



Last week, I witnessed our young people experience new freedom in worship while serving with SLAM. Yesterday, I got to lead worship and see smiling faces and joyous laughter during Ken Davis' powerful sermon on giving God our all. Just this morning, I enjoyed the laughter and giggles of our children as they prepared for a day at VBS. As I look around the church over the last few weeks, I can't help but smile. It reminded me of Paul writing to the church at Philippi...

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...

Friends, we serve a God that causes joy to spring up during difficult times. It's easy to see the bad in the world, but I challenge you to take another look. See how God is at work in the lives of so many in our church. Look with fresh eyes at the amazing ways Jesus is working in our midst. Paul goes on to say...

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

The best days for Tullahoma First Methodist Church are just around the corner; I truly believe this. Will you commit to joining me in prayer for our church? Let us follow the advice of Paul and view our ministry as a beautiful partnership. We are partnering for the expansion of the gospel message to the city of Tullahoma and beyond. What a great privilege. What a great honor. What a great God we serve. What a great faith community we have.

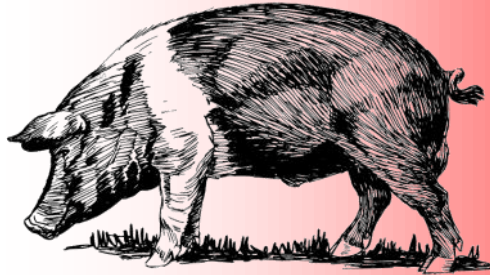
I echo Paul's sentiment...

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart...all of you share in God's grace with me. - Philippians 1:3-7 (selected verses)

Love you all,

Pastor Kris



Sunday Mornings*Nursery available from 8am-12noon***8am** Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary**9am** First Light Modern Service, Family Activity Center (*streamed live on Facebook*)**10am** Sunday School for all ages; various locations**10:30am** Dossett Chapel Sunday School**11am** Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary (*streamed live on Facebook*)

BINGO

The Fellowship Team invites you to join us for a meal and some fun

Wednesday, July 19

5:30 – 6:30 in Davidson Hall (FAC)

Church Council meeting to follow at 6:30

July

What's Happening In July**July 4th** Front Office Closed for Fourth of July**July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th** Back Porch Bible Study 10:00-11:30am Uehlein/Harrison Homes Completed grades 3rd-5th**July 9th-14th** Cedar Crest Camp Kids**July 11th** Golden Circle 11:30am-1:00pm Davidson Hall**July 15th** Youth Serve Day w/ Chattanooga Night Out**July 28th** Senior Adult Fayetteville Play (Deliver Us From Mama)**July 30th** Blessing of the Backpacks 9:00am FAC Building**July 30th** Sunday School Promotion 10:00am FAC Building**July 30th** Youth Lake Party

The front office will be **CLOSED** on Tuesday July 4th for Fourth of July. The office will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th for regular business hours.

Mark 10:14-1

“Jesus said, ‘Let the Little Children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’”



Sunday Mornings

*Nursery Hours
8 a.m. - 12 noon*

*Sunday School
10 a.m.; 2nd floor,
main building*

Summer break is half over but we are still going full steam ahead at TFMC!

Last month we had 3 kiddos go to camp, 2 days of story time, 2 work days at the Henry Center and 4 days of VBS, check out pictures on page 10.

In July we have several more campers going to Cedar Crest, a back porch bible study for completed 3rd- 5th graders, the Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday School Promotion and our Splash Island Party from 6:00-8:00pm.

Sunday School – We are still learning the Fruit of the Spirit that is being led by our parents. In August, we will return to our regular classrooms with one change- we have added 2 new leaders and 1 more class. Look for more info to come.

Lindsay Gilliam will be leading Children’s Choir in August leading them in the Books of the Bible. We sure have some talented singers!

Look for some new gear (t shirts, bags, etc...) coming soon.

Join us for BBQ and Bingo on Wednesday, July 19 from 5:30 – 6:30 in Davidson Hall. Our Church Council meeting will follow at 6:30 in the gym.



Children’s Story Time



Our Kids at Cedar Crest Camp



July

9-14

6, 13, 20, 27

Campers at Cedar Crest
Back Porch Bible Study

10-11:30am Uehlein/Harrison Homes
*Completed grades 3rd-5th

30

30

30

Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday School Promotion
Churchwide Pool Party

9am FAC Building

10am FAC Building

6:00-8:00pm Splash Island

August

6

13

Parent meeting
Picture Day

10am – Davidson Hall

10am – SOUL Lounge

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It's time to be thinking about the "Tables of Christmas" Event, Thursday, December 14, 2023. Those wishing to sponsor a table by decorating it and inviting guests to sit at their table can do so starting in July. More information in the coming weeks.



Yes, we now have a vehicle to get our church family and friends to church and around town. Now we must work on getting volunteers to drive the van. We will be working on this process as we head into fall. Please consider giving a few hours a few times a year to this project. When we started pleading for this ministry, we had several people who would have benefited from having this service. Many of them have now gone on to be with the Lord. That breaks my heart. Yet, there are others to serve. Please be prayerful and considerate of those needing this service.



Happy Fourth of July



Play: "Deliver Us from Mama"

Fayetteville, Tennessee

Friday, July 28, 2023

Cost: \$25.00

(Dinner and play)

Sign-up deadline: 7/16/23

**We now have a wheelchair
 accessible van,
 Thank you, Trustees!**



“A dead end street is a good place to turn around.” Naomi Judd



Golden Circle will meet Tuesday, July 11 at 11:30 AM at the Duck River Utility Commission Building to learn about our water system. Lunch will be provided by TFMC Senior Adult Ministry. So just pack up a friend, not food and come join us. You will need to sign up for this Golden Circle Activity. Check the bulletin board for directions to the facility or meet us at the church at 11:00 AM to carpool.



Randal Braker

July Birthdays

Dale Hunter Jr. July, 14
 Shirley Moore, July 16
 Charlotte Hathaway, July 21
 Frank Steinle, July 25
 Larry Warwick, July 26
 Barbara Oakley, July 2
 Dennis Hyde, July 29

Happy Birthday

**Festival of Wisdom & Grace
Lake Junaluska, August 21-24**



There is still time for you to make your own reservations.



**Free Mystery Trip & Lunch
Rescheduled for
Saturday, July 22, 2023
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**



Representatives M'Lynn Miller and Tammie Cruz from MDS Cheese Company gave us an excellent program last month. The cheese samples were delicious.

VISIT SENIOR ADULT BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER 2023

MISSIONS UPDATE

DID YOU KNOW?

DOSSETT CHAPEL

DOSSETT CHAPEL IS PAUSING OPERATIONS FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL BREAK. THIS WILL ALLOW OUR VOLUNTEERS A SUMMER BREAK, VACATIONS, VISITS WITH CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK WITH OUR TEENAGERS IS CONTINUING, HOWEVER SUMMER IS OUR MOST ACTIVE SEASON SINCE THE KIDS ARE OUT FOR BREAK. WE'VE REBUILT 7 RIDING LAWNMOWERS, 3 PUSH LAWNMOWERS, MOWED MANY LAWNS, CLEANED OUT SHEDS AND HELPED SETUP NEW SHEDS AS WELL AS HELPED ONE OF OUR CONGREGATION MEMBERS REPLACE A TRANSMISSION.

WE'RE URGENTLY LOOKING FOR RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION FOR A SINGLE MOTHER WITH 3 DISABLED CHILDREN (AND SHE HAS CANCER). IF ANYONE HAS A VEHICLE THEY'D BE WILLING TO DONATE OR SELL INEXPENSIVELY, PLEASE CONTACT JEFF ELLISON (JEFF.ELLISON@ME.COM)

DOSSETT CHAPEL WILL BE HOSTING A BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 STUDENTS FROM THE DOSSETT COMMUNITY ON JULY 23RD. BECAUSE OF THE GENEROUS DONATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION FOR LAST YEAR'S BACKPACK CAMPAIGN, WE ARE ABLE TO USE THOSE FUNDS AGAIN THIS YEAR TO PURCHASE BACKPACKS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, HAIRCUTS, AND SHOE VOUCHERS. THANK YOU!

HENRY CENTER

HENRY CENTER IS COLLECTING USED STEEL TOED BOOTS AS WELL AS MONETARY DONATIONS FOR STEEL TOED BOOTS TO HELP A LOCAL STAFFING AGENCY WHOSE CLIENTS NEED PPE.

THE CLOTHES CLOSET IS CLOSED ON THURSDAYS UNTIL JULY 13 BUT WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS ON TUESDAYS 9:30-11:30.

TULLAHOMA FIRST METHODIST YOUTH

SUNDAY'S AT FUMC

ORIGINS Prayer Course | 10am Youth Room

THURSDAY

Disc Golf at Sunrise Rotary Course EMS | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

EVENTS IN JULY

Youth Serve Day w/ Chattanooga Baseball Game | July 15

Promotion Sunday & Lake Day | July 30

*Check out upcoming events in the summer!





SUMMER 23

WATERFRONT RAFTING TRIP	FRIDAY & SATURDAY JUNE 2-3
MONDAY - SATURDAY JUNE 19-24	MISSION TRIP STUDENTS LIVING A MISSION
SERVE DAY W/CHATTANOOGA NIGHT OUT	SATURDAY JULY 15
SUNDAY JULY 30	LAKE PARTY

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10 A.M.

ORIGINS
FACILITATED BY GEORGE JENSEN
IN THE YOUTH ROOM
(YOUTH 6-12TH GRADES)

THE ANXIOUS TEEN
FACILITATED BY KRIS ROBERTS
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES
(PARENTS INVITED TO ATTEND).




SUNDAY EVENINGS 5 - 7 P.M.

ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR IMMERSSED. EACH WEEK WE WILL SWIM, SHARE A MEAL, AND HAVE A DEVO. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

LOCATIONS WILL VARY EACH WEEK.





SUNDAY SCHOOL

at Tullahoma First Methodist Church

MAIN BUILDING

Seekers | Chapel

Singles and Couples; Traditional Bible curriculum

Journey | Room 209 Balcony

Singles and Couples; Book studies / Books of the Bible

Hope | Room 211 Balcony

Couples; Bible based / Current event discussions

Questers | Room 213 Balcony

Singles and Couples; Traditional Bible curriculum

Married Folk | Room 112

Couples; Devotionals and Discussion

Children | SOUL Lounge (Children's Dept)

Pre-K-5th Grades; Fruits of the Spirit

FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTER

Strangely Warmed | B2

Singles and Couple; Traditional Bible Curriculum

Youth | 6th-12th Youth Room

Origins Prayer Course

Youth Parents | Davidson Hall

The Anxious Teen



INTERRUPT ANXIETY
WITH GRATITUDE + **prayer**

INTERRUPT WORRY
WITH BREATH + **prayer**

INTERRUPT ANGER
WITH MOVEMENT + **prayer**

INTERRUPT SADNESS
WITH LAUGHTER + **prayer**

INTERRUPT FEAR
WITH ACTION + **prayer**



Methodist Men's Fish Fry

Friday, August 11th

5:00 – 7:00

Family Activity Center

*Tickets: **Adult \$10**
Children (≤12) \$5*

Tickets on Sale After 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 Services

Beginning July 16

Check out some of our kids helping out at the Henry Center



Check out some of our kids and volunteers at VBS



Keeping In Prayers

Sharon Anderson (*Friend of Richard & Peggy Columbia*)
 Forrest & Amanda Mcculloch (*Friends of Kelton Garner*)
 Beverly Phillips (*friend of George Stone*)
 Glynn Shumake (*friend of George Stone*)
 Shirley Jones (*mother of Chelsy*)

Campbell and grandmother of Madison Dochety
 Champagne Rutledge
 Ryan Bond
 Lupe Cowger (*mother of Lisa Susoev*)
 Marjorie Parrish (*mother of Tina Rose*)

If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 455-5434 or fumc@lighttube.net. Also, if you have updates about your loved one currently on the prayer list, please contact the office with that information. It is important for us to have the most accurate information so that we may provide the appropriate congregational care.

Finance

May 2023

Revenue

YTD Budget \$357,570
 Received \$316,138

Expenditures

YTD Budget \$357,570
 Disbursed \$348,027



Attendance

Average Attendance 2023

8:00 a.m. Worship	54
First Light Worship	151
11:00 a.m. Worship	99
Total	304
Sunday School	63

Memorials

Margaret Perkins

from
 Joyce & John Kivett
 Sherry & Mitchell Lee
 William & Betty Comer
 Laura K. Ring

Mary Lou Barnett

from
 Dale & Mary Barnett
 Ann Hand

Charles Haffner

from
 Alice & Bruce Huskey
 Chirley & Leroy Jenke
 Faye & Andrew Whitt
 Frances Jones

Joan Alexander

from
 William & Betty Comer
 Ann Hand
 Clark, Nies, & Crenshaw PPLC
 Frances Jones
 Dr. James & Betty Thurman

Dona Rhudy

from
 Frances Jones

Linda Thomas

from
 Joanna Seiber
 Golden Circle

Robert Saif

from
 Dr. Michael & Nancy Chaney

Shirley Miller

from
 William & Betty Comer
 Ann Hand



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TEXT IN CHURCH

To receive text messages & emails from the church to keep you in the loop

about everything that is going on, just text the word **church** to 931-452-4747 and click on the response. You may also sign up to receive texts from specific areas of ministry. For our Children's Ministry, text **children**; for our Senior Adults ministry, text **fumcsam**. Once your form is filled out, we will begin sending you all the info you'll need.



Our main Facebook page is First Methodist Church.

We also have a **Youth** page - FUMC Tullahoma Youth Ministry; and a **Children's** page - Children's Ministry of FUMC Tullahoma.

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