



# The Midweek Visitor

**First United Methodist Church**

*Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers*

**August 22, 2018**

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**Serving the people of Manchester since 1813**  
**Senior Pastor, Rev. Randall T. Brown**



What an exciting day, we had yesterday. For the first time, we had our 11:00 worship service on Facebook live. We had several folks who viewed our worship service via Facebook live. We did have one problem, which hopefully will be corrected by next Sunday and that is that the sound was not the quality that we were expecting or hoping for. Dana is leading a team of people to fix this problem and we know that they will continue to work out the sound issues with their expertise.

This coming Sunday will wind up our Missions Emphasis Month for 2018. Our guest speaker will be Benny Hieberg from Hendersonville, TN. He is a former pastor in the UMC and is currently with the Mission Society. We look forward to having him with us for both worship services. At the end of each worship service, you will have an opportunity to make your financial commitment for Faith Promise Missions for Manchester FUMC.

This is the mission's budget only. Please be in prayer as to what financial commitment to our missions budget God would have you make for the coming year. The missions budget runs an October 1- Sept 30 budget.

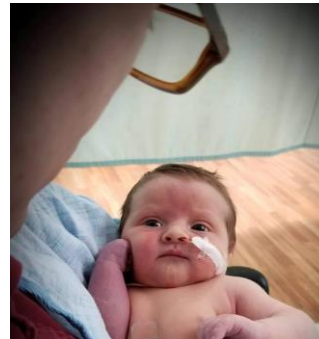
**See you Sunday,**

**Brother Randy**

to our son Aaron and wife Noelle. Emerson had a rough start and was in the NICU at St. Thomas Rutherford for a few days. As you're reading this, Emerson was to be discharged and going home Monday, August 20, and is no doubt now teaching her mom and dad what it means to truly be on a "schedule!" We are so very thankful for your fervent, intercessory prayers for our family members. Aaron, Noelle and Emerson send their thanks as well!

My sister lives outside of Cincinnati, Ohio, and her church were praying too. I sent her a text a little while ago thanking her for all the prayers. She responded by saying "that's the CHURCH BEING THE CHURCH!"

Thank you all again, for BEING the church!



**Grace and Peace,**

**Dana**

**God wants us to invest our time in that which counts for eternity.**

"...making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16)



### A NOTE FROM DANA...

Pam and I want to thank you for your prayers for baby Emerson Brooks, who was born on August 12<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, we'll finish up the month with another one of Solomon's proverbs in Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

This familiar passage talks about trusting God's plan rather than our own. When we lean on our

own understanding, we will never consistently make the wise choice. It's through trusting in God that we can find true wisdom for our life.

**Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom.** God is the author of wisdom. We can grow in wisdom as we read God's word and discover His plan for our life. We pray that kids will put their trust in Jesus and discover how they can grow in their relationship with Him and don't have to fear anything that happens. God can give us the confidence to trust Him no matter what.

We are getting very excited in the children's department about resuming our Wednesday night classes September 12. That first night we will have a family of performers entertaining us! We have also had some church members donate some brand new bicycles to us to give away. I hope you'll join us!

**Mrs. Jackie**

**Jacqueline Connelly**

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Sunday morning, we talked about giving things over to God in prayer and letting Him take control. Sunday night we had worship and listened to BigStuf session 4 where Stuart Hall told us that we all make mistakes and the important thing is how we bounce back after those mistakes. He also told us that failure is an event, NOT a person, which is something we all need to hear from time to time.

Wednesday night we will finish what we started last week in the Circle Maker book.

It is almost time to reserve spots for BigStuf for next summer!!! I am asking each student that wants to go to bring me \$10 by September 12 in order to secure their spot. I'll make our reservations on September 13.

Youth Sunday is September 16. The youth will be in charge of the ENTIRE service. If you'd like to preach call me! Just kidding. I think we've got that covered! We still have some dates available for youth supper. Check your Sunday School attendance book and the Welcome Center if you'd like to sign up.

I am thinking about doing a bonfire in October. If you would be willing to host, please let me know.

I have rearranged the youth room. We could use another couch and a table, so if you're getting rid of any furniture, please let me know.

**Be Blessed!**

**Ami Shedd**

**MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS**

God's World & Our Nation

Jay Newton; Terra Bingham; Allen Stone; Michael Starr; Cameron Wainright; Ashley Thames; Kelsie Ross; and all in the military service & their families.

McHann family	Jimmy Stephens	Faye & Ralph Jones
Susan Wood	Dave Owen & family	Mary Frances Brantley
Sabrina Gilliam	Bernice Thornton	Dorothy Bon
Sharon Brown	Clay Riddle	Don & Mary Rounds
Linda Langham	Donna McCluskey	Brad & Teri Edwards
Jeanette Taylor	Jean Johanson	Ava Brazelton
Charles Rogers	Jesse Overall	Peggy Miller
Marshall family	Lillian Nolan	Michael Garoppo
Harold & Terry Brown	Lynn Erwin	Nancy Daniel
Wayne & Sandy (Patty McHann's parents)		Bob Leonard
Bill & Ruth Jones	Noelle and Emerson Brooks	Pat Jones
Bob Williams		

Please keep our Nursing Home Residents and Homebound Members on your prayer list even though they may not be listed above.

Please let the church office know when you would like your name removed from the prayer listing.

Copies of the complete Prayer Concerns list are available at the Welcome Center counter.

**I Will Support My Church With My Presence**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>August 19</b>
Sunday School	80
8:25 Service	55
10:55 Service	86

**I Will Support My Church With My Gifts**

	<b><u>Total of August 19</u></b>
Sunday School	58.00
Youth Fund	10.00
Coffee Time	13.00
Missions	50.00
One Day of Hope	95.00
Memorials to Budget	225.00
Memorial to Youth	270.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	7,081.00
Year-to-date offering	280,326.00
Offering needed to date	308,451.00
(+/-) Difference	-28,125.00

**I Will Support My Church With My Service**

**Building Checker**

Week of August 26	Rogers Starr
Week of September 2	Buddy Riddle

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MIDWEEK VISITOR

**Coffee Time**

August 26 JaNelle Burt  
September 2 & 9 Alisa Mitchell

**Altar Guild**

August Mattie Eaton & Deborah Amacher  
September Sue Wakeman & Debra Thorington

**Counters**

August Doris Hendrix  
September Debra Armacher & Mark Williams

**Greeters**

August 26 8:25 Debra & Jim Thorington  
10:55 Phyllis & Richard Dix  
September 2 8:25 Debra & Jim Thorington  
10:55 Anita & Ed Turner

**Kitchen Monitor**

August Patricia Anderson  
September Judy Brooks

**Sunday School Greeters**

August 26 Kay Smoyak  
September 2 & 9 Kay Pratt

**Bakers/Visitors**

August 26 Pat Cassady (Baker)  
Joane Cassady (Visitor)  
September 2 Debra & Jim Thorington

**Usher (8:25 am)**

August Jonathan Shedd  
September James McKelvey

\*\*\***Please pray for Mary Frances Brantley during this time.** She is at The Bridge at Hickory Woods, 4220 Murfreesboro Pike, Antioch, TN 37013. Check the newsletter for news as to when she will be going home.\*\*\*

\*\*\***Needed: Male volunteers to be Greeters Sunday mornings! These are the dates we need male volunteers to help greet Sunday Mornings:**

- **December 16 at 8:25 am**
- **December 23 at 10:55 am**

\*\*\***NEEDED: Usher to fill schedule for April, August, and December (1 person for all three months) for the early service (8:25 am). If you are interested, please call Suzanne Smead at 931-728-4624.**

**Deadlines:** Items to be put in the newsletter are due to the office no later than Monday at 3pm; items to be put in the bulletin are due to the office no later than Thursday at noon. Thank you!

**Missing** – The baskets used to put the bread in for communion are missing! If found, please return to Ami Shedd. Thank you!

\*\*\*The church nursery has moved from Room 105 to Room 108. Parents, make note, when dropping off your children before the service, take them to Room 108.\*\*\*

\*\* *WOMEN are INVITED* to join the Mary and Martha class for our new study *Waiting for Wonder: Learning to Live on God's Timetable*. This book by Marlo Schalesky is the study of the Biblical character Sarah, a woman who waits for God's promises to come to pass. As she waits, she discovers God in the "not-yet" places of life, and that is a lesson we all need to learn well. We'll begin September 2 at 10 o'clock in the classroom at the far end of the adult wing of the top floor. Come join us. For more information, contact Karla Childs at 723-4192.

\*\***Meal on Wheels** is a program administered from the Senior Citizen Center here in Manchester. Hot meals are prepared and delivered to older adults and people with disabilities who are unable to shop or cook for themselves. Volunteers are needed to deliver these meals and provide a daily visit to those in need. Please consider volunteering one hour of your time weekly to help with this worthwhile program. For more information, call Lois Thormaehlen at 931-580-5908. Thanks so much!

**Memorials**

A gift was made to the General Budget in memory of Coolidge Holt by Mrs. R. E. Smith, Pat & Joane Cassady, Jim & Debra Thorington, Claus & Lois Thormaehlen, Michael & Karla Childs, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Roberts, and the Fellowship Sunday School Class.

A gift was made to the Youth Fund in memory of Coolidge Holt by Dennis & Brenda Bryan, Julie & Mike Giffin, Eric & Allison Beachboard, Edward & Tina Niederhauser, Mark & Kelly Meltzer, Bobby & Topsy Layne, and Edward and Anna Sue Yother.

**August is Faith Mission's Month!**

- Thanks to Michelle Carmack, Executive Director of Partners for Healing, for sharing last Sunday, August 19, about this ministry which provides healthcare for uninsured working families in Coffee, Franklin, and Moore Counties. To volunteer to help with a number of jobs, call Michelle Carmack at 931-455-5014 extension 103.
- Your Mission's Program, which has a budget separate from the church budget, supports a number of World, Regional, and Local Ministry's. Prayfully consider supporting this outreach ministry by returning your pledge Sunday in the Offering Plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Grief Support Group**

A grief support group to the community is being offered at the Coffee County Funeral Chapel in the Hospitality Suite every Thursday at 10 am and 7 pm. It is being led by Nationally Certified Grief Counselor, Benny Benjamin. This is free of charge to anyone in the community suffering from any type of loss. Call 723-3330 to reserve your spot, but walk-ins are welcome as well.

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**Choirs Resuming Practice:**

**Sanctuary Choir** has resumed rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room (room B19). Come help us make a joyful noise for the Lord!

**The Men’s Chorus** meets for practice **each Sunday at 5 p.m.** (please note that we recently changed the practice time!) We’re still looking for a few good (SINGING) men!

**The Sanctuary Handbell Choir** will resume practices on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 (not the 10<sup>th</sup> as previously announced). We meet each Monday evening at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you’re interested in ringing bells, please see Dana.

**PROMOTIONAL VIDEO** – As a part of the ongoing work of the “Body of Christ” visioning team, we are putting together a “promotion video” (or maybe several videos!) featuring YOU! All that’s required is that you allow us to video tape you witnessing to reasons why you are a part of this church family! If you would like to participate, please sign up at the Welcome Center or talk to Dana.

**ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS CHOIR RETURNS** – For many years Evans Baird (who served as our choir director here for over 20 years) directed the Rotary Club Christmas choir as a musical gift to the community of Manchester. Due to his failing health, Mr. Baird had to retire from this event about five years ago. However, the Rotary Club has plans to bring back the Christmas Choir under the direction of our minister of music, Dana M. Brooks. Rehearsals will be on Monday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church beginning September 10. The program is scheduled for Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1 at Trinity Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m. both nights. You are invited to come be a part of the choir! First Presbyterian is located at 1101 Jackson Street here in Manchester.

The **Casual Chess Club** will meet at 7 pm in room 218 every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

\*\*\***The deadline is approaching!** October 13<sup>th</sup> is **One Day of Hope**. Manchester FUMC is collecting shampoo (or donations to purchase shampoo). Checks may be made out to either ODOH or Coffee County or to the church. In the “for” area, please put “hygiene items” or “shampoo.” We are also collecting children’s and adult’s shoes (adult shoes should be suitable for factory work). Please put the size on each pair of shoes and zip tie them together before donating. Children’s books are also being collected. English and Spanish books are welcome. The deadline for collection is September 15<sup>th</sup> (the deadline has been extended). For more information, contact Maggie Smith at 931-607-4176 (cell). At this time, Manchester FUMC is not collecting clothing. Please contact Jane Marcom at 931-247-5792 (cell) for clothing donations.\*\*\*

Just about ANYTHING you need to know about the mission and ministry of Manchester First UMC can be found at our website, [www.manchesterfirst.org](http://www.manchesterfirst.org)! Download the “Mid-Week Visitor,” audio and video of sermons and children’s sermons, link to other important web sites and even find help for those who need it. Check out our website today!

And don’t forget about our church APP which is available for your smart phone on Google Play Store or Apple App Store! (Mobile MFUMC)

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