

# Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

*The Messenger*

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## ***“A Different Kind of Ledger”***

*“Praise the LORD, my soul; All my inmost being, praise his holy name.*

*Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits”*

*– Psalm 103:1-2*

By the time you receive this newsletter, you'll only have a couple of weeks left to file your taxes if you haven't done so already. The American Psychological Association reports that 75% of Americans say financial concerns cause significant stress in their life. And, unfortunately for most of us, April 15th is a date that greatly adds to this stress.

Not too long ago I read an article about a man who was so anxious about filing his taxes that he decided to talk to his counselor about it. The counselor recommended that he find a way to take a few minutes every day to focus on his blessings. He contended that developing an attitude of gratitude would help him combat and reduce the stress he was experiencing.

The man took the counselor's advice and in an effort to focus on all that he had been given more than his financial obligations, he decided to create a ledger of blessings. In this ledger, the man wrote down everything that God gave him in one column and everything that he gave to God in another.

If someone did him a favor, he listed it as one of God's gifts that he had received. He also credited God with every blessing that he could think of, the sun, his food, his health, his friends and relatives and a thousand other benefits he received. As you might imagine, this section of the ledger filled up quickly. In the other section, he listed the things that he did for God and for the people around Him. Any and all kind acts and good deeds were recorded.

After only three months of tracking God's goodness and the blessings he had received compared to his own efforts and obligations, the man was humbled and decided to close out the ledger. He returned to his counselor to let him know that his advice had worked. He said that he no longer let financial stress consume him because he realized he could not even begin to number the blessings that God had given him.

The man had the same financial obligations as before but they paled in comparison to the gifts he had received from above. Evidently, the counselor was right, focusing on God's blessings and developing an attitude of gratitude really is a great way to reduce financial stress.

Grace and Peace,  
Jay



Prayer. One of the largest cornerstones of Christianity, and something needed daily for our ministry. For April, I want to challenge our congregation to pray for our church, and especially Oasis. This group of students is incredible, and they are a huge blessing to our church and our community. However, they struggle the same as all of us on our walk of faith. Pray for them this month, especially. Strength, courage, and joy are essential for their young minds, hearts, and souls. They continue to grow in their faith and their connections with one another. God has BIG plans for this group, and we covet your prayers! Thank you, Garrett Teems, *Youth Pastor*

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

If you are planning to go on the Women's Retreat, Becky Gowin is asking everyone to please meet at the church at 1:30 PM on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you were not at the meeting, please contact Becky at 706-271-7207. Pack lightly, bring your Bibles and your favorite snack(s).



### HOLY WEEK & EASTER ACTIVITIES AT THUMC

#### PALM SUNDAY

Palm Procession & Choir Cantata  
Sunday, April 14th – 11am

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon & Devotion at 12 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

#### HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch  
April 20<sup>th</sup> – 11am

Your help is needed with the Egg Hunt. A container is in the Fellowship Hall for your donations of candy & prizes.

#### EASTER

7 AM Sunrise Service (Griffin Park)  
7:30 AM Community Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11 AM Easter Worship & Confirmation

#### EASTER CROSS

On Easter Sunday, we will decorate the cross with live & artificial flowers during the first hymn. Then, during the closing hymn, the cross will be carried outside and placed in front of the church. You're invited to help out by bringing fresh flowers for the cross on Easter Sunday.



Please mark your calendars now for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual United Methodist Men's Supper & Singing which will be held on Saturday, April, 27<sup>th</sup>. The meal will be served from 4:30pm to 7pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Menu: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Beverage & Dessert. Carry out will be available. The Gospel Singing will take place in the sanctuary at 7pm. It will feature The Hullender Family and The Emmaus Road Quartet. The cost for the meal is \$10 for adults/\$5 for children under 12 and the concert is free. Contact David Blackwell at 706-259-4445 or Larry DeFoor at 706-673-2030 or the Church Office for tickets at 706-673-4022.



## PRAYER LIST

Al Nuckolls, Kathyne Middleton, Margaret & Jim Doyle,  
Sis Damron, Mildred Dreschel, Ray & Pat Anderson,  
Barbara Vaughn, Shirley Gribble, Vera Nations, James  
Burroughs, Barbara Vaughn, \*Frank Moody

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  
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 Fetzner-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  
Cheryl Quarles-Friend of Julie Frisbee  
Mrs. Barbara (Bobbie) Phillips-Mickey Reed's sister  
Tina Taylor-Valerie Cleaver's sister  
Mrs. Dorothy Grimes-Friend of Erin Watson  
Jack Rhodes-Grandson of Linda & Gerald Pack  
Ray & Leona Trotter-Friends of Macoy Griffin  
Tracy Huddleston-Dottie Griffin's daughter

(\*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!



### Thursday, March 28

3:30 PM Girl Scouts (F.H.)  
7:00 PM Grief Support Group (FEL. CL.)

### Sunday, March 31

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)  
9:15 AM Intercessory Prayer (Library)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship

### Monday, April 1

CHS & WFC SPRING BREAK (4/1-4/5)

### Tuesday, April 2

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

### Wednesday, April 3

NO WEDNESDAY MEAL OR ACTIVITIES  
DUE TO SPRING BREAK.

### Thursday, April 4

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

### Friday, April 5

1:30 PM Lady's Retreat – return Sunday – April 7th

### Sunday, April 7

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)  
9:15 AM Intercessory Prayer (Library)  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship

### Monday, April 8

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

### Tuesday, April 9

5:15 PM Girl Scouts-Cadets (Ch. Room)  
5:30 PM Juniors (YR)  
7:00 PM Boy Scout meeting (F.H.)  
6:00 PM Staff-Parish Relations Cmte. mtg. (FEL. CL.)

FH-Fellowship Hall

CB-Church Bldg.

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

FC-Friendship Classroom

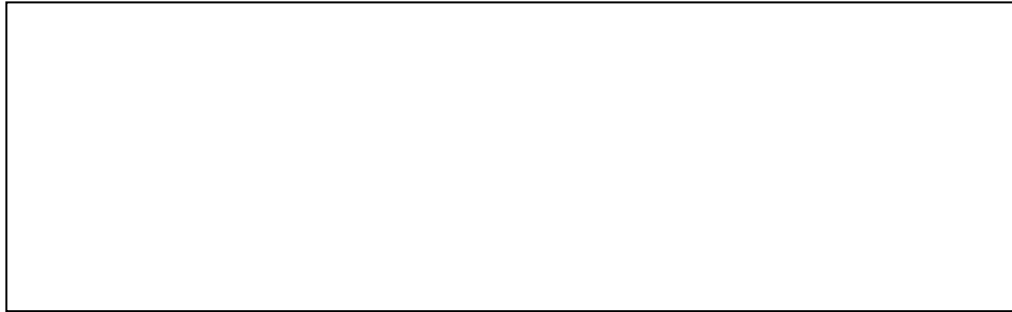
S-Sanctuary

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

**USHERS:** Chris Griffin, Blake Griffin,  
Garland Barnes & Larry DeFoor  
**NURSERY:** Sydney LaVelle  
**OFFERING TEAM:** Chuck Davidson &  
Brenda Hampton

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

**USHERS:** Julia & Chuck Davidson &  
Brenda & Mike Hampton  
**NURSERY:** Jeanine Clark  
**OFFERING TEAM:** Ellen Dreschel &  
Vicki Kauffman

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

**USHERS:** See Sunday, April 7  
**NURSERY:** Jennifer Bollwerk  
**OFFERING TEAM:** See Sunday, April 7

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

**USHERS:** See Sunday, April 7  
**NURSERY:** Karen Chesser  
**OFFERING TEAM:** See Sunday, April 7

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

**USHERS:** See Sunday, April 7  
**NURSERY:** Delilah Sharp  
**OFFERING TEAM:** See Sunday, April 7

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,130.00

**GIVING FOR MARCH 17**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3209.71  
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$21.75

**GIVING FOR MARCH 24**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3304.12  
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$37.00

**ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 17**

Sunday School – 65  
Worship – 138

**ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 24**

Sunday School – 74  
Worship – 142