

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

The Messenger

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Fireflies and Other Light-Bearers

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it"

- John 1:4-5

With summer almost here, it's time to enjoy long, lazy evenings and life at a slightly slower pace. As a child, I can remember spending many warm evenings chasing fireflies around the back yard with my brother and sister. On a good night with a little effort, we could easily capture ten or twelve fireflies in a mason jar.

Fireflies, or Lightning bugs as many people call them, are some of God's most amazing insects. Entomologists know them as Lampyridae. They are technically winged insects in the beetle family. They are amazing because both male and female fireflies use their flashing lights to communicate, attract mates, defend their territory, and ward off predators.

Chances are you haven't seen a lot of fireflies in a while and that's not because you've become less observant. Experts are convinced that fireflies are dwindling, perhaps by as much as 70 percent in recent years. No one really knows why but the firefly population is decreasing all over the world. And if that trend continues, fireflies may fade forever, leaving our summer nights a little darker and a lot less magical.

There is a reason that I am writing about these little light-bearers. In just a couple of weeks, we will celebrate Pentecost which reminds us of how God birthed his church two thousand years ago. Scripture teaches us that the church came to life as tongues of fire rested on each of Jesus' disciples. It was an incredible scene as the Spirit of God filled those gathered. Everyone who was there was energized to go out to tell the world about Jesus Christ. These early disciples radiated God's love and light and as a result, the good news of the gospel has spread throughout the world.

As modern day disciples, you and I are called to be God's light-bearers. This world can be a dark place and every day we're called to shine His light into dimly lit areas. Every day, we have a choice to either add to the darkness or to bring light and hope into the world.

As you enjoy your summer, remember to keep your eyes open for fireflies. When you spot one, let it be a reminder that as a follower of Jesus Christ, you too are called to be a 'light-bearer' sharing God's love and light to the world.

Grace and 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 Drschel

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

Jim Orr-Friend of Mike Hampton

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

Becky Carpenter

Joey Halloran-soldier serving overseas-Joe Kauffman

Agee Martin-Valerie Cleaver's brother

Alyssa Talley

Chet Dreschel

Glen Pair-Friend of Brenda & Mike Hampton

Brecklynn Allgood

Doug Mitchell

Cecil Gates-friend of Bill Chesser's

Marianne Christianson-Mary Wood's mother

Woody Glenn-Ellen Dreschel's uncle

Jacque Gown-Bill Gowin's wife (Surgery Thurs. - 5/4)

*Ron Hawkins-Friend of Gwen Maddox

*Wesley Weaver-Michael Loggins' Brother

(*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!



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

Wednesday, May 24

5:45 PM Family Meal (F.H.)-Last meal for the summer.

6:30 PM Adult, B&B & God Followers, Oasis

Friday, May 26

Last day of school for Whitfield County

Sunday, May 28

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, May 29 – MEMORIAL DAY (Church Office closed.)

Tuesday, May 30

5:30 PM Brownies (YR)

6:30 PM Daisies (CH. Room)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, May 31

5:30 PM Choir Practice (S)

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study & Oasis

Thursday, June 1

7:00 PM Grief Support Group (FEL. CL.)

Sunday, June 4 – PENTECOST/PROMOTION SUNDAY

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

2:00 PM "Drop In" Bridal Shower for Corbin Voiles & Kleeieis Danielle

Monday, June 5

"Feed the Kids" begins

3:30 PM Young at Hearts to go to Chedders

Tuesday, June 6

UMW MEETINGS

1:30 PM Group II meeting at the church

6:30 PM Group I meeting at Vicki Kauffman's home

5:30 PM Brownies (YR)

6:30 PM Daisies (CH. Room)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, June 7

5:30 PM Choir Practice (S)

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study & Oasis

Thursday, June 8

7:00 PM Grief Support Group (FEL. CL.)

Sunday, June 11

7:30 AM UMM Breakfast meeting (F.H.)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

FH-Fellowship Hall

CB-Church Bldg.

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

FC-Friendship Classroom

S-Sanctuary

OASIS UPCOMING EVENTS



June 11th-15th – Epworth by the Sea Summer Retreat

BRIDAL SHOWER



All ladies of the church are invited to a “Drop In” Miscellaneous Bridal Shower for Corbin Voiles and Danielle Kleeis beginning at two o’clock on Sunday, June 4th. They are registered at: Walmart – Corbin Voiles & Target – Danielle Kleeis. They will be married on Saturday, June 24th, here at the Church.

YOUNG AT HEARTS

The Young at Hearts will meet at the church on Tuesday, June 5th, to go to Chedders in Chattanooga. We will leave the Church at 3:30 PM. Please see or call Evelyn DeFoor (706-673-2030) if you would like to go.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tunnel Hill UMC recently began hosting a grief support group called “The Open Door” and the response has been incredible. This group is being led by Ron Houston. Meetings are held on Thursdays from 7pm-8pm in the Friendship Class and anyone who is dealing with any type of grief is welcome to attend.

Please contact Ron for more info at 706-673-2713.

FEED THE KIDS

THUMC’S Feed the Kids program will begin on Monday, June 5th and end on Thursday, July 27th. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jo Ann Richardson (673-4338) or Vicki Kauffman (270-1465).

SAVE THE DATE:



Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 25th-Friday, June 29th, 5:30 PM (Meal being served each evening) – 8:00 PM.

The theme is: “The Armor of God”

GRADUATE RECOGNITION



Our congratulations to our graduates from THUMC who were recognized this past Sunday.

They are:

High School Graduates:

Courtney Graham, Alex Hooker Allison Horne, Kyle McCutcheon, Grant Middleton, and Cole Roberts.

College Graduates:

Will Chesser, Stephen Kuzniak, Zack Moody, and Drew Russ.

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SUNDAY, MAY 28

USHERS: Chris Griffin, Blake Griffin,
Bob Ault & David Hampton

NURSERY: Joni Tenney

OFFERING TEAM: Becky Gowin &
Lee Grimmett

GREETERS: Jo Ann Richardson &
Anne Monk

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

USHERS: Thomas Blackwell, Matthew
Blackwell,
Bill Chesser & Will Chesser

NURSERY: Nancy Hampton

OFFERING TEAM: Brenda Hampton &
Chuck Davidson

GREETERS: Stacy, Julia & Chuck Davidson

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

USHERS: See Sunday, June 14

NURSERY: Stephanie Cameron

OFFERING TEAM: See Sunday, June 14

GREETERS: Ellen Dreschel & Liz Dennis

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,094.00

**OPERATING BUDGET REPORT
THROUGH APRIL 30TH**

Amount Received for Operating Budget -
\$82,721.00

Amount Disbursed from Operating Budget -
\$81,292.00
\$ 1,429.00

GIVING FOR MAY 7

GENERAL BUDGET: \$7855.00
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$307.00

GIVING FOR MAY 14

GENERAL BUDGET: \$2810.00
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$553.00

GIVING FOR MAY 21

GENERAL BUDGET: \$4532.95
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$22.00

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 7

Sunday School - 67
Worship - 137

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 14

Sunday School - 63
Worship - 172

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 21

Sunday School - 73
Worship - 144