

# Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

*The Messenger*

*January 2021*

## ***“New Year / New You?”***

By the time you get this newsletter, we will be at the end of 2020 and I think it's safe to say that all of us are more than ready to step into 2021. This year has been tough in so many ways and most of us are hoping to get some relief in the new year. We're hoping that the year we're stepping out of will be radically different from the year we're leaving behind.

The question is, what's going to be different about you? What lessons has God taught you over the last year? Are there any changes that you've resolved to make moving forward? You see, as we turn our attention toward a new year, it's the perfect time for us to take inventory and to reflect on what we've gone through over the last year.

As we ask God to help us sort through it all, there will undoubtedly be some things that we'll want to hang onto and some things that we'll want to let go of. There are lessons to be learned from this past year and changes that God's calling us to make as we move forward.

That's exactly what the Apostle Paul is saying in Ephesians 4:22-24. He writes, "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

Isn't that great? Paul is saying, "Look, keep laying stuff down that isn't helpful because God is constantly making you into a new person, with new habits and attitudes." That's great advice for the new year isn't it? Our God is constantly growing us and helping us to become better people.

But the truth is, you and I aren't going to be able to make the changes that we need to make in the new year if we keep hanging onto our old selves. Therefore, we must keep laying down old habits and hang ups every day so that we can keep becoming the people we long to be.

So are things going to go back to normal in 2021? No one really knows. But as believers should we ever really want to go back anyway? After all, God calls us to keep moving forward and to keep making the changes in our lives that He wants to make.

As you get ready to step into the new year, I want to challenge you to keep this passage from Ephesians in front of you. Use it to ask God to inspect your life and remove the things that don't belong in you. Ask Him to haul off the harmful things that are at work in you and help you to hang on to all the good things that He's taught you over the last year.

I hope that you and your family have a wonderful beginning to the new year!

Grace & Peace,  
Jay



**Please note:** Prayer requests remain on the church's prayer list for four weeks. If a request needs to stay on the list longer than four weeks, please let us know. To add or remove a friend or loved one, please contact the church office at (706) 673-4022 or [thumc@optilink.us](mailto:thumc@optilink.us).  
*Thank you!*

THUMC Family:

Butch Middleton, Ginny Horne, Maribelle Richardson, JoAnn Richardson, Garland Barnes & Helen, Gwen Maddox, Chris Griffin, Julia & Stacy Davidson, Jeanine Clark, Burroughs family, Henderson family

THUMC's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Extended Friends & Family of THUMC:

Marla Barbaree – Bill & Carolyn Watkins' daughter  
Vickie Crocker – Valerie Cleaver's sister in law  
Jennifer Martin – Valerie Cleaver's niece  
Mark Beckler – friend of Delyn Lusk & Middletons  
\*Agee Martin – Valerie Cleaver's father  
\*Keith Fauscett – Jeanine Clark's brother  
\*Tabitha Williams & family – Jeanine Clark's asst.  
\*Laurel & Fred Browning – Lois Bradford's family  
\*Elaine Hankins – friend of Judy Lusk  
\*Melissa Foster – niece of Susie Webb & Bob Ault  
\*Nancy Cotton – Joe Kauffman's sister  
\*Erin & Doug – Fehd's daughter & son in law  
\*Eddie Britton – friend of Delyn Lusk  
\*Julie Fox – friend of Judy Middleton  
\*Marshall Wilcox – Judy Hill-House's son in law  
\*Patty Shepherd – Valerie Cleaver's cousin  
\*Seth Monk – Anne Monk's son

(\*Denotes new additions)

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,130

### Total Giving for October

GENERAL BUDGET: \$19,235  
BOY SCOUTS PROJECT: \$515  
OTHER DESIGNATED GIVING: \$4,975

### Total Giving for November

GENERAL BUDGET: \$20,762  
OTHER DESIGNATED GIVING: \$3,173

### Total Giving for December through 12/22

GENERAL BUDGET: \$19,120  
OTHER DESIGNATED GIVING: \$4,914





## OASIS NEWS

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed your Christmas holiday and have entered this new year with a renewed sense of wonder and excitement surrounding Jesus Christ. As you are contemplating that ever so important new year's resolution, remember that lasting change comes from a relationship with Jesus. I encourage you to seek Him and to take every opportunity to share with our students how important that relationship is for our daily lives. As always, your prayers for our students are appreciated. Also, parents of students, if you have not already done so, please fill out a new youth permission slip and registration package and return it to the church as soon as possible. We are diligently trying to get current information on all of our students and their families. If you need a package please let me know. Thanks.

- Adam Tankersley, Youth Pastor

## NEW CHAIRS AND LIGHTING FOR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

We are excited to announce that THUMC's Trustees and Administrative Board has approved a project to upgrade the chairs and lighting in the Fellowship Hall. New soft plastic chairs will replace the existing metal folding chairs and the existing chandelier lighting will be replaced with new led flush mount dimmable fixtures. The total cost for this project is around \$6,500. Our church already has some of these funds on hand to purchase these items and donations are also currently being accepted for them. If you would like to contribute to this project, please make your check payable to "THUMC" and write "Chairs/Lights" in the memo line. Thanks!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL ONLINE

The Friendship Class is meeting online every Sunday at 10am using the Zoom Website/App.

To participate go to <https://www.Zoom.us> and sign on with this info:

Meeting ID: 729 7056 5806 / Password: 012815

Everyone is invited to take part!



## SMALL GROUPS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

*(Wednesday groups to resume on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>)*

Journey Land (kids PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) meets in the Glow Kids room upstairs on Sundays at 9:00am

Children's Sunday School Classes (PK-5<sup>th</sup>) are meeting upstairs at 10:00

Glow Kids (kids PK-5<sup>th</sup>) are meeting from 6:15pm-7:00pm on Wednesdays in the Friendship Class

Oasis Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) are meeting on Wednesdays from 6:15pm-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

