

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

The Messenger

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Greener Grass?

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1st Thessalonians 5:18

I recently came across this devotion and thought I'd share it with you. It was written by an unnamed stay-at-home mom. I wanted it with you because I believe a lot of parents can relate to what she shares. I hope you enjoy it.

Is there ever a place where the grass is greener? I realized years ago that the grass is not ever greener on the other side. But with that said, that is something that I often forget. Many times I fall into that sort of thinking and I hear myself say,

- *"I hope things settle down when ball season ends."*
- *"Ball season is over. Why is our calendar still so full?"*
- *"When summer comes, things will settle down."*
- *"Summer is here and we are never home!"*
- *"Once school starts, we will get in a routine!"*
- *"How can we get in a routine with so much to do?"*
- *"It'll be nice when we get a school break?"*

This morning I found myself overwhelmed with it all and once again, I am longing for things to slow down. I'm longer for the other side, the greener side. Everyone in my house is going ninety to nothing! One child's homework isn't finished. Her sister is missing an important binder. Then, to make matters worse, I start thinking about everything I need to do today. I need to go to the grocery store and to the bank and to the pharmacy. Then, after school, I still have to get everyone where they need to go.

I feel myself getting anxious and I say to myself, *"I can't wait until the weekend comes so I can relax and just breathe. Maybe one day things will slow down."* There it is - the hope for greener grass.

But then, God gently reminds me that my grass is pretty green right now. Thankfully, I have a healthy family. Thankfully, they have a good school and can be involved in sports. Thankfully, I have a car and gas so I can go to the grocery store and all of the other places we need to go. Are we crazy busy? Yes. But we're also very blessed.

Thank you God, for reminding me that you are with me in the busyness of everyday life.
Thank you for reminding me that even though life can get chaotic, I have much to be thankful for.
Thank you for the green grass that you have given me today.

PRAYER LIST



Al Nuckolls, Kathryne Middleton, Jane Griffin, Margaret Doyle, Ernest Edwards, Denton Nuckolls, David & Jeanine Clark, Judy Lusk, Jan Reed, Dottie Griffin, Toppi Griffin, Cathy Griffin, Mildred Dreschel, Beverly Bates, Sis Damron

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

Mitzy Denson-Friend of Kathy Watts

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

Brittany Morris- (Friend of Stephanie Loggins) -

Pregnant w/twins underwent testing; results not good

Reese Rivera(10month old w/spinal cancer)-

Friend of Susie Webb

*Bobbie King Hogan

*The Family of John Sanford-Henley Voiles'
grandfather

(*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, August 17

5:45 PM Family Meal (FH)

6:30 God Followers, B&B Club, & Adult Study

6:30 PM Oasis Student Ministry

7:35 PM Finance Committee Meeting (FH)

Thursday, August 18

5:30 PM Daisies (Ch. Room)

Sunday, August 21

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

6:00 PM Homemade Ice Cream Social (F.H.)

Tuesday, August 23

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

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 24

5:45 PM Family Meal (FH)

6:30 God Followers, B&B Club, & Adult Study

6:30 PM Oasis Student Ministry

Sunday, August 28

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

Monday, August 29

7:00 PM Trustees Meeting (FEL. CL.)

Tuesday, August 30

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

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 31

5:45 PM Family Meal (FH)

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

6:30 PM Oasis Student Ministry

Thursday, September 1

5:30 PM Daisies (Ch. Room)

FH-Fellowship Hall

CB-Church Bldg.

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

FC-Friendship Classroom

S-Sanctuary



Do you want a share a great meal with family & friends?

Are you looking for activities and bible studies designed to help you grow closer to God?

If so, then you're invited to THUMC on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-7:30pm.

Dinners will resume on Wednesday, August 17th. We have lots of great things are planned for this fall and you're invited to come check it out! There's something for everyone!

Children

Infants to Pre-K will be cared for in the nursery.

B&B Club (Pre-K to 2nd Grade) will meet in the Friendship Classroom downstairs.

God Followers (3rd – 5th Grades) will meet upstairs in the classroom across from the church office.

Youth 6th-12th Grade

Oasis Student Ministries will meet in the Fellowship Hall for games, worship, and discussion.

Adults

All adults are invited to meet in the Sanctuary for the "God's Not Dead" Movie/Discussion.

Weekly Schedule Beginning August 17th

5:45-6:30 p.m. - Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Group Activities/Bible Studies



WHAT'S HAPPENING ON WEDNESDAYS FOR ADULTS

We're going to kick off our Fall Session at 6:30pm this Wednesday evening, August 17th by watching the movie "God's Not Dead". We'll meet in the sanctuary and watch the first half of the movie on the 17th and then we'll watch the second half of the movie on August 24th. Pastor Jay will lead a discussion about the movie on Wednesday night, August 31st. We'll watch and discuss "God's Not Dead 2" during the month of September. Everyone is invited to take part!

Thank You Notes...

From Helen Krimbacher

Dear Church Family, Best Wishes from my hometown, Cologne Germany. I'm looking forward to returning to Tunnel Hill soon. Love to all, Helen Krimbacher (This postcard is on the bulletin board outside of the Friendship class)

From Jo Ann Richardson and Pat Anderson

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with the "Feed the Kids" Summer Nutrition Program this summer. It was very successful and many kids benefitted. It is a great outreach in our community. Thanks again for your help.

From Ann Kuzniak

Dear THUMC Family, I just wanted to tell you what blessings I receive from our Church Family while we worship together, learn more about God's will for our lives and serve Him. I so appreciate your prayers, cards, calls, visits and the food you brought us as I recover from my recent surgery. It is humbling to know that there are so many caring folks in our congregation. I look forward to getting back to "full steam" so I can continue to serve God as He leads me.

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SERVING ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

USHERS: Lee Grimmett, Larry DeFoor,
Aaron Sewell & Chuck Davidson

NURSERY: Karen Chesser

OFFERING TEAM: Becky Gowin &
Lee Grimmett

GREETERS: Jo Ann Richardson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

USHERS: See Sunday, August 21

NURSERY: Kim Amos

OFFERING TEAM: See Sun., Aug. 21

GREETERS: Stacy, Julia & Chuck
Davidson

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

USHERS: Jim Lansing, Bob Ault
Thomas Blackwell

NURSERY: June Lansing

OFFERING TEAM: Brenda Hampton &
Chuck Davidson

GREETERS: Ellen Dreschel & Liz Dennis

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,094.00

Operating Budget Report through 8/14/2016

Amount Needed Yr. to Date:
\$168,102.00

Amount Rec'd Yr. to Date:
\$144,647.55

23,454.45 -\$

GIVING FOR JULY 24

GENERAL BUDGET: \$4988.00
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1185.00

GIVING FOR JULY 31

GENERAL BUDGET: \$6194.83
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$710.00

GIVING FOR AUGUST 7

GENERAL BUDGET: \$4344.05
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$419.00

GIVING FOR AUGUST 14

GENERAL BUDGET: \$2808.00
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$232.00

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 24

Sunday School - 69
Worship Service - 143

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 31

Sunday School - 69
Worship Service - 140

ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 7

Sunday School - 74
Worship Service - 142

ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 14

Sunday School - 75
Worship Service - 151