

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

The Messenger

July 2019



Like millions of Americans, I am looking forward to celebrating Independence Day next week. I love the Fourth of July holiday because of what it represents, mainly the incredible freedom that God has blessed us with as a nation.

The freedom that we enjoy in this country is a precious thing. It was bought with the sweat, toil, and blood of countless Americans. First, there are the many people who initially fought to obtain our independence as a nation in the late 1700's. Then, there are countless other individuals who have continued to work over the last 243 years to make sure our country stays safe and free. I am grateful to all those who have gone before us who have contributed to this cause.

I treasure the freedoms that we enjoy in this country and so when Independence Day rolls around, I always do my level best to remember the significance of the day and to thank God for this great nation.

With that said, there is a greater freedom available to us all. It's the freedom that comes with being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We live in *'the land of the free'* and a land of great abundance but many who live in this great nation are still not truly free.

You see, it's possible to be physically free but still be in bondage spiritually. Without the saving grace of Jesus Christ at work in our lives, the guilt and shame of our sins holds us hostage. It haunts us and keeps us from living truly free.

We put our trust in all sorts of things in hopes of finding lasting happiness, peace, and freedom but ultimately those things can only be found in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. In 1738, the great hymn writer, Charles Wesley wrote,

*"Long my imprisoned spirit lay, Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee."*

Mr. Wesley understood that true freedom ultimately comes from God. And the good news is, His freedom isn't just available to Americans. It's available to anyone who chooses to follow Christ.

I hope that you and your family have a great time celebrating the Fourth of July this year. As you do, please remember to thank God for both the national freedom and the spiritual freedom He has so graciously blessed us with.

Grace and Peace,
Jay



Epworth may be over, but the summer has just begun. It is my sincere hope that Youth Sunday was able to show just a bit of what happened down at the beach this year. Continued parent and congregational support humbles me and makes me proud. There are no words to say how much you've all been a part of the growth of this ministry. If you've not been involved, well now's the time! Feeding 40+ teens is somewhat of a daunting task. So, if you feel led, we are always accepting Gatorade, can cokes, snacks, and bottled water. Wednesdays will continue all summer long, and we are all so excited to see where God leads us!
Garrett Teems – Youth Pastor



THUMC'S "Feed the Kids" ministry is off to a great start! Meals are being served every weekday 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 (706-673-4338).



Thanks for an incredible VBS!

The Children's Committee would like to thank the youth and all of the adult volunteers who helped to make Vacation Bible School so incredible this year! Thanks for sharing your love for Christ with the children of this church and community.

THE
JORDAN
FAMILY
BAND



The Jordan Family from Adairsville will be in concert at Tunnel Hill Baptist Church at 6pm on Sunday, June 30th. Everyone is invited!



PRAYER LIST

Kathryne Middleton, Margaret & Jim Doyle,
 Sis Damron, Ray & Pat Anderson, Barbara Vaughn, Shirley
 Gribble, Vera Nations, Frank Moody
 THUMC's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
 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
 Orallia Hernandez-friend of the Middletons
 Richard Sharp-Friend of Stephanie Loggins
 Dolly Hamby-friend of Kay Jernigan
 Eddie Mac Sanders-Friend of Kenny Gowin
 Kyler Bass-Friend of Wendy Voiles
 Glen Dean-Friend of Susie Webb
 Alyssa Talley
 Brecklynn Allgood
 Doug Mitchell
 Virginia Campbell
 Scott Hannah-Friend of Todd Middleton
 Betty Fetzer-Tammy Horne's mother
 Arlene Hooker-Friend of Gwen Maddox
 James & Lynda Quarles-Friend of Gwen Maddox
 Marilyn Brown-Friend of Gwen Maddox
 B.J. Jarrett-Nancy Hampton's nephew
 Mrs. Barbara (Bobbie) Phillips-Mickey Reed's sister
 Mrs. Dorothy Grimes-Friend of Erin Watson
 Jack Rhodes-Grandson of Linda & Gerald Pack
 Ray & Leona Trotter-Friends of Macoy Griffin
 Josie Dyer – Vanessa Clack's Niece
 *Ronnie Burgess – David Helton's Brother-n-law

(*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!

Calendar of Events

Thursday July 4 Independence Day

Sunday, July 7
 9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
 9:15 AM Intercessory Prayer (Library)
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, July 9
 5:15 PM Girl Scouts-Cadette (Ch. Room)
 5:30 PM Juniors - GS (CB)
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)
 7:00 PM SPR Meeting (FEL. CL)

Wednesday, July 10
 6:15 PM Oasis Student Ministry
 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

Thursday, July 11
 5:30 PM Girl Scouts-Cadette (Ch. Room)
 6:00 PM Grief Support Group (FEL. CL.)

Sunday, July 14
 9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
 9:15 AM Intercessory Prayer (Library)
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship

Monday, July 15
 6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting (FL. CL.)

Tuesday, July 16
 5:15 PM Girl Scouts-Cadette (Ch. Room)
 5:30 PM Juniors - GS (CB)
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, July 17
 6:15 PM Oasis Student Ministry
 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

Thursday, July 18
 5:30 PM Girl Scouts-Cadette (CH. Room)
 6:00 PM Grief Support Group (Fel CL)

Friday, July 19-21
 Oasis Camping Trip

Sunday, July 21
 9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
 9:15 AM Intercessory Prayer (Library)
 10:00 AM Sunday School

Tuesday, July 23
 5:15 Girl Scouts-Cadette (CH. Room)
 5:30 PM Juniors-GS (CB)
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

FH-Fellowship Hall FC-Friendship Classroom
 CB-Church Bldg. S-Sanctuary
 FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

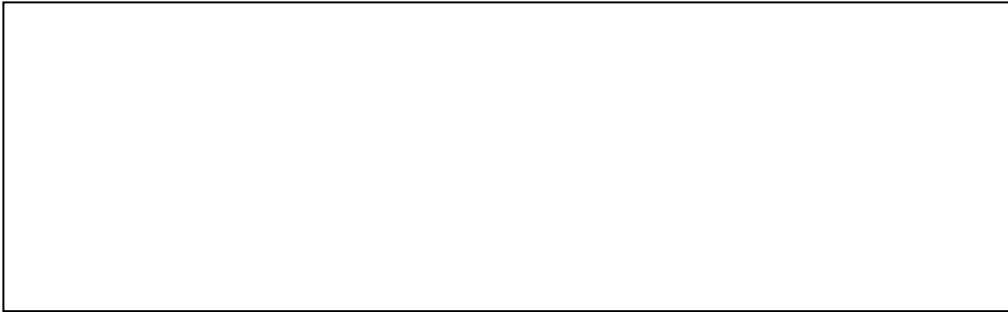
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SUNDAY, July 7

USHERS: Daniel Cavender, Chris Griffin
Blake & Mark Horne
NURSERY: Gidget Griffin
OFFERING TEAM: Ellen Dreschel and Vicki
Kauffman

SUNDAY, July 14

USHERS: Daniel Cavender, Chris Griffin
Blake & Mark Horne
NURSERY: Brittany Sewell
OFFERING TEAM: Ellen Dreschel and Vicki
Kauffman

SUNDAY, July 21

USHERS: Daniel Cavender, Chris Griffin
Blake & Mark Horne
NURSERY: Jeanine Clark
OFFERING TEAM: Ellen Dreschel and Vicki
Kauffman

SUNDAY, July 28

USHERS: Daniel Cavender, Chris Griffin
Blake & Mark Horne
NURSERY: Sydney LaVelle
OFFERING TEAM: Ellen Dreschel and Vicki
Kauffman

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,130.00

GIVING FOR June 2nd

GENERAL BUDGET: \$7,609.00
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1,165.00
Attendance:
Sunday School: 34
Worship: 142

GIVING FOR June 9th

GENERAL BUDGET: \$2,190.05
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$176.00
Attendance:
Sunday School: 45
Worship: 139

GIVING FOR June 16th

GENERAL BUDGET: \$2,583.13
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1.00
Attendance:
Sunday School: 37
Worship: 149

GIVING FOR June 23rd

GENERAL BUDGET: \$5,171.10
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$3.00
Attendance:
Sunday School: 32
Worship: 153