

# Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

*The Messenger*

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## **A WORD FROM THUMC'S NEW YOUTH PASTOR**

Hello, Garrett Teems here. I wanted to take a second and better introduce myself through the lens of where I've been and the vision I have for the future of Oasis. I grew up in Ringgold, GA and attended Ringgold United Methodist Church from a young age. We had an extremely active youth group and I found myself playing guitar in the church's praise band.

Through this band, we teamed up with Ringgold First Baptist to start what we called Fusion. Fusion was a youth night held once a month that eventually grew so much that we had to hold it at the Ringgold Middle School gym. My hope is that God will continue to grow THUMC's Oasis Student Ministry like He grew that ministry and that it will continue to draw in young people who might not have been connected to a church before. Our numbers in Oasis seem to be growing and that excites me because it still holds true that nothing draws a crowd, like a crowd.

After graduating from Ringgold High School, I attended Berry College where I was able to take senior level courses in Christian classes, church history, New Testament, and even one that focused solely on Revelation. These courses lit a fire in me for apologetics and philosophical debate. I have kept that fire lit in the decade since I've graduated through study, meditation, and debate groups. Now, I hope to use this passion that God placed in me to ignite a fire in THUMC's youth.

Oasis. What a special group of talented, smart, funny...well, this list could get long so let's move on. As we meet together each week, we have loads of fun but also know that it is my goal is to also share lessons that challenge young people to think about things through a Christian worldview with their MINDS, and thus growing their HEARTS in Christ Jesus.

Hopefully, this will ignite a fire in their SOULS that will spread through everything they touch. Overall, it is my mission to instill Matthew 22:37 into everything Oasis does. Jesus reminds us, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your HEART, and with all your SOUL, and with all your MIND."*

Within the group, I continue to sense a hunger to know more about God as well as a desire to grow closer to Him. It fires me up to see the way young men's and women's eyes light up when they're challenged and their enthusiasm grow when they're presented something they have not considered before.

I'm already seeing God grow our group in number and depth. Youth that tend to be quiet are starting to speak out and ask questions. Youth that are new to the group are standing up and speaking in front of their peers. Youth that tend to be shy are standing up in front of the congregation to belt out a song with a smile on their lips.

I always end my lessons with a challenge to the youth, and I want to do the same here. I challenge everyone in our church to talk to our youth when you see them in those front rows on Sunday mornings, or to come hang out with us on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm so that you can see what we're all about.

Just know, you are always welcome to get involved in this ministry. For with many mentors, we will be able to send these young people and their fire out into the world on a rock solid foundation. I look forward to leading this incredible group of young people and to serving God alongside you in the days ahead.

-Garrett



## PRAYER LIST

Al Nuckolls, Kathyne Middleton, Margaret Doyle,  
Cathy Griffin, Sis Damron, Mildred Dreschel, Ray Anderson,  
Barbara Vaughn, Shirley Gribble, Beverly Bates,  
Norma Griffin, Valerie Cleaver, \*Vera Nations, Smokey  
Lusk, \*Butch Middleton

THUMC's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts  
Brooks Lansing-Jim Lansing's Brother  
Sue Broome-Friend of Janice Helton  
Terry Corcoran-Erin Middleton's Dad  
Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's Mother  
Kenneth Tatum-Veda Nuckolls' Brother  
Linda Corn-friend of Susie Webb  
Raya Owens-Friend of Jada Barton  
Gabarb Vaughn Summers  
Breanne Locklear-Jo Anna Davenport's niece  
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  
Kinslie Marie Flowers-friend of Julie Frisbee  
Dolly Hamby-friend of Kay Jernigan  
Eddie Mac Sanders-Friend of Kenny Gowin  
Ricky Reed-friend of Amy Roberts  
Kyler Bass-Friend of Wendy Voiles  
Glen Dean-Friend of Susie Webb  
Agee Martin-Valerie Cleaver's brother  
Alyssa Talley  
Chet Dreschel  
Brecklynn Allgood  
Doug Mitchell  
Ron Hawkins-Friend of Gwen Maddox  
Tina Taylor-Val Cleaver's Sister  
Mary Fare-Jo Anna Davenport's Aunt  
Carl Hooper-Friend of Amy Roberts  
Trish Phillips-Friend of Jeanine Clark  
James Breeden-Friend of Butch Middleton  
Harold & Virginia Campbell  
Teresa Evans-Friend of Amy Roberts  
Scott Hannah-Friend of Todd Middleton  
\*Betty Fetzner-Tammy Horne's mother  
\*Anelia King-Relative of Vicki Kauffman & Susie Webb  
\*The Family of Mr. Perry Goss-Friend of Liz Dennis

(\*Denotes new additions)

To add/remove a friend or loved one to the Prayer List,  
please contact the church office at 706- 673-4022 or  
thumc@optilink.us. Thanks!



### Wednesday, April 25

5:45 PM Mid Week Meal Served (FH)  
6:15-7:30 PM AWANA Clubs for Kids (CB & S)  
6:30 PM Adult Bible Study  
6:30 PM Oasis Student Ministry

### Thursday, April 26

7:00 PM Grief Support Group (THUMC)

### Sunday, April 29

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship  
2:00 PM Baby Shower – Madison Davenport

### Monday, April 30

6:00 PM Cub Scouts (F.H.)

### Tuesday, May 1

1:30 PM UMW – Group II meeting (FEL. CL.)  
5:15 PM Girl Scouts-Cadettes (Ch. Room)  
6:30 PM UMW – Group I meeting (F.H.)  
6:30 PM Brownies & Juniors (YR)  
6:30 PM Cub Scout meeting (F.H.)  
7:00 PM Boy Scout meeting (F.H.)

### Wednesday, May 2

5:45 PM Mid Week Meal Served (FH)  
6:15-7:30 PM AWANA Clubs for Kids (CB & S)  
6:30 PM Adult Bible Study  
6:30 PM Oasis Student Ministry

### Thursday, May 3- NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

12:00 PM Community Prayer Svc. at City Hall  
7:00 PM Grief Support Group (THUMC)

### Saturday, May 5

10:00 AM HUMAN TRAFFICKING EXPO AT  
TUNNEL HILL UMC

### Sunday, May 6

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship

### Monday, May 7

6:00 PM Cub Scouts (F.H.)

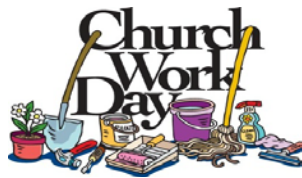
### Tuesday, May 8

5:15 PM Girl Scouts-Cadettes (Ch. Room)  
6:30 PM Brownies & Juniors (YR)  
6:30 PM Cub Scout meeting (F.H.)  
7:00 PM Boy Scout meeting (F.H.)

### Wednesday, May 9

5:45 PM Mid Week Meal Served (FH)  
6:15-7:30 PM AWANA Clubs for Kids (CB & S)  
6:30 PM Adult Bible Study  
6:30 PM Oasis Student Ministry

FH-Fellowship Hall                      FC-Friendship Classroom  
CB-Church Bldg.                              S-Sanctuary  
FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom



There will be a Community Garden and Church Grounds Workday held on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Mulch will be spread in the garden and around the church so please bring wheel barrows/shovels if you can. If it rains on the 21<sup>st</sup>, the workday will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

## BABY SHOWER IT'S A GIRL!

All ladies are invited to a Drop In Baby Shower for Madison Davenport on Sunday, April 29th, from 2:00 until 3:30PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Madison is registered at Walmart and Babies-R-Us.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Everyone is invited to a community prayer service sponsored by THUMC & Tunnel Hill Baptist church at City Hall on Thursday, May 3rd, at 12PM.



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING EXPO RAISING AWARENESS TO MAKE A CHANGE

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 10a.m - 1p.m

Join us and partnering community organizations for this free event. Guest speakers will be exposing the truth about the harsh reality of human sex trafficking, and information on anti-trafficking/ exploitation related services. A light lunch and childcare will be provided.



We will be recognizing High School and College Graduates on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you know of anyone connected to THUMC who is graduating, please call the Church Office (673-4022) so that we can recognize them.



## Staff Appreciation

As you know, THUMC has a gifted and committed staff. In an effort to stay fiscally responsible and keep our expenses manageable, THUMC's general budget did not increase this year and staff salaries have not increased in the last two years. With this in mind, the Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to give the congregation an opportunity to show it's gratitude to the staff through a "Staff Appreciation Offering". If you would like to contribute, please make your checks payable to "THUMC" and mark it "Staff Appreciation". The SPR Committee will divide and distribute this offering to the members of our church staff. Thanks!

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

**USHERS:** Ken Gowin, Thomas Blackwell,  
Aaron Sewell & Chuck Davidson

**NURSERY:** Karen Chesser

**OFFERING TEAM:** Ellen Dreschel &  
Vicki Kauffman

**GREETERS:** Jo Ann Richardson &  
Anne Monk

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29**

**USHERS:** See Sunday, April 22

**NURSERY:** Amy Sternard

**OFFERING TEAM:** See Sunday, April 22

**GREETERS:** Stacy, Julia & Chuck Davidson

**SUNDAY, MAY 6**

**USHERS:** Will Tenney, Jack McRae,  
Hunter Frisbee & Isaac Watson

**NURSERY:** June Lansing

**OFFERING TEAM:** Becky Gown &  
Lee Grimmett

**GREETERS:** Ellen Dreschel & Liz Dennis

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,094.00

**GIVING FOR MARCH 25**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$5273.71  
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$85.00

**GIVING FOR APRIL 1**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$7136.00  
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$180.00

**GIVING FOR APRIL 8**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3603.11  
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$60.69

**GIVING FOR APRIL 15**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3821.59  
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$79.00

**ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 25**

Sunday School - 62

Worship - 146

**ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 1**

Sunday School - 73

Worship - 232

**ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 8**

Sunday School - 62

Worship - 127

**ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 15**

Sunday School - 53

Worship - 108