



MONTHLY

SEPTEMBER 2026

MESSENGER

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Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:45 am
Sundays 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
on Wednesday 6:30 pm
TeamKID 6:00 Youth Group 6:30
Adult Choir 7:25

SEPTEMBER IS
**STATE
MISSIONS
EMPHASIS
MONTH**

Church Goal \$5292

**"...striving TOGETHER AS ONE
for the faith of the gospel"
Philippians 1:27**

together

WE PRAY. WE GIVE. WE GO.



TMB Tennessee Baptist
MISSION BOARD

Theme Verse: ***"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel."*** -Philippians 1:27

Why do we do this, year after year? Honestly — it's simple. We love Tennessee. And no matter how you slice at it, our state is still a mission field, full of people who need to know Jesus.

This year's theme isn't just a slogan. It's a picture of what happens when Tennessee Baptists link arms and move as one: TOGETHER.

We pray — because before anything else happens, we get on our knees and ask God to move in Tennessee.

We give — because generosity is how we say "yes" to what God's already doing.

We go — because faith isn't meant to stay comfortable. It's meant to be lived out, right where we are.

Note from our Associate Pastor, Christian Carr chracarr@gmail.com

About this time of year, I begin to really think about the cool breeze of fall. Are you the same? I am all but done with the summer heat and high humidity. I am ready for some refreshing, cool evenings! When the weather is nice, it seems to lift the spirit. As I think about the cool, refreshing air of fall, a few thoughts come to mind.

One of those thoughts is how God changes the seasons. He is the One who brings the heat waves and the cool winds. He is the One who brings the changing colors to the leaves. It is just a great reminder of how His hand is at work in all things. This leads me to my second thought: no matter the circumstances we are in, the Lord will bring a refreshing breeze into our lives. We find our greatest comfort in Him. We can come to Him when the days are long and the season of our lives seems to never end. And He promises to bring comfort to the soul. So, as you eagerly await the fresh breeze of fall in these last days of summer heat, remember that the Lord is always ready to bring the same comfort to your soul.

Here are some dates to remember this month:

September 6th: Promotion Sunday - Nursery - 12th grade move up to next grade level SS class

September 12th: Equip Conference (7th-8th grade)

September 15th: JOY Meeting

September 23rd: See You at the Pole/Saw You at the Pole

September 29th: Youth Event at UTM. Nick Vujicic speaking on Faith in Action

In Christ,



Alex Cianfarani (baptism)
Maddox Kibbler (baptism)
Taegan Walters (baptism)
Bennett Wilhite (baptism)



The LIFT ministry hosted Jesus and Jammies on Aug 1. We had a short devotional lead by Christie Carpenter, had brunch, and enjoyed making bracelets! We are looking forward to being able to host more events in the future for our youth.

We ask that you continue to help fill the Blessing Box as we have noticed that it is a real need in our community. We have several options for accepting donations - there is a bucket in the foyer, you can place your items directly into the blessing box, monetary donations, or have your item shipped directly to the church via our Amazon wishlist!



Worship in Music Robert Nanney, Min. of Music rnanney@utm.edu

After a busy summer, the music ministry kicks into high gear in September with even more opportunities for all ages as the new church year begins. To underscore that, we are again putting forms in the vestibule encouraging everyone to sign up for one of several opportunities to serve in the music ministry. (See Jeanie's column for more details.) This is one of the key (and most rewarding) opportunities to serve God. We need you! But first – looking back to August – we had fun as we resumed TeamKid music on Aug. 19. The children were so excited to again sing praises to God after the summer off. Jeanie and I saw many familiar faces. So far this year's groups are very large, and they love to sing!

It was also a blessing to host Brian Free and Assurance, one of the most talented, sincere and awarded Southern Gospel groups in the country, during Homecoming celebration on Aug. 16. Their tight harmonies and spirit were so impressive and inspiring. I got to spend a good bit of time with Brian, now in his 45th year of professional gospel music, and I was impressed by how down-to-earth, humble and kind he was. Judging from the comments from several in the congregation, we hope to have this group back as soon as we can. It was also neat to see their baritone, Dayton Gay, again. When he sang at our 2019 homecoming, he was the lead singer for the Bethel Renaissance Quartet.

Looking ahead to September, along with all other phases of our music ministry, we will be preparing to launch rehearsals for our Christmas cantata for adults and our Christmas musical for children and adults. Our cantata, which will take place on Dec. 20, will be exciting and inspiring. We'll start rehearsals Sept. 23, prefaced by our customary Cantata Listening Party on Monday, Sept. 21. There could be no better time to join our choir than in September. More details about the cantata are coming in the next newsletter. God bless you all!



Calls to Worship with Jeanie Nanney, Coordinator

The Young Adult Praise Team kicked off the month of August with nine members singing "Faithful Still" to begin our service. We wish four of our YAPT singers, Cooper, Grey, Abigail, and Myra, all the best as they embark on their college careers as freshmen. On August 9th, seven members of the Older Children Praise Team sang a lively new song titled "I Wanna Bear Fruit," emphasizing the fruits of the Spirit listed in the fifth chapter of Galatians: love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We plan to incorporate this song into our TeamKid music since it will be a great way for them to learn the names of the fruits of the Spirit.

Following Homecoming Sunday, when there was no Call to Worship, the Adult Hand Chime Choir opened the service on August 23rd. Seventeen members agreed to play "Seek Ye First/Pachelbel's Canon". They have become so accomplished that I can pretty much ask them to play anything, and they are up to the challenge.

We will finish out the month of August on the 30th with the Adult Praise Team. In the very near future, we will conduct our annual fall music ministry registration, after which we will reconfigure our praise teams based on the information we gather. Decisions will also be made regarding the annual Christmas program for children, youth, and adults.



Our church directory will soon be updated to reflect the new church year. Please use the qr code to access your membership profile to make any changes/update your profile picture. You may also contact the church office with updates. <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

Thank you for helping keep our directory current as it is widely used among the office & church ministries!

Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

Tuesday, August 18, was a great day for our JOY attendees. We had 35 in attendance to hear Bro. Donald Doster deliver a timely devotion on the privilege and obligation of serving God. After a delicious meal, Earl McAlister presented a gospel music program of singing some favorite gospel tunes. He was even joined by Bro. Doster on one song. It was a joy to have Earl and his lovely wife, Anita, join us. Earl is a Dresden native and member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Our Penny the Pig offering this quarter is going to purchase snacks for preschool children in the Dresden area. On September 15th we will have a great meal at noon of lasagna, salad, French bread and brownies. We will announce our speakers soon as we have had to move around several of our wonderful program lineups due to conflicts. Make your plans now to attend. Look forward to seeing all of you on September 15th at 11:30 in the Family Life Center.

We love you all. We are truly blessed by this ministry and know you will be also. If you have ideas for programs or devotions let the church office or any JOY committee member know.

We love you all. The JOY committee.



Submitted by Judy Cleek and Linda Pollard, Livley Ones Directors

We had four senior adults attend the Collingsworth Family "Songs of Hope" concert in Mayfield on Saturday, August 22. It was truly a time of worship and praise! This talented Southern Gospel group regularly appears on the Gaither Gospel Hour television series, and they travel all over the U.S as well as internationally sharing the musical talent God has given them.

September is Jubilee time for Lively Ones! We have 14 planning to attend this fall event in Gatlinburg, September 28-30! It promises to be a great time of singing, preaching, and laughing!

Stay tuned for October's trip to Boyette's at Reelfoot Lake! If you enjoy the best catfish and/or country ham, you are sure to love Boyette's! Check the Lively Ones board in the north hallway for date and sign-up!!

We would love to have more senior adults join us for our outings and events, so if you've never gone with us on any of our trips or outings, why not join us? We welcome any senior adults to stay "On the Move" with us!!!



WOM will meet Sept 13, 2026 at 4:50 pm in the Truthseakers classroom. All ladies are encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there! Submitted by Denise Boane, WOM Director

Blessing Box - take what you need, leave what you can, above all be blessed. Donations are appreciated to keep the box full; a donation box is in the church front foyer. Ideas of donations are at the Welcome Center table. You can also give monetary donations through the church office or online to help purchase items.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sept. 5 | 8 am. After breakfast there will be a first aid training for all security team members

Sew Faithful Schedule Change

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Sew Faithful will meet on
Saturday, **September 12, 2026** at 9:00 am.

We want to thank all of those who were able to come and work with us during our two workdays in August. We were able to complete and deliver 125 feminine hygiene kits to Northside Church in Jackson to go to girls in Tanzania later this month. If you are interested in helping with or learning more about this ministry, we invite you to come and join us. We have sewing and non-sewing work to complete.

We hope to see you in September!

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Ron Gardiner by: Don & Judy Cleek (GCF)

In Memory of Mary Robertson by: Kenneth & Janice Gatewood, Robbie Perkins, Vickie House, Joel & Cindy House, Gaylord Hodges, John & Melanie Johnson, Richard & Barbara Ferrell, Sharon Dowman (Bldg)

In Memory of Kay Gallimore by: Richard & Barbara Ferrell, John & Melanie Johnson (Bldg)

In Memory of Maurine Eaton (Bldg)

In Honor of Dr. Don McCulley Union University Achievement Award by: Kelley & Sheila Swearingen (Bldg)

Thank you cards to the church family are posted at Information Station Board



- 2nd Bart Laws
- 3rd Janet Robinson, Rozanna Robertson
- 4th Hannah Wilhite
- 5th Bro. Don McCulley
- 6th Barry Scronce
- 7th Rachel Winstead, Sheryl Alford
- 8th Jase Brooks, Keely Mathis
- 9th Jay Oliver
- 10th Irma Taylor
- 12th Celeste Hawks
- 13th Chris Poole
- 15th Carrie Scronce, Alyssa Bynum
- 16th David Boane
- 17th Becky Anderson
- 18th Wade Gallimore
- 19th Richard Hutcherson
- 20th Brenda Biggs
- 22nd Jamie Harper, Nancy Poole, Mary Myrick
- 23rd Jeanette Rempel, Samantha Lofton
- 25th Shawn Oliver
- 26th Travis Davis
- 27th Grey Forrester, Andy Mangum
- 28th Brandon Strain
- 29th Diane Parsley, Leanna Slusser

September Volunteers

Sept 6

Nursery AM: Janie Clark, Emily Carr, Carla Hutcherson, Audrea

Washburn | Kids Worship: Emily Gallimore

Greeters: Debbie Anderson, Kathy Simmons, Brandon Strain

Deacon: Marshall Anderson

Safety & Security: AM: Kelley Swearingen, Brent Hopper | Wed. 9: Eric Brooks, David Esch

Sept 13

Nursery AM: Pat & Allie Phillips, Anita & Josh Dunn | PM: Lisa Harris |

Kids Worship: Brittany Forrester

Greeters: Chris & Nancy Poole, Kayla Strain

Deacon: Nyle Carlton

Safety & Security: AM: David Boane, Austin Davis | PM: Kenneth Gatewood | Wed. 16: John Gallimore, Travis Davis

Sept 20

Nursery AM: Bendy White, Kayla Strain, Jennifer McClain, Becky

Anderson | PM: Pat Phillips | Kids Worship: Leanna Slusser

Greeters: Joan Stephens, Bonnie Bullock, Jerrie Mosely

Deacon: Eric Allman

Safety & Security: AM: Jeremy Allen, Phillip Davis | PM: Duane Jackson | Wed. 23: Andrew Pritchett, Jim Moseley

Sept 27

Nursery AM: Whitney & Tilley Hopper, Heather Hodges, Jennifer

Moore | PM: Becky Anderson

Greeters: Tommy & Karen Wilson, Jim Mosely

Deacon: Kenneth Gatewood

Safety & Security: AM: Thomas Sims, Nyle Carlton | PM: Rick Finney | Wed. 30: James Washburn, Martin Dunn



ALWAYS needing more volunteers! If you would like to serve on any of these ministries, please see Janet in the church office to be added to the rotation.

September Offering Ushers: Jeremy Allen, Keith Forrester, Maconnell Forrester, Grey Forrester, Martin Dunn, Andrew Pritchett



September 2026

connect with us



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12 pm Backpack	2 10 am LBS 6 TK Vaca Night 6:10 LBS 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 Choir	3	4	5 8 am Men's Breakfast & First Aid training
6 Promotion Sunday 9:45 SS 11 Worship No Evening Services	7 Labor Day	8	9 6 TK Twin Night 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 Choir	10	11	12 8-4:30 Equip Youth Conf 9-12 Sew Faithful
13 9:45 SS 11 Worship 12 Safety & Security luncheon 3:40 LBS 4:50 WOM 5 Deacons Mtg 6 Worship	14	15 11:30 JOY	16 10 LBS 6 TK Orange/White Night 6:10 LBS 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 Choir	17	18	19
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR GOTM 13TH—20TH						
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27 9:45 SS 11 Worship 4:50 LBS 6 Worship	28 Lively Ones Fall Jubilee Gatlinburg	29 5 pm Youth Faith in Action (UTM)	30 10 LBS 6 TK 6:10 LBS 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 Choir			



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 on Sundays at 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
 Sunday 11 am Radio Broadcast on 95.1fm
 Sunday School lesson 10 am on live stream options

Three Ways to Give



At Church
 offering plates or
 boxes in foyer



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Thank you for your faithful giving . 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8

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