

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

The Messenger

February 2020

“Breaking Vases”

“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

- 1st John 4:9-11

With Valentine’s Day being in the center of the month, February tends to be all about love. But if you think about it, in the church, we don’t just celebrate love one month out of the year. We celebrate it every day and then we sing about it on Sundays because we serve a God of love and love has always been His only motive. Think about it.

- It was love that motivated God to create the universe and everything in it.
- It was love that caused Him to speak through the prophets to let us know that His deepest desire is to be in a relationship with us.
- And it was love that moved God the Father to send Jesus and His Holy Spirit.

Love has always been God’s main intent and motive. And as His children, it should always be our primary motivation as well. You see, you and I are called to not only receive God’s love, we’re also called to imitate it and unleash it in our lives. We’re called to pour out our love on the people around us in the same way that God pours out His love on us.

The only problem is, sometimes we don’t. Sometimes we hold onto our love too tightly or only share it with the people we feel like deserve it. But that’s not how God loves us. He doesn’t hold back....ever. He always gives His love away and His love is always lavish and extravagant.

In the twenty-sixth chapter of Matthew’s gospel, we’re told that one night Jesus went to a leper’s house in Bethany to have dinner. While He was there, a lady named Mary came in carrying a small vase full of extremely expensive perfume. Most scholars believe it was worth about 300 denarius which would equal around \$10,000 today and that’s why everyone was shocked when Mary broke the vase and poured every last drop of perfume on Jesus.

The disciples thought it was the most wasteful thing they had ever seen but it wasn’t wasteful to Mary. She knew that Jesus was worth it. The point is, when it came to expressing her love, Mary didn’t hold back.

What I want to ask you is, when’s the last time you loved like that? When’s the last time that you ‘broke a vase’ for someone that you loved? When have you done something lavish and unexpected for someone just because you could, just because you love them and you want them to know it? It’s worth thinking about.

As you celebrate Valentine’s Day this year, remember to keep sharing the love that God has given you. Don’t hold back. Go ahead, break a vase and pour it out. With God, there’s always more.

In His Love,
Jay



Kathryne Middleton, Margaret & Jim Doyle, Ray & Pat Anderson, Barbara Vaughn, Shirley Gribble, Vera Nations, Frank Moody
 THUMC's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
 Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's Mother
 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
 Alyssa Talley
 Brecklynn Allgood
 Doug Mitchell
 Virginia Campbell
 Scott Hannah-Friend of Todd Middleton
 Arlene Hooker-Friend of Gwen Maddox
 James & Lynda Quarles-Friend of Gwen Maddox
 Marilyn Brown-Friend of Gwen Maddox
 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
 Ronnie Burgess – David Helton's Brother-n-law
 Gerald Watkins- Friend of Janice Helton
 Rick Everett
 Jean Bates
 Zack Webb – Susie Webb's Son
 Donna Hooper – Jerry Hooper's wife
 Ed Bates
 *Beth Powell
 *Joy Bryson
 *LB Horne Family

(*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!



Sunday, February 2

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
 12:00 PM Oasis Bake Sale Fundraiser

Monday, February 3

5:30 PM Cub Scouts (FH)
 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study (FC)

Tuesday, February 4

5:15 PM Juniors - GS (CB)
 6:00 PM UMW Group I Meeting (Mary Helen Jolly's)
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Church)

Wednesday, February 5

5:30-6:15PM Mid Week Meal (FH)
 6:00 PM Pray Group (Library)
 6:15 PM Oasis Student Ministry
 6:15 PM GLOW Nights (Children's Ministry)
 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

Thursday, February 6

6:00 PM Grief Support Group (Fel Cl)

Sunday, February 9

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
 6:00 PM Valentine's Night Out Dinner

Monday, February 10

5:30 PM Cub Scouts (FH)
 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study (FC)

Tuesday, February 11

5:15 Girl Scouts-Cadette (FC)
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, February 12

5:30-6:15PM Mid Week Meal (FH)
 6:00 PM Pray Group (Library)
 6:15 PM Oasis Student Ministry
 6:15 PM GLOW Nights (Children's Ministry)
 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

Thursday, February 13

6:00 PM Grief Support Group (Fel Cl)

Friday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day

Sunday, February 16

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
 12:00 PM Oasis Fundraiser Luncheon

Monday, February 17

President's Day

Tuesday, February 18

5:15 Girl Scouts-Cadette (FC)
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (FH)

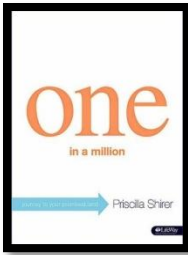
Wednesday, February 19

5:30-6:15PM Mid Week Meal (FH)
 6:00 PM Pray Group (Library)
 6:15 PM Oasis Student Ministry
 6:15 PM GLOW Nights (Children's Ministry)
 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study
 7:30 PM Administrative Board Meeting (FH)

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



Winter is on its way OUT! That means that Spring will soon be upon us. With the spring season comes new opportunities for service, new bake sales, and new Sunday afternoon luncheons! Please continue to be in prayer for Oasis as we have retreats, classes, outings, and Epworth coming up! It's a great time in the life of our Youth, and I pray that you'll be a part of it in this season!
Garrett Teems, Youth Pastor



NEW - Monday night Ladies Bible study will start on Feb. 3rd @ 6:30 pm in the Friendship Class. It is a 7 week Bible Study. The study book is available at Lifeway.com or christianbooks.com for \$14.99. In this book Priscilla Shirer encourages participants to fully engage in the abundant life God has waiting for those who will allow Him to take the lead in daily living. One in a Million is an opportunity for you to experience your deliverance from strongholds, to conquer your wilderness living, and to claim your God-given inheritance. For More information, contact Becky Gowin (706) 271-7207



Valentine's Night Out Dinner - Sponsored by THUMC's Family Committee

Make your reservation before Wednesday, February 5th for The Valentine's Night Out.

Farm to Fork Restaurant, 120 General Lee Drive, Ringgold, GA * Sunday, February 9th, 6pm

Menu Includes: Buffet dinner includes salad, chicken and steak, a variety of vegetables, and a drink.

Cost: \$18 per person (includes tax & gratuity) Childcare will be available at the church for infants, toddlers and children thru 2nd Grade from 5:30-8pm. Parents are asked to make reservations in advance for childcare.

Snacks will be provided for the younger children / Pizza will be provided for the older children.

To make reservations for dinner and childcare:

Please contact the church office @ (706) 673-4022 or at thumc@optilink.us by Wednesday, February 5th



Community Chili Cook Off

The Soul Station in Tunnel Hill will host a Chili

Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. (Free to Enter, People's Choice Wins \$50) Competitors Need to Register by Feb 8th. Sample all Competitors Chili for \$5, Then Vote for your Favorite.

For more info, call Rachel at (706) 673-7547.

Wednesday Night Meals and Activities

You are invited to THUMC on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:30pm for a great meal and small groups for all ages. (\$5 Donation for 18 years & older, Free for those under 18)

Children (3 Yrs - 5th Grade)

All Children 3 Yrs to 5th Grade are invited to take part in THUMC's "Glow Nights" which are held @ 6:15 p.m. in the main building.

Youth (6th - 12th Grade)

Oasis for Middle and High School Students will meet in "The Oasis" House for games, worship, & discussion @ 6:15 pm.

Adults

All adults are invited to meet in the Library for Intercessory Prayer at 6pm, then in the Fellowship Class for Bible Study @ 6:30 pm.

To Our Loving Church Family:

We so appreciate your kind words, hugs, prayers, flowers, food, cards and attendance during our son LB's passing. It has been truly difficult, but we feel your love and prayers daily. We can never explain what it has meant to have you all. What a blessing to have a church family like ours.

Love, Tarah and Blake Horne

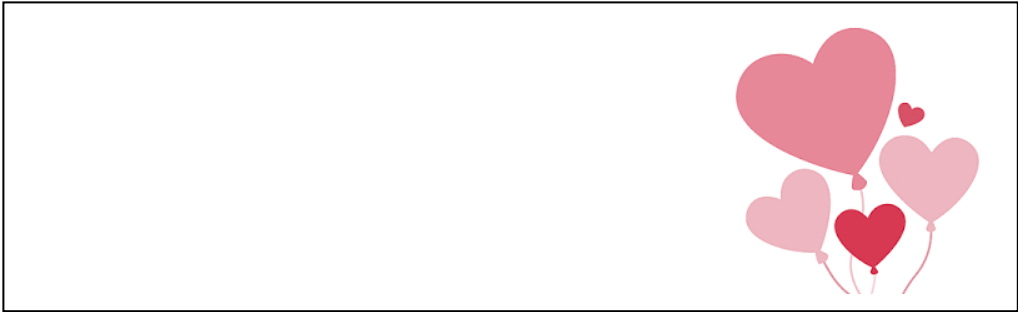
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SUNDAY, February 2

USHERS: Jo Ann Richardson, Janice Helton,
Ellen Dreschel & Julia Davidson

NURSERY: Delilah Sharp

Journey Land:

3yrs-K: Starr Griffin **1&2:** Jennifer Bollwerk

OFFERING TEAM: Tammy Teems & Lee
Grimmett

SUNDAY, February 9

USHERS: Jo Ann Richardson, Janice Helton,
Ellen Dreschel & Julia Davidson

NURSERY: Judy Middleton

Journey Land:

3yrs-K: Erin Watson **1&2:** Jill Lowery

OFFERING TEAM: Tammy Teems & Lee
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SUNDAY, February 16

USHERS: Jo Ann Richardson, Janice Helton,
Ellen Dreschel & Julia Davidson

NURSERY: Anne Monk

Journey Land:

3yrs-K: Tammy Horne **1&2:** Kathy Blackwell

OFFERING TEAM: Tammy Teems & Lee
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SUNDAY, February 23

USHERS: Jo Ann Richardson, Janice Helton,
Ellen Dreschel & Julia Davidson

NURSERY: Jada Barton

Journey Land:

3yrs-K: Tammy Teems **1&2:** Natima Walker

OFFERING TEAM: Tammy Teems & Lee
Grimmett

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,130.00

GIVING FOR January 5

GENERAL BUDGET: \$4457.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$240.00

Attendance:

Sunday School: 53

Worship: 129

GIVING FOR January 12

GENERAL BUDGET: \$4389.04

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$5.00

Attendance:

Sunday School: 60

Worship: 133

GIVING FOR January 19

GENERAL BUDGET: \$2840.86

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$155.00

Attendance:

Sunday School: 65

Worship: 121

GIVING FOR January 26

GENERAL BUDGET: \$2783.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$77.00

Attendance:

Sunday School: 45

Worship: 115