



Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

- Psalm 90:1-2

Folk singer Bob Dylan once sang, “*The times, they are-a changin’*”. Times do change, and most often, whether we like it or not, we are expected to change with them. We, humans, are funny, however. When life drags on, and not much seems to be happening, we wish that something—anything—would be different. But as soon as life gets just a little too hectic and the changes start coming fast and furious, we may feel like we’re being swept downstream against our will. We begin to wish that normalcy will return. We wonder to ourselves and God, why can’t things stay the same for once?

One of the things we can count on in our human experience is that change is inevitable. However, one of the things we can count on is God. He never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He is steady when life is turbulent. No matter our state in life, no matter how chaotic and tumultuous we consider our lives to be, we have a Touchpoint that never moves. He is a beacon to shine through our dark days and a Compass to guide us when we feel lost in new surroundings. *(adapted from The Constancy of God in Our Times of Transition)*.

As we enter the summer months and this new season in the church's life, I want our church's focus to be on the Touchpoint that is our God. In the last three years, we have braved the storms of a global pandemic, a painful disaffiliation process, and leadership changes. Friends, once again, God will see us through this season of transition and healing. We can trust in His providence. As Moses commissioned Joshua to lead the people of Israel, he encouraged him with these words, “*It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.*” - **Deuteronomy 31:6-8**

May we hold these words in our thoughts and near our hearts in the coming months. Amen.

-Kris Roberts



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)*

Ongoing Activities**Tuesdays**

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance, 12-2pm
- Instrumental Ensemble, 5:15-6:15pm; Basement

Wednesdays

- Noon Prayer, 12-1pm; Sanctuary
- Wonderful Wednesdays: 3:30-4:30pm, Dossett Chapel
- Choir Ensemble, 5:30-6:30pm; Basement
- Handbells, 6:30-7:30pm; Basement

Thursdays

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance, 12-2pm
- Henry Center Clothes Closet, 12-2pm

**What's Happening In June**

- June 2-3** Youth White Water Rafting Trip
- June 6th** Golden Circle 11:30am-1:00pm Davidson Hall
- June 7th** Children's Ministry Community Storytime 10:00-11:00am FAC Building
- June 11th** Camp Commissioning 9:00am First Light Service
- June 14th** Children's Ministry Community Storytime 10:00-11:00am FAC Building
- June 18th** Confirmation Sunday and Youth Missions Trip Commissioning
- June 19-24** Youth Mission Trip Nashville
- June 24th** Senior Adult Mystery Trip 10:00am-3:00pm (limit 10 people/sign ups required)
- June 25th** VBS Sunday 9:00am First Light Service
- June 26-29** VBS 9:00-11:30am FAC Building



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 here and so is your Children’s Ministry!

Our parents will take turns leading Sunday School for the summer and we will be learning about The Fruit of the Spirit and choir will meet from 10:45-11:15.

We have many kiddos going to camp this summer and they would love to hear from you either by email or letter. More info to come on how to write them.

Community Storytime- see page 7 for more details

Children’s Council – Your Children’s Council members are Scott Dausat, Leigha Epley, Beth Harrison (Chair), Laura Lockmiller and Katie McNabb. Thank you all for serving! A great big thank you to Crystal Butler and Laura Ruff for serving many faithful years on the Council, we truly appreciate your service.



***Flip to Page 7 for more Children’s Ministry Updates**

June

6, 8	Pack food bags *Contact Laura Lockmiller (931-639-3711) if you plan to participate	9:30-10:30am Henry Center
11-16	Campers at Cedar Crest	
7, 14,	Community Storytime	10-11am FAC Building
25	VBS Sunday	9am FAC Building
26-29	VBS	9-11am FAC Building

July

9-14	Campers at Cedar Crest	
6, 13, 20, 27	Back Porch Bible Study	10-11:30am Uehlein/Harrison Homes *Completed grades 3rd-5th
30	Blessing of the Backpacks	9am FAC Building
30	Sunday School Promotion	10am FAC Building
30	Churchwide Pool Party	6:00-8:00pm Splash Island

August

6	Parent meeting	10am – Davidson Hall
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YOUTH MINISTRY

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 JUNE

Whitewater Rafting Trip | June 2-3

Summer Mission Trip | June 19-24

*Check out upcoming events in the summer!



Please join me in praying for our summer mission team as we serve the least, the last and the lost in Nashville, TN on June 19-24. Our team will work with our friends from Students Living A Mission in cleaning apartment homes for seniors, host sports camps for kids, and serve refugees coming into the city.

Summer Mission Team:

Andrew Carmack, Will Harrison, Landon Ennis, Ellie Uehein, Peyton Sells, Bryleigh Holder, Lainey Kelly, Myla Dennis, Aiddian Evans, Kris Roberts, and Elizabeth Arnett

WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIP FRIDAY & SATURDAY JUNE 2-3

MONDAY - SATURDAY JUNE 19-24 **MISSION TRIP** STUDENTS LIVING A MISSION

SERVE DAY SATURDAY JULY 15
W/CHATTANOOGA NIGHT OUT

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.



With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others.

We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Join me in welcoming Briley Cooper and Kaleah Prater into the family of God! They will be confirmed at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 11th



“Don’t be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart.”


-Roy T. Bennett

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)


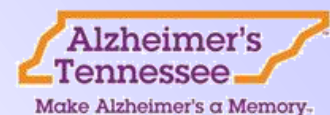


June Birthdays

- Tommie Hoagland 3
- Dudley Tipps 4
- Jean Sanders 15
- Susan Warwick 15
- Ron Kohl 24
- Linda Roberts 24



Golden Circle will meet Tuesday, June 6 at 11:30 AM in Davidson Hall. Representatives from MDS Cheese Company will be our program. Please bring a “Pot Luck” dish to share and invite some friends.

Thanks to each of you that participated in our “Purple Olympics” fundraiser. We raised \$1500.00.

If you plan to go, you will have to make your own reservations through Lake Junaluska as deadline for me making them ended May 30th.

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



Cathy Conley joined me to make a team.

We won three medals: one gold and two bronze.



The Early Ink Making Class was so interesting and so much fun. Sorry many of you missed it.



Free Mystery Trip Saturday, June 24, 2023 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Please sign up by June 18th (Limited 10 people)

henry center

The Henry Center continues to serve around 60 families each week with food, financial assistance, clothing and household goods.

We currently need volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-2!

If you can serve, please contact the church office or Bill Caps.

A special thank you for all the plastic bags! Keep 'em coming!

We are still in the process of collecting steel-toed boots. Our neighbors are trying to return to the workforce, but are sometimes unable to purchase them on their own. We need your help in creating a stock at the Clothes Closet. We also need sheets, towels, and children's toys. Simply check your closets and bring donations to the cart in the chapel!



dossett chapel

Dossett Chapel meets with the kids every Wednesday and Sunday. We currently need additional volunteers to help teach Sunday school from 10:30-11:30.

The community service program is doing a great job helping our neighbors! They have recently been doing yard work for people that need assistance.

These programs will be taking a break this summer, but will resume in August!

A special thank you to all of our volunteers!

disaster response

We are still seeking people that would like to be a part of our disaster response teams!

Contact Stephen Savelle at savelle@lighttube.net for more information



international

Building Miracles for Guatemala is now accepting donations to assist in next year's project- building a house for Pastor Felix! The donations can be made through the church financial office. We thank you for your continued support to our friends in Guatemala.

CHILDREN'S



Ministry

★ 52 RESPONSES TO I'M BORED ★

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| PLAY HOPSCOTCH | PLAY TAG |
| DRAW WITH CHALK | WASH THE CAR |
| BOTTLE FLIP | BUILD WITH BLOCKS |
| WRITE A STORY | MAKE UP A DANCE |
| DO A PUZZLE | RIDE YOUR BIKE |
| PLAY DRESS UP | TAKE PICTURES |
| BLOW BUBBLES | WASH THE DOG |
| WALK THE DOG | PLAY FREEZE DANCE |
| READ A BOOK | HAVE A TEA PARTY |
| SEARCH FOR COOL ROCKS | WATER PLANTS |
| HAVE A PICNIC | MAKE A CRAFT |
| MAKE A PAINTING | LISTEN TO MUSIC |
| BOARD GAMES | LOOK FOR LADYBUGS |
| LOOK AT OLD PICTURES | PICK FLOWERS |
| HAVE A LEMONADE STAND | WRITE A LETTER |
| MAKE A TIME CAPSULE | PRACTICE A SPORT |
| MAKE FOIL JEWELRY | DIG IN THE DIRT |
| PLAY CHARADES | PLAY GO FISH |
| HAVE A STARING CONTEST | TAKE A BUBBLE BATH |
| BAKE A TREAT | BE HELPFUL |
| PAPER AIRPLANE RACE | MAKE SOCK PUPPETS |
| WATCH A MOVIE | PUPPET SHOW |
| LEARN A MAGIC TRICK | DRAW YOURSELF |
| CREATE A SUPERHERO | FASHION SHOW |
| FIND TOYS TO DONATE | FACETIME GRANDMA |
| FIND TOYS FOR GARAGE SALE | JUMP ROPE |



TULLAHOMA FUMC VBS 2023
IS GO FOR LAUNCH
JUNE 26TH-29TH • 9 AM-11:30 AM
IN THE FAMILY ACTIVITIES CENTER
RISING KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE
LIMITED PRE-K SPOTS (3 AND POTTY TRAINED)

Would you be interested in volunteering?
We could really use your help!!

TO REGISTER  
[TINYURL.COM/3MPS62EN](https://tinyurl.com/3mP562EN)
 For more information, see Ashley Magrini or check out our Children's Ministry FB page.

SCAN ME



Community Storytime
June 7th & 14th 10-11am
Family Activity Center (Gym)
 Sponsored by the Children's Ministry of
 Tullahoma First Methodist Church
 208 W. Lauderdale Street
 ~Snacks Provided~



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; Relevant topics for kids

FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTER

Strangely Warmed | B2

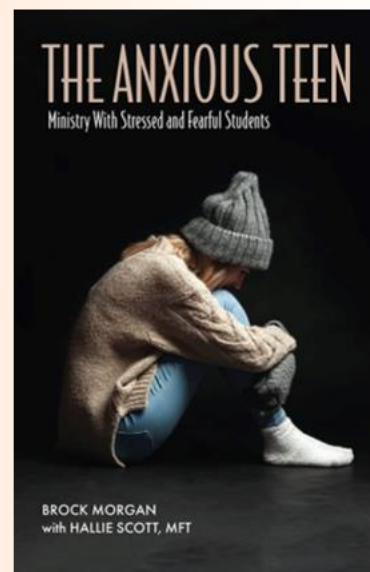
Singles and Couple; Traditional Bible Curriculum

Youth | 6th-12th Youth Room

Origins Prayer Course

Youth Parents | Davidson Hall

The Anxious Teen



HUGE SUMMER



WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

- AUGUST
- BARBECUE
- BASEBALL
- BEACH
- BIKE
- BOAT
- CAMP
- FAMILY
- FISHING
- FLIGHT
- FLIP FLOPS
- FLOWERS
- FRIENDS
- GARDEN
- HEAT
- HOLIDAYS
- HOT
- HUMID
- ICED TEA
- INSIDE
- JULY
- JUNE
- LEMONADE
- OUTSIDE
- PARK
- PICNIC
- PLAY
- POOL
- RELAX
- SANDALS
- SHORTS
- SKATEBOARD
- SOCCER
- SUNSCREEN
- SUNSET
- SWIMMING
- TAN
- TANK TOPS
- TENT
- THEMEPARK
- TOUR
- TRAVEL
- TRIP
- VACATION
- WATERPARK

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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY. Find and circle each word.



Hello Summer

Connectional Corner-June 2023

This will be the final edition of the Connectional Corner (CC) as Tullahoma First Methodist Church is no longer in a connectional relationship with a Methodist denomination. The original intent of the Connectional Corner was to prepare this congregation for General Conference 2020, where there were 6 proposed legislative bills to split the UMC. The first issue of the Connectional Corner was published January 2020 with the thought there would be 5 editions before the May 2020 General Conference. Thirty-five CC issues later, there still has been no GC 2020 but the UMC has split. On June 1, 2023, Tullahoma First Methodist Church charts a new beginning as an independent Methodist congregation.

On Monday, May 22, 2023, a specially called meeting of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky (TWK) Annual Conference was held via Zoom for one purpose – to allow those congregations wishing to leave the UMC to depart. Voting members of the Annual Conferences' 840 churches approved the requests from 162 churches to disaffiliate from the UMC. This represents just under 20% of the TWK congregations. Tullahoma First was one of the 162 congregations approved to depart from the UMC. All the leaving churches met the procedures of paragraph 2553 in the Book of Discipline to be included in this special session. Another special session will be held on November 13, 2023, to approve other congregations who did not meet the deadline for this special session. Paragraph 2553 expires at the end of this year, with no more congregations able to depart the UMC after November 13th under paragraph 2553.

At the February Church Council meeting, a program was approved to guide our congregation through the disaffiliation and beyond. (See Feb. 2023 CC.) In the four months since, the Steering Committee has completed all requirements for disaffiliation allowing us to depart the UMC at the May specially called Annual Conference. The Educational Task Force is hard at work laying the groundwork to educate the congregation whether to remain independent or align with another Wesleyan denomination. The Polity Task Force has completed the Bylaws which were approved at the April Church Council meeting, and are nearing completing of a Doctrine. At the May Council meeting, a Continuing Resolution was passed keeping our congregation under the rules of the 2016 UMC Book of Discipline until December 31, 2023, which gives the Polity Task Force time to complete both the Doctrine and Discipline of TFMC. Hopefully you have already seen and used the excellent work of the Spiritual Enrichment Task Force. This Task Force is helping us maintain Christ's presence in our lives as TFMC moves forward.

Members of Tullahoma First Methodist Church – the future of this congregation requires your participation. Above all, continue to pray for our congregation. Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend Church Council meetings and participate in discussions, however, only Council members may cast votes. The next Church Council meeting is on June 14th at 6:30 in Davidson Hall. The future of Tullahoma First Methodist Church is in your hands.

-Craig Diller

Keeping In Prayers

Mary Lou Barnett
 Ryan Bond
 Beverly Phillips (*friend of George Stone*)
 Champagne Rutledge
 Forrest & Amanda Mccullogh
 (*Friends of Kelton Garner*)
 Colton Powell (*Great Nephew of John & DeSha Miller*)

Shirley Jones (*mother of Chelsy Campbell and grandmother of Madison Dochety*)
 Sharon Anderson (*Friend of Richard & Peggy Columbia*)
 Glynn Shumake
 Chelsy Campbell

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.

Memorials

Billy Faye Guinn
 from
 Sanctuary Choir
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Barton

Linda Thomas
 from
 Diane Chellstorp
 Charlotte Hathaway
 George & Kathy Jensen
 David Schmisser
 Jack & Joyce Sartain
 Ann Hand
 George Stone
 Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Miller

Joyce Mathis
 from
 Charlotte Hathaway

Ross Roepke
 from
 John & Wendy Colvin
 George & Kathy Jensen
 David Schmisser
 Mr. & Mrs. William Comer
 Charlotte Hathaway
 Mr. & Mrs. S. Rogers
 George Stone
 Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Miller

Sam DiNicola
 from
 Charlotte Hathaway
 George Stone

Charles Haffner
 from
 Charlotte Hathaway
 Lex & Lynn Hutcheson

Dona Rhudy
 from
 Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Miller
 Laura Orr

Margaret Perkins
 from
 Charlotte Hathaway
 David Schmisser
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kaup Jr
 Jennie Kuebitz
 Sharon Riley
 George Stone
 Lex & Lynn Hutcheson
 Bill Yoder
 Bettilu & Charles Smith
 Ronald H. Kohl
 Diane Chellstorp

Dudley & Joesphine Gault
 from
 George Stone

Honorariums

Jean & John Hill
 from
 Joy Fricke

Henry Center Volunteers
 from
 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lester

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 Missions
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 First Light Music Ministry
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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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