

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

The Messenger

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‘Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations’

I love Tunnel Hill UMC and I brag on this congregation everywhere I go. We don't claim to be a perfect church because there's no such thing but we are always striving to be more effective in the way we worship and serve God. And that's one of the things that I love about this church. In everything we do, our goal is to make disciples for Jesus Christ and to be a fruitful congregation. That's behind everything that we do here at THUMC.

Robert Schnase, author of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, believes that healthy and effective churches stay focused on five basic practices: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

Radical Christian Hospitality refers to the active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ. It exceeds expectations and goes the second mile.

Passionate Worship means worship that connects people to God, worship that people enter into with expectancy and with the anticipation that God desires to speak to them and connect to them. Whatever the style, passionate worship is authentic, connecting, and sustaining.

Intentional Faith Development refers to the purposeful learning in community that helps followers of Jesus mature in faith. Spiritual formation occurs in community. It is not learned from a book or in isolation. Bible studies, Sunday school classes, short-term studies support groups help us to apply the faith as we journey through life.

Risk-Taking Mission is the service that stretches us out of our comfort zone and has us engaging people and offering ourselves in ways we would never have done if not for our desire to follow Christ. Risk-Taking Mission ventures into uncertainty and generally creates discomfort. It pushes us beyond our normal circle of relationships and church commitments.

Extravagant Generosity describes practices of giving that exceed all expectations. It describes lavish sharing, sacrifice, and giving in service to God and neighbor. The focus is on the Christian's need to give because of the giving nature of God.

As we move into the fall together, may we all rededicate ourselves to each of these five practices of our church. I encourage you to think and pray about the area(s) God is calling you to give more attention to.

When it comes to how you worship and serve God, is He calling you to be more hospitable and welcoming to those who visit? More passionate about attending worship? More intentional in your study of the bible? More involved in risky missions work? More generous in the way you give?

I invite you to think about these five practices and as you do, ask God to help you become even more fruitful in your service to Him and His church. You see, when YOU become more fruitful, WE as a church, become more fruitful as well.

Grace & Peace,
Jay

PRAYER LIST



Al & Denton Nuckolls, Kathyne Middleton, Jane Griffin, Margaret Doyle, Ernest Edwards, Judy Lusk, Jan Reed, Dottie Griffin, Toppi Griffin, Cathy Griffin, Sis Damron, Mildred Dreschel, Ray Anderson, Macoy Griffin, Dot Rann, Hub Griffin, Beverly Bates, Mary Helen Jolly, Ed Dreschel, Gene & Bertha Lou Adamson, Barbara Vaughn, Norma Griffin

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

Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's Mother

Rose Reinhardt-Dawn LaChapelle's Mother

Kenneth Tatum-Veda Nuckolls' Brother

Gene & Edna Blevens-Jo Anna Davenport's 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

Robert Green-Friend of Jo Anna Davenport

Gabarb Vaughn Summers

Breanne Locklear-Jo Anna Davenport's niece

Don Gribble

Gladys & Jasper Rogers-Friends of Gwen Maddox

Marge Fox-Cindy Fehd's mother

Robin Faith-Friend of Dawn LaChapelle

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

Jackie Neel – Anne Monk's Sister

Nathan Gaddy – Friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Kinslie Marie Flowers-friend of Julie Frisbee

Bobbie King Hogan

Dolly Hamby-friend of Kay Jernigan

Heather Stiles-friend of Susie Webb

Eddie Mac Sanders-Friend of Kenny Gowin

Ricky Reed-friend of Amy Roberts

Sue Rogers – Ron Houston's sister

Kyler Bass-Friend of Wendy Voiles

Maryann Fowler-Friend of Susie Webb

Glen Dean-Friend of Susie Webb

John Lofty

Joey Halloran-soldier serving overseas-Joe Kauffman

Agee Martin-Valerie Cleaver's brother

Alyssa Talley

Chet Dreschel

Brecklynn Allgood

Doug Mitchell

Marianne Christianson-Mary Wood's mother

Woody Glenn-Ellen Dreschel's uncle

Ron Hawkins-Friend of Gwen Maddox

Wesley Weaver-Michael Loggins' Brother

Tina Taylor-Val Cleaver's Sister

*The Family of Mr. Philip Ewing

(*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!

welcome
AUGUST



Wednesday, August 9

5:45 PM Wednesday Meal (F.H.)

6:15 PM AWANA

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study & Oasis Student Ministry

Thursday, August 10

7:00 PM Grief Support Group

Sunday, August 13

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)

9:15 AM Sunday School Rally (F.H.)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

Monday, August 14

NO Young at Hearts meeting

Tuesday, August 15

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

6:30 PM Cub Scout meeting (F.H.)

7:30 PM Boy Scout meeting (F.H.)

Wednesday, August 16

5:45 PM Wednesday Meal (F.H.)

6:15 PM AWANA

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study & Oasis Student Ministry

Thursday, August 17

7:00 PM Grief Support Group

Sunday, August 20

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, August 22

6:30 PM Cub Scout meeting (F.H.)

7:30 PM Boy Scout meeting (F.H.)

Wednesday, August 23

5:45 PM Wednesday Meal (F.H.)

6:15 PM AWANA

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study & Oasis Student Ministry

Thursday, August 24

7:00 PM Grief Support Group

FH-Fellowship Hall

FC-Friendship Classroom

CB-Church Bldg.

S-Sanctuary

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom



**THUMC's Wednesday Night Dinners/Activities have resumed.
There's something for everyone and you're invited to come check it out!**

5:45-6:30 p.m. - Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
(*\$4 for 18 years & older, Free for those under 18*)

6:15-7:30 p.m. - AWANA Clubs for Kids in the Sanctuary & Main Building

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Oasis Student Ministry in the Fellowship Hall

6:30-7:30 p.m. - "Knowledge of the Holy" Bible Study for Adults (Fellowship Cl.)



New Wednesday Night Children's Ministry Begins

THUMC is now offering "AWANA Clubs for Kids" on Wednesday evenings. Each Wednesday night, all children Pre-K to 5th grade will start and end Awana in the sanctuary. After a short opening each Wednesday at 6:15pm in the sanctuary, the children will be divided into three age groups for bible study and all types of fun activities: Cubbies 3yr-Pre-K (must be potty trained), Sparks K-2nd, Truth and Training 3rd-5th. We are excited to see what God is going do through this new ministry!



THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 9:15 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

**IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A SUNDAY SCHOOL OR NOT –
WE WILL HELP YOU FIND A CLASS JUST RIGHT FOR YOU!**

**PLEASE COME TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 9:15 A.M. FOR A
LIGHT BREAKFAST AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP!**



Mark your calendars now for THUMC's first ever "Tunnel Hill's Got Talent." The Family Committee is sponsoring a Talent Show on Sunday, September 10th, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and Dessert will be served. Individuals or groups can perform and acts should take approximately 5 minutes. Please contact Nancy Hampton at nbh1505@aol.com or 706-218-0156 to sign up to perform. This will definitely be a fun night so we hope to see you there!

ATTN: ALL MEN

Volunteers are needed to help out with the ushering on Sunday mornings. This would only be for two months out of the year. If you would like to help out, please see or call Butch Middleton at 706-280-7326 (cell) or at 706-673-5884 (home).

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

USHERS: Lee Grimmatt, Larry DeFoor,
Chuck Davidson & Kevin Braden

NURSERY: Julie Kuzniak

OFFERING TEAM: Becky Gowin &
Lee Grimmatt

GREETERS: Judy & Butch Middleton

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

USHERS: See Sunday, August 13

NURSERY: June Lansing

OFFERING TEAM: See Sunday, August 13

GREETERS: Lee & Vi Grimmatt

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

USHERS: See Sunday, August 13

NURSERY: Casey Griffin

OFFERING TEAM: See Sunday, August 13

GREETERS: Jo Ann Richardson &
Anne Monk

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,094.00

Operating Budget Report

Through July 31, 2017

Received for Budget YTD: \$140,059

Disbursed YTD: \$144,508
(-\$4,449)

GIVING FOR JULY 23

GENERAL BUDGET: \$2083.91

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$202.00

GIVING FOR JULY 30

GENERAL BUDGET: \$6901.84

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$408.00

GIVING FOR AUGUST 6

GENERAL BUDGET: \$6901.84

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$408.00

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 23

Sunday School - 55

Worship - 113

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 30

Sunday School - 62

Worship - 134

ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 6

Sunday School - 66

Worship - 148