

# Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

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## **“Satan’s Best Strategies”**

*“Be still and know that I am God”*

*– Psalm 46:10*

Word has it that Satan once called a worldwide gathering of his evil angels to discuss their plan of attack. In his opening address he said, *“We can’t keep believers from going to church or from reading their bibles. We can’t keep them from discovering the truth and we certainly can’t keep them from being in relationship with God. However, we can interfere in their relationships and we can steal their time.”*

He continued, *“So here’s what I want you to do. Distract believers in every way possible. Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent schemes to occupy their minds. Let’s convince everyone that we can the life that they desire can be obtained if they’ll only work harder and longer.”*

*“Do whatever it takes to keep believers from spending time with God and with the people who mean the most to them. Fragment their families and fill up their calendars so that they won’t have any time left to go outside and reflect on God’s wonders.”*

*“Let’s over-stimulate their minds with information so that they cannot hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. Pound their minds with news 24/7. Clutter the landscape with billboards and flood their mailboxes with junk mail that they’ll be forced to sort through.”*

*Place huge screens full of useless information in front of them everywhere they go. Put small screens in their hands to keep them looking down and to keep them from talking to each other. Even in their recreation, let them be excessive so that they’ll return from their recreation exhausted and unprepared for the coming week.”*

*“Lastly”, he said, “while we cannot prevent believers from doing good deeds but we can crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time left to worship, pray, and draw close to God. Busyness and distraction, they are our best strategies.”*

(From “Satan’s Convention” - Author Unknown)

It was quite a convention. And the evil angels went eagerly to their assignments. So if it’s true, if busyness and distraction are some of Satan’s best strategies, would you say that they’re working? How busy and distracted are you these days? How much time have you set aside this week to ‘be still’ before God? It’s worth thinking about.

Grace & Peace,  
Jay



## **New Wednesday Night Study**

You’re invited to join Pastor Jay as he begins a new study and discussion on Andy Stanley’s sermon series “*Guardrails*”. This study looks at how God calls us to place boundaries in our lives to help us stay on the path He has laid out for us. It will take place on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Classroom. Everyone is invited!



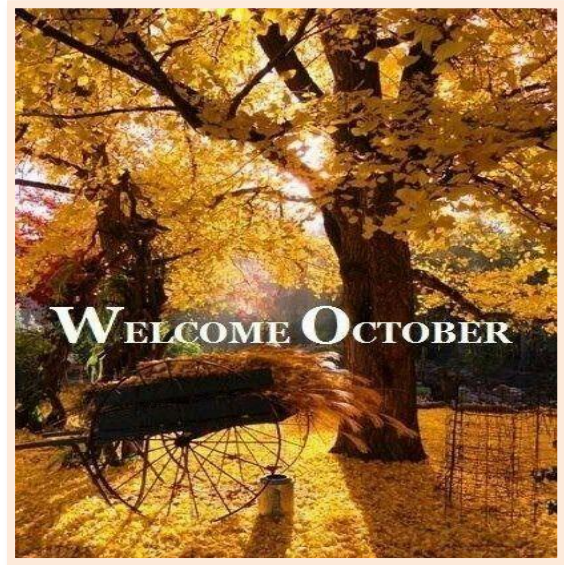
## PRAYER LIST

Al Nuckolls, Kathyne Middleton, Margaret & Jim Doyle, Sis Damron, Mildred Dreschel, Ray Anderson, Barbara Vaughn, Shirley Gribble, Norma Griffin, Vera Nations, Smokey Lusk, Butch Middleton, Ellen Dreschel, Jane Griffin, Tammy Balser, \*Maurice Moody, \*Marilyn Martin

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  
Raya Owens-Friend of Jada Barton  
Gabarb Vaughn Summers  
Breanne Locklear-Jo Anna Davenport's niece  
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  
Carl Hooper-Friend of Amy Roberts  
Trish Phillips-Friend of Jeanine Clark  
James Breeden-Friend of Butch Middleton  
Virginia Campbell  
Teresa Evans-Friend of Amy Roberts  
Scott Hannah-Friend of Todd Middleton  
Betty Fetzer-Tammy Horne's mother  
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  
Ali & Jase Carter-Friend of Susie Webb  
B.J. Jarrett-Nancy Hampton's nephew  
Mr. Andrew Martin-Valerie Cleaver's uncle  
Mrs. Vickie Moore-Friend of Carolyn Watkins  
\*The Family of Mrs. Wilma Langley-Betty Blackwell's sister  
\*The Family of Mr. Terry Ragan-Stepfather of Wendy Voiles  
\*The Family of Mrs. Betty Chesser-Bill Chesser's mother  
\*The Family of Mr. Steve Reed  
\*Erin Middleton-Jamey Middleton's wife  
\*Mr. Maurice Klante-Amy Sternard's Grandfather  
\*Cheryl Quarles-Friend of Julie Frisbee

(\*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!



### Wednesday, October 10

5:45 PM Mid Week Meal Served (F.H.)

6:15 PM AWANA

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study & Oasis Student Ministry

### Thursday, October 11

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

6:30 PM Charge Conf at Pleasant Grove UMC

### Saturday, October 13

8:30 AM Garden Workday

### Sunday, October 14 - HOMECOMING

7:30 AM UMM Breakfast

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)

9:15 AM Intercessory Prayer (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

12:15 PM Homecoming Covered-dish meal

### Monday, October 15

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

6:30 PM Bible Study (FC)

### Tuesday, October 16

5:15 PM Girl Scouts-Cadettes (Ch. Room)

6:30 PM Brownies & Juniors (YR)

7:00 PM Boy Scout meeting (F.H.)

### Wednesday, October 17

5:45 PM Mid Week Meal Served (F.H.)

6:15 PM AWANA

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study & Oasis Student Ministry

### Thursday, October 18

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

### Sunday, October 21

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)

9:15 AM Intercessory Prayer (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

FH-Fellowship Hall

CB-Church Bldg.

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

FC-Friendship Classroom

S-Sanctuary



What an amazing God we serve! He is moving in Oasis, and it shows. It really struck me this past month when a parent called me and said, "Can I get the notes to one of your lessons?" The reason they asked was because their kids were discussing and asking questions about one of the lessons! Their hunger for God is amazing, and God's spirit is leading them to great things! We've got a Saturday trip coming up in November, as well as music, fellowship, fun, and learning more about our God.

- Garrett Teems, Youth Pastor



## SAVE THE DATE

THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

THUMC's HOMECOMING and 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon

Covered dish meal to follow the service.

PLEASE JOIN US AND INVITE YOUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!



The United Methodist Women's Yard Sale will be Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am-1pm. Proceeds will go to UMW Missions & local church projects. The Yard Sale/Bazaar/Car Wash will begin at 7:00AM with breakfast being served until 9:30 AM. Lunch will be served from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Please clean out your basements and attics & bring items to the Fellowship Hall from Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are also needed. Please Contact Tarah Horne to volunteer at 706-673-6694 or Ann Kuzniak at 706-673-7904 cell – 706-581-8231.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

THUMC's Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6-8pm. Everyone who wants to participate is asked to decorate your car & trunk & bring plenty of candy. The Children's Committee has several special things planned this year including inflatables, door prizes, carnival games, and a hayride. We are expecting several hundred people to attend and we need lots of volunteer to make the event fun and safe. If you plan to bring your car to pass out candy or help with the carnival games, please contact Sydney Lavelle at 706-934-6464. The Family Committee is also asking for donations of brownies, cup cakes, cookies and/or drinks. A hot dog supper will also be provided. Everyone is invited!



## VEGGIES DONATED FROM COMMUNITY GARDEN

Eighteen pounds of green beans were recently donated to the Soul Station in Tunnel Hill from THUMC's Community Garden. Many thanks to Joel Fehd for picking and delivering the beans to help provide food for families in our community.

## "CULTIVATE" Women's Event

Dalton First Baptist Church is sponsoring a women's event called "Cultivate" on Friday, February 1st, From 7-9 PM and Saturday, February 2nd, 8:30AM-12:30PM, This event features Bible teacher Kelly Minter and the Cultivate Worship Band. For more information, please go to [www.cultivate.com/events](http://www.cultivate.com/events).

In you are interested in attending, please contact Becky Gowin at 706-673-5657.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7**

USHERS: Chuck & Julia Davidson &  
Mike & Brenda Hampton

NURSERY: Jeanine Clark

OFFERING TEAM: Ellen Dreschel &  
Vicki Kauffman

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**

USHERS: See Sunday, Oct. 7

NURSERY: Brittany Sewell

OFFERING TEAM: See Sunday, Oct. 7

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**

USHERS: See Sunday, Oct. 7

NURSERY: Judy Middleton

OFFERING TEAM: See Sunday, Oct. 7

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,130.00

**GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER 16**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3511.10

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1131.00

**GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER 23**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$No Report  
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$No Report

**GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER 30**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$2695.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1252.23

**GIVING FOR OCTOBER 7**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$7574.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$347.00

**ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 16**

Sunday School - 86

Worship - 148

**ATTENDANCE FOR September 23**

Sunday School - No Report

Worship - 153

**ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 30**

Sunday School - No Report

Worship - 163

**ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 7**

Sunday School - 72

Worship - 142