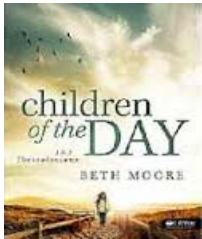
At the close of the service on February 15th, all married couples will be given the opportunity to renew their wedding vows. We hope you'll be able to join us!

“CHILDREN OF THE DAY” BIBLE STUDY

Becky Gowin began a Bible Study on Monday, February 2nd, at 7:00 PM in the Friendship Classroom. Study books are \$19.00 and the Study runs for nine weeks.

The book was written by Beth Moore. There is still time to join!

Please see or call Becky to let her know if you are interested in joining the Study.



VALENTINE’S NIGHT OUT

Valentine’s Night Out has been set for 6:00 PM., Wednesday, February 11th. at the “Farm to Fork” in Ringgold, GA. We will all meet at the restaurant.

To make your reservations, please call Valerie Cleaver at 423-754-9134.

The children and youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 PM until 7:30 PM. Supper will be served.



JOURNEY GROUPS

Are you looking for a group of friends to share the journey with?
Are you needing a place to talk about what God is doing in your life?
Consider leading or forming a Journey Group.

Journey Groups are small, intimate groups of 5 or 6 friends that meet regularly for conversation, fun, prayer and study. Groups may decide to go through bible studies or books together or they can also get together for a meal, a mission project, a movie or some other activity just for fun. They are however very intentional in the way that they are committed to helping people grow closer to God and one another.

To learn more about Journey Groups at THUMC please pick up a Journey Group sheet in the front foyer of the church or contact Pastor Jay at 770-846-9648 or jay.tenney@ngumc.net

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SERVING ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

ACOLYTES: Abby Horne &
Megan Cornelison
USHERS: Steve Reed, Chris Bollwerk,
Kevin Braden & Jeremy Schneider
NURSERY: Beth McCutcheon
JOURNEY LAND:
Brentley Lansing - (Pre K-2nd Grade);
Kathy Blackwell - (3rd - 5th Grades)
GREETERS: Janice & David Helton

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

ACOLYTES: See Sunday, February 8
USHERS: See Sunday, February 8
NURSERY: Casey Griffin
JOURNEY LAND:
Tammy Horne - (Pre K-2nd Grade);
Ellen Dreschel - (3rd - 5th Grades)
GREETERS: Judy & Butch Middleton

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

ACOLYTES: See Sunday, February 8
USHERS: See Sunday, February 8
NURSERY: Sarah Amos
JOURNEY LAND:
Stephanie Cameron - (Pre K-2nd Grade)
Gidget & Casey Griffin - (3rd - 5th Grades)
GREETERS: Margaret & Jim Doyle

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2015 Weekly Budget Needed - \$4978

Operating Budget for 2/2/2015

Amount Needed Yr. to Date: \$24,890.00
Amount Rec'd Yr. to Date: \$23,841.97
Difference: -\$ 1,048.03

GIVING FOR JANUARY 25

Regular - \$4273.00
Birthday & Anniversary - \$1.80
Sunday School - \$47.00
Trust Fund - \$50.00
Youth Pastor Fund - \$150.00
Building Fund - \$50.00

GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 1

Regular - \$6287.84
Sunday School - \$31.00
Birthday & Anniversary - \$11.00
Building Fund - \$100.00
Benevolence Fund - \$128.00
Youth - \$20.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

JANUARY 25

Sunday School - 70
Worship Service - 166

FEBRUARY 1

Sunday School - 67
Worship Service - 161