

# Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

*The Messenger*

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## ***Erasing Tough Times?***

A gentleman named Jonathan Haidt once developed a great exercise that challenges our attitude and approach toward adversity. In this exercise, he said to imagine that you could read the entire script of your children's lives before they were born.

Each script would reveal everything your children would go through in their lives. You could have access to each script for ten minutes along with an eraser so that you could edit it and remove whatever you didn't want your children to experience.

You read in the script that your son would have a learning disability. Reading would be extremely difficult and frustrating for him. Would you erase this experience so that he could avoid it?

All throughout high school, your daughter dreams of going to a certain university. It's all that she talks about for years but her test scores aren't high enough to get in. She's crushed. Would you allow your daughter to go through that pain?

Your son would get a great job with a Fortune 500 company but after two years he would be laid off unexpectedly because of cutbacks. He would lose his house and have to move into a small apartment to make ends meet. Would you leave that in?

So what would you erase? Would you take out all of the painful experiences? Would you choose to erase every failure and setback or just some of them? Do you believe that by being exempt from tough times your children would grow up to be better, stronger, or more generous people? It's interesting to think about. A guy by the name of James who faced his share of tough times once wrote:

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking in anything". - (James 1:1-2)*

I cannot honestly say that I look forward to tough times, who does? However, these words from James help me to keep them in proper perspective. May God grant us His strength, not just to endure trials, but also to grow stronger in our faith because of them.

Grace and Peace,  
Jay

## PRAYER LIST



Al Nuckolls, Kathyne Middleton, Carol Houston, Ray Anderson, Jane Griffin, Margaret Doyle, Linda Reed, Lamont Nuckolls, Ernest Edwards, Butch Middleton, Shirley Gribble, Denton Nuckolls, Gene Adamson, Margie Hedrick, David Clark, Veda Nuckolls, Judy Lusk, \*Thomas Blackwell, \*Steve Reed, \*Larry DeFoor, \*Beth McCutcheon, \*Jan Reed, \*Dottie Griffin

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

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

Sandy Clark-Anne Monk's Sister

Sammy Jackson-Gene Henderson's brother

Betty Cagle-Kay Henderson's aunt

Lee Hogan-Friend of David Clark

Dana Bragg-Friend of Janice Helton

Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's mother

Rose Reinhardt -Dawn LaChapelle's mother

Kenneth Tatum-Veda Nuckolls' Brother

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

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

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

Doris Masters - Judy Middleton's aunt

Breanne Locklear - Jo Anna Wells' niece

Talan Williams - Friend of Debbie Griffin

Jim Middleton-Butch Middleton's uncle

Josh Grishaw - Ben & Kathy Watt's Nephew

Don Gribble

Margie Bruner

Tina Taylor - Val Cleaver's sister & Marilyn Martin's daughter

Rana Mashburn- Daughter of Debbie Griffin's friend

\*The Family of Mr. Robert Menke-Joe Kauffman's Nephew

(\*Denotes new additions)

Please contact the church office at 706- 673-4022 or [thumc@optilink.us](mailto:thumc@optilink.us) to add/remove a friend or loved one from the Prayer List. - Thanks!



### Wednesday, September 2

5:45 PM Family Night Meal

6:30 PM B&B Club, God Followers, Oasis (FH),  
Adult Bible Study (S)

7:30 PM Oasis After Party (F.H.)

### Thursday, September 3

5:30 PM Daisies (FR. CL.)

### Friday, September 4

10:00 AM F.H. - Oasis serving meal for the  
NWHS football team.

### Sunday, September 6

9:30 AM Prayer Group (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

2:30 PM Baby Shower for Katie Henderson  
Short(FH)

5:00 PM Choir Practice

6:00 PM Oasis (FH)

### Tuesday, September 8

5:30 PM Daisies (CB Rooms)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB Rooms)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

### Wednesday, September 9

5:45 PM Family Night Meal

6:30 PM B&B Club, God Followers, Oasis (FH),  
Adult Bible Study (S)

7:30 PM Oasis After Party (F.H.)

### Thursday, September 10

5:30 PM Daisies (FR. CL.)

### Sunday, September 13

7:30 AM United Methodist Men's Breakfast Mtg.  
(F.H.)

9:30 AM Prayer Group (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

2:00 PM Baby Shower for Alison Strickland  
(F.H.)

5:00 PM Choir Practice

6:00 PM Oasis (FH)

### Tuesday, September 15

5:30 PM Daisies (CB Rooms)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB Rooms)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (CB)

### Wednesday, September 16

5:45 PM Family Night Meal

6:30 PM B&B Club, God Followers, Oasis (FH),  
Adult Bible Study (S)

7:30 PM Oasis After Party (FH)

### Thursday, September 17

5:30 PM Daisies (FR. CL.)

FH-Fellowship Hall

S-Sanctuary

CB-Church Bldg.

FC-Friendship Classroom

YR-Youth Room

FEL CL-Fellowship CL.



## **“CRAZY LOVE” STUDY**

Becky Gowin and Josh Hall will be co-leading the class, “Crazy Love” each Monday evening beginning September 14 and ending on October 19. The books cost \$10.00 each (if you would like to keep it), if not, they will cost you nothing. To reserve your place, please call Becky Gowin at 706-673-5657, Josh Hall at 706-280-8090 or the Church Office at 706-673-4022. The class will take place in the Friendship Classroom

## **NUT SALE**

The United Methodist Women’s Group II is beginning their annual nut sale. Brochures & order forms have been placed in the sanctuary. To place your order, email Tarah Horne at [mxlb@windstream.net](mailto:mxlb@windstream.net) or call her at 706-280-4476 or call Mildred Dreschel at 706-673-4279. The deadline to order is Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **HOME COMING**

Please invite your family and friends to THUMC’s Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Our guest preacher will be The Rev. Jim Mitchell, a former pastor at THUMC. There will be a covered-dish meal following the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a well-filled basket and/or a dessert to share.



## **BEYOND THE SCREEN - AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT SOCIAL MEDIA**

A special forum will be held here at THUMC at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. In this forum, Jay Tenney and Josh Hall will discuss many popular social media apps being used to today and how some of them can be dangerous. This discussion will also focus on the spiritual implications of social media. Jay Tenney will lead the discussion with the parents and Josh Hall will have a conversation with the students. This event is designed for parents and students, however everyone is welcome to attend! A nursery will be provided for children 3 yrs. old and younger.



## **UPCOMING BABY SHOWERS**

All ladies of the Church are invited to the following Drop-In Baby Showers in the Fellowship Hall:

Katie Henderson Short, Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:30p.m.

It’s a girl and Katie is registered at Babies-R-Us.

Alison Strickland, Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:00p.m.

Gender unknown and Alison is registered at Babies-R-Us.



*“Thank you, my church family, for your kind and generous spirit and for the food and prayers. I’m getting better every day. I Love You All.” – Judy Lusk*

*“A special thank you to everyone for their concern and prayers for me over the past twenty months.” – Butch Middleton*

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## SERVING ON SUNDAYS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

ACOLYTES: Veronica Schneider &  
Katie Bollwerk

USHERS: Jim Lansing, Austin Lansing,  
Jimmy Baker & Ray Ratliff

NURSERY: June Lansing

### JOURNEY LAND:

Joni Tenney - (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
Gidget & Casey Griffin - (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Jim & Margaret Doyle

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

ACOLYTES: See Sunday, Sept. 6

USHERS: See Sunday, Sept. 6

NURSERY: Beth McCutcheon

### JOURNEY LAND:

Amy & Lindsey Roberts - (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
David & Jeanine Clark - (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETERS: Lee & Vi Grimmett

## HOMECOMING

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ACOLYTES: See Sunday, Sept. 6

USHERS: See Sunday, Sept. 6

NURSERY: Casey Griffin

### JOURNEY LAND:

Kay Henderson - (Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade);  
Tessa Tapia - (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

GREETER: Jo Ann Richardson

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$4978.00

### Operating Budget Report thru 8/30/2015

Amount Needed Yr. to Date: \$174,633

Amount Rec'd Yr. to Date: \$164,772  
-\$9,861

### GIVING FOR AUGUST 23

GENERAL BUDGET:

\$4107

DESIGNATED GIVING:

\$77

### GIVING FOR AUGUST 30

GENERAL BUDGET:

\$12,454

DESIGNATED GIVING:

\$123

### ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 23

Sunday School - 57

Worship Service - 114

### ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 30

Sunday School - 68

Worship Service - 142