

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

The Messenger

March 2020

“The Coffin Academy” “For dust you are and to dust you will return” - Genesis 3:19

Every day in Daejeon, South Korea, people line up to pay a guy by the name of Jung Joon \$30 for the privilege of being “dead” for 10 minutes. It’s all part of a half day seminar that Joon calls “*The Coffin Academy*”. Participants write goodbye letters, design their own funeral service, and create their own tombstone. Then, at the close of the seminar, each person gets to spend 10 minutes in a wooden coffin.

Why in the world would people pay for that kind of thing? Well, Joon claims that ‘*coming face to face with death*’ is a great way to release stress & gain a new appreciation for life.

Joon says that he designed the Coffin Academy to shock people into appreciating what they have. “*In America there was 9/11, in Haiti there was the earthquake,*” Joon said. “*At any moment life can be taken away so you need to see how important it is.*” He says that after you spend a few hours reflecting on your own death that you feel refreshed and ready to start your life all over again.

I’m definitely not recommending that we need to sign up for Joon’s academy or that we need to get into a coffin to gain a deeper appreciation for life. However, the idea that we appreciate our lives more after we face our own mortality isn’t that crazy.

In fact, that’s actually what the season of lent is all about. In the church, lent, which is the forty days leading up to Easter (not including Sundays) is intended to be a time when we remember our own mortality. It’s a time to focus on the fact that all of us only have so many “*trips around the sun*”.

That’s also why we use ashes on Ash Wednesday which is the first day of the season of lent. Ashes not only symbolize repentance, they also remind us of our own mortality. We put crosses drawn with ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday to remind us of how God told Adam that he was from dust and to dust he would return.

So as we journey through lent together, may we all take some time to think about our mortality. You see, by facing our own death, hopefully we’ll be reminded of just how much we need God and the abundant and eternal life that He offers.

Grace & Peace,

Jay



Margaret & Jim Doyle, 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
 Doug Mitchell
 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
 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
 Zack Webb – Susie Webb's Son
 Donna Hooper – Jerry Hooper's wife
 Ed Bates
 Beth Powell
 Joy Bryson
 *Lee Burpee
 *The Ray Anderson Family
 * The Kathyne Middleton 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, March 1

Communion Sunday
 9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

5:15 PM Juniors - GS (FC)
 6:00 PM Children's Committee Meeting (Fel Cl)
 6:00 PM UMW Group I Meeting (FH)
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Church)

Wednesday, March 4

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, March 5

6:00 PM Grief Support Group (Fel Cl)

Sunday, March 8

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

5:15 PM Juniors - GS (FC)
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Church)

Wednesday, March 11

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, March 12

6:00 PM Grief Support Group (Fel Cl)

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

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

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



Sermon Series for Lent

At every stop on His way to the cross, Jesus went above and beyond what was needed to demonstrate His relentless love for us. We hope that you'll be able to join us in worship from now until Easter as Pastor Jay examines each event described in John's gospel from the Last Supper to the Empty Tomb.

March 1	<i>"The Supper"</i>
March 8	<i>"The Promises"</i>
March 15	<i>"The Prayer"</i>
March 22	<i>"The Arrest & Interrogation"</i>
March 29	<i>"The Sentencing"</i>
April 5	<i>"The Cross"</i>
April 12	<i>"Above and Beyond"</i>



HOLY WEEK & EASTER ACTIVITIES AT THUMC

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Procession & Choir Cantata
Sunday, April 5th – 11am

GOOD FRIDAY – April 10th

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

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch @ Griffin Park
April 11th – 11am

Volunteers Needed Along with Monetary Donations and Prizes
Please see Jennifer McRae for more Details

EASTER – April 12th

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.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - MARCH FOOD DRIVE

The Children's Ministry will be collecting tuna, beanie weenies, and peanut butter for Soul Station during the Month of March. A Collection bin is located under the mail boxes in the hallway downstairs. We will collect from March 1-25. This is a challenge for the Glow Kids! The classroom that collects the most will have a popsicle/ice cream party.

UMW YARD SALE

The United Methodist Women's Yard Sale will be Saturday, April 25th from 7:00am - 1pm. Be sure and drop off anything you would like to donate @ The Fellowship Hall from April 22nd-25th. Proceeds will go to UMW Missions & local church projects. The Yard Sale will begin @ 7:00 AM with breakfast being served until 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Please Contact Tarah Horne to volunteer at (706)673-6694 or Ann Kuzniak at 706-673-7904 or cell 706-581-8231.



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MONTH OF MARCH

USHERS:

Daniel Cavender, Bill Chesser, Will Chesser,
Chris Bollwerk

OFFERING TEAM:

Brenda Hampton & Chuck Davidson

SUNDAY, March 1

NURSERY: June Lansing

Journey Land:

3yrs-K: Julie Frisbee **1&2:** Sydney LaVelle

SUNDAY, March 8

NURSERY: Joni Tenney

Journey Land:

3yrs-K: Amy Sternard **1&2:** Becky Gowin

SUNDAY, March 15

NURSERY: Natima Walker

Journey Land:

3yrs-K: Starr Griffin **1&2:** Jeanine Clark

SUNDAY, March 22

NURSERY: Tammy Teems

Journey Land:

3yrs-K: Brittany Sewell **1&2:** Jennifer Bollwerk

SUNDAY, March 29

NURSERY: Sydney LaVelle

Journey Land:

3 yrs-K: Gidget Griffin **1&2:** Jill Lowery

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,130.00

GIVING FOR February 2nd

GENERAL BUDGET: \$5296.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$383.00

Attendance:

Sunday School: 52

Worship: 139

GIVING FOR February 9th

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3646.93

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1295.00

Attendance:

Sunday School: 50

Worship: 144

GIVING FOR February 16th

GENERAL BUDGET: \$1872.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1450.00

Attendance:

Sunday School: 41

Worship: 120

GIVING FOR February 23rd

GENERAL BUDGET: \$4525.90

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$900.00

Attendance:

Sunday School: 42

Worship: 118