

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

The Messenger

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Giving up the Hard Stuff for Lent

A father was trying to explain to his young son how important it is to make some sort of sacrifice during lent. To get his son's attention, the father suggested that his son give up candy.

The little boy said, *"I would dad, but giving up candy would be way too hard!"* The father said, *"Well, it's your choice but that's the whole point. We're supposed to make a sacrifice to help us remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us."*

The father continued, *"Besides son, if you give up something that's tough to let go of it will improve your character. If you give up candy for forty days you'll be a more disciplined person by Easter Sunday. After all, your mother and I have given up liquor for Lent."*

The boy said: *"That's funny Dad. I saw you and mom having a drink before dinner last night."* The father replied, *"That was wine son. We gave up hard liquor."* Quick as a flash the little boy said, *"Oh, that's good. I'll give up hard candy then!"*

Sometimes we can take the easy way out during lent can't we? Sometimes instead of choosing to abstain from something that demands discipline and sacrifice, we give something up that we really don't care about in the first place.

Last week someone asked me what I gave up for lent this year and I jokingly told them I was giving up turnip greens. They laughed because they knew that I hate turnip greens. They knew that giving greens up for forty days wouldn't be much of a sacrifice for me!

All kidding aside, as we go through this holy season together may we stay the course and not take the easy way out. After all, Jesus didn't. By going to the cross, He made the ultimate sacrifice for you and me.

I pray that you'll be able to stay committed and strong as you give up the 'hard stuff' for Jesus... whatever that might be for you.

Grace and Peace,
Jay

the ultimate
intervention
sermon series

- march 8th – the mission
- march 15th– the request
- march 22nd– the healing



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, *Jo Anna Davenport Wells
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
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
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 Mr. Bruce Nance - Toppi Griffin's brother
Doris Masters - Judy Middleton's aunt
*Shannon Putnam Fox - Upcoming Heart Surgery in March

(*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, March 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, March 5

5:45 PM Brownie Troop 12613 meeting (FH)

Friday, March 6

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

Sunday, March 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

Monday, March 9

6:00 PM Bible Study (FEL. CL.)

Tuesday, March 10

5:30 PM Daisies (CB Rooms)
6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB Rooms)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, March 11

5:45 PM Family Night Out Meal (F.H.)
6:30 PM B&B Club, God Followers,
Oasis (FH), Adult Bible Study (S)

Thursday, March 12

5:45 PM Brownie Troop 12613 meeting (FH)

Friday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

9:00 AM Eagle Scout Ceremony (F.H.)
9:00 PM Garden Work Day

Sunday, March 15

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 (FH)

Monday, March 16

6:00 PM Bible Study (FR. CL.)

FH-Fellowship Hall
S-Sanctuary
CB-Church Bldg.

FC-Friendship Classroom
YR-Youth Room
FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom



The Oasis Middle School and High School group will be leaving for Camp Glisson this Friday, March 6th and returning Sunday, March 8th. The Oasis teens and their leader would appreciate it if you would please be in prayer for them during their time at Camp Glisson. – Josh Hall, Youth Pastor

Youth Pastor Fund Update

Ten months ago, the Staff Committee of our church hired Josh Hall as THUMC’s youth pastor. It’s hard to believe it’s almost been a year but it’s true! He and Sarah have been such a great addition to our church family and the newly named “Oasis Student Ministry” is growing in number and depth under Josh’s leadership.

Hiring a three-quarter time staff person was a big step for our church financially but it was also the right step. God is blessing us in so many ways and now we’re reaching out and ministering to even more students.

Many of you continue to give beyond your regular giving to support this ministry and we want to thank you for that. Know that your giving is making a huge difference. With that said, we’d like to invite other families to consider financially supporting the youth pastor position during 2015.

Our church continues to be in good standing financially. However, our monthly budget increased this year as we make an effort to reach more people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore additional gifts continue to be needed as we move forward.

If you would like to make either a one-time, monthly, or quarterly donation above and beyond your regular giving to support this portion of the church’s operating budget please “Youth Pastor Fund” in the memo section of your check to ensure that it is placed in the proper fund.

As always, thanks for all that you do to make THUMC such an incredible place to worship and serve God!

Rev. Jay Tenney, Pastor / Mrs. Vicki Kauffman, Interim Finance Chair

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday morning, March 8th, at 2:00 am, Please remember to set your clocks ahead.

BOY SCOUTS UPDATE

The Boy Scouts annual pancake supper originally planned for Shrove Tuesday is not be rescheduled. This is typically a great fundraiser for our Scouts that helps fund projects throughout the year. Therefore, if you would still like to make a donation it would be greatly appreciated. Please see David Helton or Joe Kauffman. Thank you!

FAMILY PROMISE

THUMC will be hosting a family for Family Promise beginning this Sunday, March 8th.

The family that will be here is a mother, father and two teenagers.

Your help is needed in all areas – preparing evening meals, staying overnight, and fellowship with the family. If you’d like to help out, please contact

Ann Kuzniak at 673-7904 or Judy Middleton at 673-5884.

HOLYWEEK SCHEDULE

March 29th – Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3rd, Good Friday - Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 4th, 10:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 am - Community Sunrise Service (T.H. Park)

7:35 am Community Breakfast (F.H.)

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am - Easter Sunday Worship

(No Evening Activities)



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SERVING ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

ACOLYTES: Charly & Kaylee Cameron
USHERS: James Burroughs, James Riddle,
Larry DeFoor & Ben Watts

NURSERY: Val Cleaver

JOURNEY LAND:

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

GREETERS: Jo Ann Richardson

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

ACOLYTES: See Sunday, March 8

USHERS: See Sunday, March 8

NURSERY: Emily Stephens

JOURNEY LAND:

Samantha Lee - (Pre K-2nd Grade)
Kim Amos - (3rd - 5th Grades)

GREETERS: Stacy, Julia & Chuck
Davidson

SUNDAY, MARCH

ACOLYTES: See Sunday, March 8

USHERS: See Sunday, March 8

NURSERY: Delilah Sharp

JOURNEY LAND:

Jennifer Bolwerk - (Pre K-2nd Grade);
Kelly Jones - (3rd - 5th Grades)

GREETERS: Ellen Dreschel &
Liz Dennis

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2015 Weekly Budget Needed - \$4978

Operating Budget for 3/1/2015

Amount Needed Yr. to Date: \$44,802.00

Amount Rec'd Yr. to Date: \$39,835.35

Difference: -\$ 4,966.65

GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 22

Regular - \$3494.00

Birthday & Anniversary - \$2.00

Sunday School - \$26.25

Youth - \$25.00

In Honor of Dwana Malone - \$25.00

GIVING FOR MARCH 1

Regular - \$4981.13

Sunday School - \$31.00

Birthday & Anniversary - \$130.00

Use of Fellowship Hall - \$125.00

Building Fund - \$100.00

Benevolence Fund - \$88.00

Youth Pastor Fund - \$100.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 22

Sunday School - 64

Worship Service - 159

MARCH 8

Sunday School - 56

Worship Service - 150