



**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18:** *Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

November is a month filled with the spirit of gratitude, centered around one of the most cherished holidays of the year. It's a time when we reflect on the enduring traditions of the Pilgrims who journeyed to America and celebrate the abundance of love and kindness that fills our lives. We come together to express our heartfelt thanks for the precious gift of family, the warmth of friendship, and the joy of helping those in need.

In a world often clouded by challenges and uncertainty, finding reasons to be thankful can be daunting. Yet, in times like these, we are reminded of the divine guidance that encourages us to rejoice, to pray, and to give thanks. How do we cultivate a spirit of gratitude amid life's storms?

The answer is the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Peter explained it in this way:

**1 Peter 1:3-6:** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,*

We see that the answer lies in the unwavering hope we find in Jesus Christ. As Peter beautifully articulates:

Through our faith in Christ, we are blessed with a "living hope" – a profound sense of assurance brought to life by the Holy Spirit residing within us. This hope directs our gaze towards God and the boundless love demonstrated by Jesus on the cross. True thanksgiving, you see, transcends the challenges of the fallen world and the circumstances that often surround us. It emerges as a supernatural, unshakable hope, enabling us to perceive beyond the present moment and into the eternity that awaits us.

So, as we come together in gratitude this season, let us lift our heads heavenward, embracing the eternal hope that has the power to permeate every corner of our lives. In this uplifting spirit, may our hearts overflow with thanks, and may the radiance of our collective hope light up the world around us.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Pastor Mike*

## First Methodist Women -

The Kiwanis Craft Fair returns Friday and Saturday, Nov 17 & 18 to the FAC. The First Methodist Women will have our table selling homemade goodies - cakes, pies, cookies, rolls, jams & jellies, candies, etc.

Donations may be brought to the FAC on Thursday, Nov 16 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Ann Hand



### What's Happening In November

**November 5th** All Saints Day

**November 7th** Golden Circle, 11:30am-1:00pm Davidson Hall

**November 8th** Charge Conference 6:30-7:30pm; Davidson Hall

**November 11th** Men's Breakfast, 7:30-9:00am; Davidson Hall

**November 12th** Sunday of Service all day

**November 15th** Turkey Dinner, 5:00-7:00pm, FAC Building

**November 17th-18th** Kiwanis Craft Show, Friday 9:00am-6:00pm Saturday 9:00-4:00pm; FAC Building

**November 22nd-23rd** *Front Office Closed in*



- 11/5: All Saints Day (no communion) - (Daylight Savings Time Begins - Fall Back)
- 11/8: Charge Conference
- 11/12: Sunday of Service at 10:00 AM (with communion, youth provide a meal as a fundraiser, and then others go out to do mission projects)
- 11/15 Turkey Dinner, 5:00-7:00pm; FAC Building
- 11/18 First Methodist Women Bake Sale/Pecan Sale/ Kiwanis Craft Show Friday 9:00am-6:00pm Saturday 9:00-4:00pm; FAC Building
- 11/22-23 Front Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving
- 11/24: Regular worship Times - Thanksgiving Service
- 12/3: First Sunday of Advent - regular service times - Traveling Baby Jesus begins
- 12/3: "The Chosen" Christmas Viewing 10:00-10:45am, FAC Gym
- 12/10: Christmas Concert, 6:00pm; Sanctuary
- 12/14: Tables of Christmas
- 12/17: Unified service at 10:00 Children's Christmas Program (Church-wide Jesus Birthday Celebration to follow in Davidson Hall )
- 12/24: Christmas Eve: Regular Morning Worship Times - Special Christmas Candlelight Service at 6:00 PM
- 12/31: New Year's Eve: Regular service times

**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*

When our children were little, it was a crazy busy time. Between school, their activities, jobs, church, and everyday life, it was non-stop. Guess what I’ve learned? Life doesn’t change much. Busy seasons are always going to be a part of the landscape. The key to navigating these seasons well is to be intentional and build foundations into our lives that influence our children and those around us for Christ.

First, remember that spirituality isn’t reserved for Sundays. God is part of our lives all of the time. Each situation our children face is an opportunity for us to share God’s Word and plan for their lives with them. Psalm 138:8 KJV says, “The Lord will perfect that which concerns me..” Not just the big things, but everything. When your child brings a need to you, take the time to look it up in the Bible and read what God says about their situation with them. There isn’t any situation they will face that God hasn’t addressed in His Word. Once you’ve found out what God says about it, pray with them what God says, and thank Him for helping your kiddo through the situation. Questions like “What if I don’t make friends in my classroom? I’m not sure how to do it.” Show them that God said that He would supply all of their needs according to the riches of his glory (Philippians 4:19), and that God had friends for them just waiting for them

Next, make church and fellowshiping with believers a habit. Just like exercise, doing devotions, and cleaning up after ourselves, it is easy to get out of a habit when it isn’t made a priority. Healthy habits in our lives beget stability and health in our children’s lives. We didn’t do some of the traveling teams for sports because we would miss church, and it was important to us.

How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time! How do you get back on track if you’ve lost your way-one life giving decision at a time. Ask God to help you and He will show you what to do. It might be a really simple thing. Don’t worry about it, do the first thing He asks, and then He’ll show you another. Before you know it, you’ll be navigating the season you are in. Stand on God’s promise found in Deuteronomy 31:6, NLT, “So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you or abandon you.” Remember, you and God together can face anything, and your family won’t just survive, but they will thrive!

**\*Check out page 10 for more Children’s Ministry Updates**

<u>November</u>			
12	Sunday of Service	10am	Main Sanctuary
		11am	lunch- Davidson Hall
		Noon	projects begin
<u>December</u>			
3	Traveling Baby Jesus Begins		
3	Advent Craft	10am	meet in Davidson Hall
10	Tour Nativity/Games	10am	meet in SOUL Lounge
17	Christmas Program	10am	Main Sanctuary
17	Happy Birthday, Jesus Party	11am	FAC



TULLAHOMA  
**FIRST  
 METHODIST**  
 SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**Reserve your place for November's  
 Road Trip! Take part in the fun!**



**November 17th**



- November 5, All Saint's Sunday
- November 7, Golden Circle
- November 17, Play (Fayetteville)
- November 26, Play (Murfreesboro)
- December 5, Golden Circle
- December 14, Tables of Christmas



“Tables of Christmas” Event for Thursday, December 14, 2023. Those wishing to sponsor a table by decorating it and inviting guests to sit at their table can sign-up now. See sign-up list on Senior Adult Ministry Bulletin Board. Remember this is a free event and open to the full church and community. **Deadline to reserve tables is November 15th**



**Our group**





Time is one of those things we never seem to have enough of. Listen to what Ephesians 5: 15-17 has to say: “So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.” Take a good look at your time today and see how you can spend your time more wisely.

# TULLAHOMA FIRST METHODIST — SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### November Birthdays

- Allie Hunter, 2
- Belinda Bricken, 3
- Susan Douglas, 5
- Linda Smith, 7
- James Barnhart, 10
- Ann Knowis, 11
- Agnes Adams, 12
- Debbie Sanders, 22
- Bob Mahrenholz, 27
- Lynn Cason, 27



Donna Rhoton from the Book Shelf was our October speaker. Don’t forget to visit the Book Shelf Book Store, it supports Adult Basic Education.



Pastor Mike Gudka will be our guest speaker Tuesday, November 7. Come and get to know the new pastor up close and personal. Don’t forget to bring your favorite “Pot Luck” dish. We meet in Davidson Hall at 11:30 AM. There will be a business meeting afterwards.

### Day of Service

Sunday, November 12, 2023

The Senior Adult Ministry will be sponsoring two projects. Please see sign-up board for details.



The First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Alabama will be presenting the “Living Christmas Tree” December 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>. I will be making reservations November 27 for this trip. Transportation will be provided for the first twelve (12) to make reservations. **This is a free event.**

**VISIT SENIOR ADULT BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**





Dossett Chapel has 32 kids on Wednesday's and Saturdays! They have some exciting field trips coming up including horse play, painted house, duck river water excursion and more. They are still heavily committed to the community and community service. With so many kids now attending, Dossett is in desperate need of volunteers to help out! If you can volunteer please contact Jeff Ellison at [jeff.ellison@me.com](mailto:jeff.ellison@me.com).

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# SUNDAY OF SERVICE

**Sunday, November 12th**

Join us as we serve our community through a variety of projects around Tullahoma!

For more information, see Michael Magrini or Evan Smith

The Clothes Closet is in needs of some items! Please look through your houses and see if you have any of these items and bring them down on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30am at the Clothes Closet or M-T from 8am-4pm and drop them off in the back of the chapel.

- ◆ comforters
- ◆ sheets
- ◆ toys
- ◆ towels
- ◆ cookware





**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY**

Youth Bible Study | 10 a.m. Youth Room

High School Tribe | 6-7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Middle School Tribe | 6-7:30 p.m.

Disciple Bible Study | 6-8 p.m.

**EVENTS IN NOVEMBER**

Sunday of Service (soup & salad fundraiser) | November 12th



The truth that Jesus saves us from our sins is a gift that is beyond comprehension. But God saves us in many different ways. As any good father does, God desires to save us completely. But unlike all other fathers, God actually has the capability to rescue us in all ways. We invite all FMC youth to join us at Tribe in November to explore our



# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Tullahoma First Methodist Church

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

#### 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; New Testament Studies

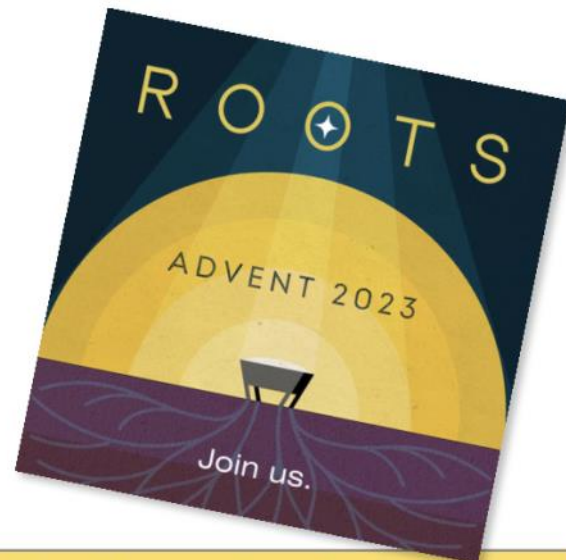
#### FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTER

##### Strangely Warmed | B2

Singles and Couple; Traditional Bible Curriculum

##### Youth | 6th-12th Youth Room

Youth Bible Study | Old & New Testaments



We all come from someone, somewhere, and something—a people, a place, and a story.

**So does Jesus.**

The heart and mission of Emmanuel, God with us, is more profoundly understood by exploring the well-watered roots that flowered into Jesus's life as the Word of God made flesh (John 1:14). The roots of Jesus are his family tree and its characters, the land of Israel and its towns and terrain, and the incredible faith-story of God's covenant people, the Jews. We will draw from both Jesus' genealogical ancestry and his faith heritage, as we walk together on a journey through the stories of saints and sinners woven into the family line of the Son of God.

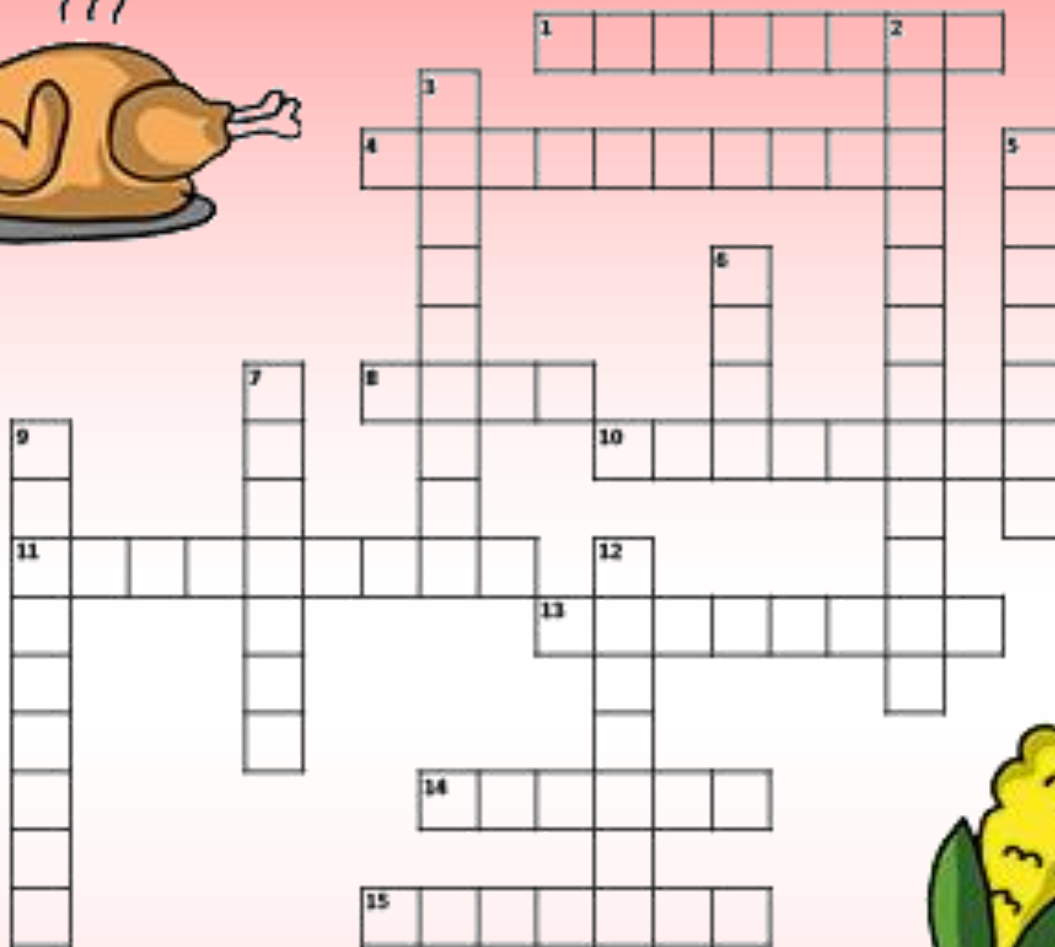
Join us for a 4-part series on Sunday evenings at 4pm beginning November 26th.

Facilitated in Davidson Hall by Kris Roberts, Associate Pastor



# THANKSGIVING

## Crossword



### ACROSS

- 1. First village established by the Pilgrims
- 4. Symbol of abundance and nourishment
- 8. An essential grain in the New World diet
- 10. Literally, travelers going to a holy place
- 11. The Pilgrims' boat
- 13. 16th and 17th century English Protestants
- 14. The traditional holiday bird
- 15. American Indian who taught the Pilgrims many things

### DOWN

- 2. 4th Thursday of November
- 3. A traditional American Indian dwelling
- 5. Gathering of crops
- 6. Season for harvesting
- 7. Country the Pilgrims left behind
- 9. Indigenous people who were present at the first Thanksgiving
- 12. Bright orange squash used to make pie



Children's Ministry helping at the Henry Center.

Thank you, Jeff Harrison! Our nursery ladies can now livestream the service into the nursery.



Children's Ministry taking a field trip to get items for the alley food box.



### Keeping In Prayers

Forrest & Amanda McCullough  
*(Friends of Kelton Garner)*  
 Ryan Bond  
 Katie Jo Bailey  
 Ann Cunningham  
 David Hess  
 Janie Townes

Larry Dickerson  
 Barbara Prater  
 Ken Davis  
 Sonny Elliot *(friend of John Cook)*  
 Jim Mares

Madison Quick *(Niece of Julie & Kevin Uehlein)*

*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](mailto: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 September 2023

##### Revenue

YTD Budget \$643,626  
 Received \$540,595

##### Expenditures

YTD Budget \$643,626  
 Disbursed \$560,120

#### Attendance

Average Attendance 2023

8:00 a.m. Worship	53
First Light Worship	147
11:00 a.m. Worship	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>295</b>
Sunday School	63



### Memorials

*Virgil Cline*  
*from*  
*Dr. Ben & Ann Spaulding*  
*W.C. & Jane Ann Driver*

*Jim Mitchell*  
*from*  
*W.C. & Jane Ann Driver*

*Ross Roepke*  
*from*  
*W.C. & Jane Ann Driver*



*Shirley Miller*  
*from*  
*W.C. & Jane Ann Driver*

*John Merz*  
*from*  
*Carolyn Marks*

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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.



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