

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

The Messenger

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Not too long ago, I heard a great story about a man who passed away and went to heaven. When Saint Peter met him at the pearly gates he said, *'Welcome, we're so glad that you're here! Now, in order to get access to heaven you'll need to have a certain number of points. Here's how it works, tell me all of the good things that you've done and I'll give you points for each item. The greater the deed, the more points you'll earn. When you reach 100 points, we'll let you in.'*

Even though the man was a little baffled by what Peter had said, he agreed. He said, *'Ok, I was faithfully married for 50 years.'* *'That's wonderful'*, said Peter. *'That's worth two points.'* *'Two points?'* the man said. Peter responded, *"That's right, two points. Take it or leave it."* The man said, *"Okay, I'll take it."*

'Well, I attended the same United Methodist Church all my life and I supported it with my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.' *'Excellent!'*, said Peter. *'That's worth a whole point.'*

The man wondered if he was ever going to get into heaven so he said, *'Ok, how about this? I started a soup kitchen in my hometown and worked for 17 years in a homeless shelter.'* *'Well done'* said Peter. *'That's good for two points.'*

Completely frustrated the man said, *'Good grief, at this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God!'* And Peter said, *'You got it. Just knowing that is worth 100 points! Come on in!'*

That's the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We cannot do enough good deeds or good works to earn our way to heaven. As a matter of fact, there's nothing at all that we can do to impress God or earn His favor. It is only by grace that we can be in relationship with Him and gain eternal life.

Paul reminds us of this in the eleventh chapter of the book of Romans. He writes, *'And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.'* - Romans 11:6.

So the next time you find yourself trying to earn points with God, remember that's not how He operates. We can certainly do good works as a way of expressing our love and gratitude to Him. But while we're serving and doing good deeds in God's name, we do well to remember that His love is free, unmerited, and undeserved. You and I cannot do anything to earn it. Thank goodness that's how God has set things up. Our relationship with Him isn't based on our works, it's based on His grace.

Grace and 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

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
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

(*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, 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

Thursday, May 10

7:00 PM Grief Support Group (THUMC)

Sunday, May 13 – MOTHER'S DAY

7:30 AM UMM'S MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST –FH
9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship

Monday, May 14

12:00 PM Young at Hearts (F.C.)
6:00 PM Cub Scouts (F.H.)
7:00 PM Finance Committee meeting (FEL. CL.)

Tuesday, May 15

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 16

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
7:35 PM Administrative Board Meeting. (F.H.)

Thursday, May 17

7:00 PM Grief Support Group (THUMC)

Sunday, May 20 – GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM Oasis Luncheon (F.H.)
12:45 PM Safe Sanctuary Training

Monday, May 21

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

Tuesday, May 22

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

FH-Fellowship Hall

FC-Friendship Classroom

CB-Church Bldg.

S-Sanctuary

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom



What a crazy last few weeks! When God moves, He moves in BIG ways! Oasis has been busy both at church and in the community. Our service projects have been a huge success and help our youth step closer to finding God's calling in their lives. So, thank you to all of those that have given us the opportunity to serve. The most exciting thing, however, was welcoming one of our youth into God's church. She was washed in the baptismal water in front of her youth group in one awesome moment of faith and God's glory! If you would like to find out more about this energy and God's grace in Oasis Student Ministry, please reach out to me to find out how you can get plugged in. Email me at thumcoasis@gmail.com, or see me any Wednesday or Sunday.

Garrett Teems, Youth Pastor

FOUNDATION of WESLEY WOODS

Wesley Woods" is a ministry of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. It is committed to offering safe, comfortable and affordable living environments for seniors through its nine retirement communities located throughout North Georgia.

This Sunday, May 13th, as a way of celebrating Mother's Day, we'll receive a special offering for Wesley Woods Retirement Communities. If you'd like to contribute, please make checks payable to Tunnel Hill UMC and write "Wesley Woods" in the memo section. Each gift goes into the Wesley Woods charitable care fund which helps to meet the financial needs of men and women in all nine retirement residences.

YOUNG AT HEARTS

The Young at Hearts will meet on Monday, May 14th, at 12:00 PM, in the Friendship Classroom. We will have a spaghetti lunch and you are asked to bring the other items you would have with spaghetti's - such as salad, bread, dessert. Anyone over the age of fifty is welcome. .



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

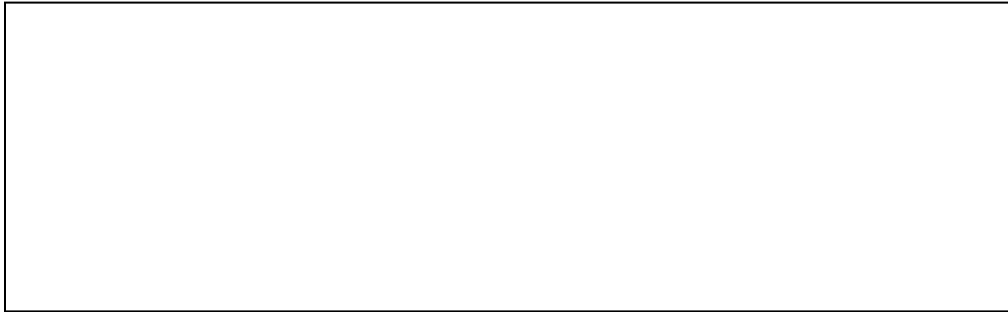
To date, we know of one graduate, Brady Middleton. If you know of anyone connected to THUMC who is graduating, please call the Church Office (706-673-4022) so that we can recognize them.

FEED THE KIDS

THUMC'S "Feed the Kids" program will begin on Monday, June 4th and end on Thursday, July 26th. The meals will be given to those up to the age of 18. Volunteers are needed and are asked to serve from 10:00 AM until 12:15PM one or two days a week. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jo Ann Richardson (673-4338).

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Finance – Monday, May 14, 7:00 PM
- Administrative Board – Wednesday, May 16, 7:35 PM
- Safe Sanctuary Training – Sunday, May 20, 12:45 PM
- Missions – Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 PM



SUNDAY, MAY 13 – *Mother's Day*

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

NURSERY: Anne Monk

OFFERING TEAM: Becky Gown &
Lee Grimmett

GREETERS: Becky & Ken Gowin

SUNDAY, MAY 20

USHERS: See Sunday, May 13

NURSERY: Brenda Hampton

OFFERING TEAM: See Sunday, May 13

GREETERS: Marilyn Martin &
Kayli Finnerty

SUNDAY, MAY 27

USHERS: See Sunday, May 13

NURSERY: Jeanine Clark

OFFERING TEAM: See Sunday, May 13

GREETERS: Beverly & Edward Bates

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,094.00

GIVING FOR APRIL 22

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

GIVING FOR APRIL 29

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

GIVING FOR MAY 6

GENERAL BUDGET: \$6210.12
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$337.00

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 22

Sunday School - 60
Worship - 119

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 29

Sunday School - 61
Worship - 139

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 6

Sunday School - 72
Worship - 136

