

# Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

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## ***The Parable of the Fishless Fishermen***

On a recent beach trip, my son Will and I went fishing. We got up early, stopped by the bait shop, and went out to the jetties to see if the fish were biting. Unfortunately, they weren't. We saw several dolphins and manatees but we didn't catch a single fish. I was disappointed but I didn't allow the fact that we were 'fishless' ruin my day. After all, I was able to spend the entire morning with my son in an incredible part of God's creation. However, that experience caused me to think about the following modern day parable...

Now it came to pass that a group existed who called themselves fishermen. And lo, there were many fish in the waters all around. In fact, the whole area was surrounded by streams and lakes filled with fish. And the fish were hungry. Year after year these who called themselves fishermen met in meetings and talked about their call to fish, the abundance of fish, and how they might go about fishing.

Continually they searched for new and better definitions of fishing. They sponsored costly nationwide and worldwide conferences to discuss fishing and to promote fishing and hear about all the ways of fishing. These fishermen built large, beautiful buildings called "*Fishing Headquarters*" all over the place. The plea was that everyone should be a fisherman and that every fisherman should fish. There was one thing they didn't do, however, they didn't fish.

They organized a board to send out fishermen to where there were many fish. The board was formed by those who had the great vision and courage to speak about fishing, to define fishing, and to promote the idea of fishing in far-away streams and lakes. The board hired staffs and appointed committees and held many meetings to define fishing, to defend fishing, and to decide what new streams should be explored. But the staff and committee members were so consumed with their duties they didn't have time to fish. Expensive training centers were built. Those who taught had doctorates in fishology but they certainly didn't have time to fish either, they only taught fishing.

After one stirring meeting on "*The Necessity for Fishing*," a young fellow left the meeting and went fishing. The next day he reported that he had caught two outstanding fish. He was honored for his excellent catch and scheduled to visit all the big meetings possible to tell how he did it. So he quit fishing in order to have time to tell about the experience to the other fishermen. He was also placed on the Fishermen's General Board as a person having considerable experience.

Imagine how hurt some were when one day a person suggested that those who didn't catch fish were really not fishermen, no matter how much they claimed to be. Yet it did sound correct. Can a person claim to be a fisherman if he/she actually never goes fishing? – Author Unknown.

I hope you'll be able to join us this Sunday in worship as we consider how, as modern day disciples, God calls us all to be fishers of people who actually go fishing.

Grace & Peace,  
Jay



## PRAYER LIST

Al Nuckolls, Kathyne Middleton, Margaret & Jim 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, Ellen Dreschel, \*Tammy Balsler

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  
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  
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 Fetzer-Tammy Horne's mother  
Anelia King-Relative of Vicki Kauffman & Susie Webb  
Jack Rhodes-Grandson of Linda & Gerald Pack  
Arlene Hooker-Friend of Gwen Maddox  
James & Lynda Quarles-Friend of Gwen Maddox  
Marilyn Brown-Friend of Gwen Maddox  
Colton House-Friend of Susie Webb  
\*Ali & Jase Carter-Friend of Susie Webb  
\*The Family of Michael Glass  
\*B.J. Jarrett-Nancy Hampton's nephew  
\*The Family of Mr. Aaron Lee

(\*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](mailto:thumc@optilink.us). Thanks!



### Sunday, July 22

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

### Monday, July 23

7:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Comm. Mtg. (F.C.)

### Tuesday, July 24

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

### Wednesday, July 25

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study  
6:30 PM Oasis Student Ministry

### Thursday, July 26

7:00 PM Grief Support Group (Legacy Apt. C'house)

### Friday, July 27

OASIS CAMPOUT (until Sunday, 7/29)

### Sunday, July 29

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

### Tuesday, July 31

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

FH-Fellowship Hall

FC-Friendship Classroom

CB-Church Bldg.

S-Sanctuary

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom



Whew, this Summer has been amazing! God continues to move in Oasis, and the congregation got to see some of that Youth Sunday. I just wanted to thank all of you who have been behind Oasis, and the tremendous amount of support shown to the group July 1st. We felt the love of the church surround us as God poured forth from our hearts. Before I let you go, I want to assure you that big things are on the horizon in the Fall. Hang on to your hats THUMC family! God is great, and we love you all dearly. –Garrett Teems, Youth Minister

## Wednesday Night Dinners

*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 8<sup>th</sup>.  
(\$4 for 18 years & older, Free for those under 18)*

*There's something for everyone and you're invited to come check it out!*

### Children (Infants to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

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

All Children Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to take part in THUMC's AWANA Clubs Ministry which will be held in the main building.

### Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Oasis for Middle and High School Students will meet in the Fellowship Hall for games, worship, & discussion.

### Adults

All adults are invited to meet in the Fellowship Classroom for Bible Study.

### Weekly Schedule Beginning August 8<sup>th</sup>

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

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

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Youth and Adult Activities/Bible Studies



### Steel Magnolias at NW High School

7pm - August 17<sup>th</sup> / 7pm - August 18<sup>th</sup> / 2pm - August 19<sup>th</sup>

Proceeds to benefit The Carol Braden Houston Memorial Scholarship Fund which assists teenage parents attend college or technical school. Please contact Ron Houston to volunteer to help or for tickets at 706-483-6155.

### FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT CITY OF REFUGE

Looking for a way to give back to our community? The summer months often bring about a low food supply at the City of Refuge Food Pantry in Dalton which sometimes causes them to close. The Northwest High School Cheerleaders are currently conducting a food drive in an effort to help. A collection barrel will be in THUMC's Fellowship Hall until July 25th for your donations. Thank you in advance for your participation in this worthy cause.

## Welcome THUMC's Newest Members!



### **The Walker Family**

Jason, Natima, Hank & Bo  
504 Tyson Drive  
Tunnel Hill, GA 30755



### **Mrs. Hilda Donahue**

P.O. Box 931  
18 Standard Court  
Ringgold, GA 30736



### **The Teems Family**

Tammy & Mark  
P.O. Box 1279  
Ringgold, GA 30736

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,094.00

### GIVING FOR JULY 1

GENERAL BUDGET: \$1864.10  
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1886.10

### GIVING FOR JULY 8

GENERAL BUDGET: \$8057.36  
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$651.00

### GIVING FOR JULY 15

GENERAL BUDGET: \$2114.25  
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$52.00

### SUNDAY, JULY 22

USHERS: Justin Barton, Gene Henderson,  
Blake Horne & Mark Horne

NURSERY: Jada Barton

OFFERING TEAM: Vicki Kauffman &  
Ellen Dreschel

GREETERS: Stacy, Julia & Chuck Davidson

### SUNDAY, JULY 29

USHERS: See Sun., July 22

NURSERY: Julie Frisbee

OFFERING TEAM: See Sun., July 22

GREETERS: Ellen Dreschel & Liz Dennis

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

USHERS: To be determined.

NURSERY: Sydney LaVelle

OFFERING TEAM: Becky Gowin &  
Lee Grimmett

GREETERS: Becky & Ken Gowin

### ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 1

Sunday School - 60  
Worship - 184

### ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 8

Sunday School - 53  
Worship - 131

### ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 15

Sunday School - 58  
Worship - 111