



# THE CHIMES

## September 2021

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF



I carefully crouched on a low apple tree limb in Aunt Clare's orchard. Her pig was coming up under it, and a friend and I were about to have a rodeo. He grabbed its tail; I jumped on its back and grabbed for the ears. "Soo-ee" the rodeo was on; the pig was squealing and running as fast as it could. It was a ride to remember and I missed it because I was lying on the ground under the apple tree. I can tell you this: If you play with pigs, people will know where you have been.

The same is true with our everyday life. Sooner or later it shows up on us. Since that is the case, let's let the world know that we have been with Jesus. Peter sat by a fire warming his hands as he tried to figure out his next move. They had Jesus before a kangaroo court, and somehow he had to get his Lord out of there. "You are one of them," someone said. Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I don't know the man." Of course you are one of them," they said. "After all, the way you speak gives you away!"

I am no longer convinced that they were just talking about his Galilean accent. I suggest that maybe it was his Jesus accent that gave him away. He tried to curse and swear like he once did, but he couldn't do it anymore.

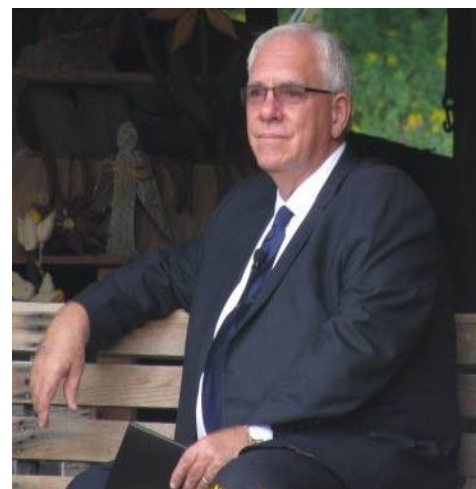
Peter had walked with the Lord so long that he couldn't hide it. Just being in the presence of the Savior changes us. "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13)

It can be like having something on our face. We do not see it, but others do. Do our friends and loved ones know where we have been, and who we have been with?

"I've been to Calvary  
I can say I've seen the Lord  
I've been to Calvary  
Through the witness of His Word  
Each day at Calvary  
What a thrill of love divine  
Just to know that the Savior is mine."

*Grace and Peace,*

*Rev Ray*



1st....Terri Parker, Sage Milhorn  
 4th...Andrew Blevins, Linda Davidson, Mike James  
 8th...Chloe Bremer, Caroline Rae Crockett  
 9th...Abby Bremer Gass  
 11th..Justin Digby, Theia Whitener  
 12th..Roberta Casteel, Mary Ann Swanner, Susanna Digby  
 13th..Sonya Bradley  
 14th...Chloe Crockett  
 15th...Justin Stanton, Jancey Bennett, Amber Canter  
 17th...Michele McCann  
 18th...Will Livingston, Tammy Taylor  
 19th...Robin Crawford, Candice Carroll, Iris Whitener  
 22nd..Charlotte Williams  
 24th..Dr. David McNeely, Dr. Bill Armstrong  
 26th..Sarah Laws  
 27th..Lisle Snyder, Debra White  
 28th..Jay Crockett  
 29th..Diane Laing, Taylor Campbell



**\*Please advise Robin in the Church Office of additions or corrections**

## Meet Our Team

LEARN ABOUT OUR STAFF

### Jennifer Bradley Children's Minister

Originally from Greeneville, TN, I moved to Elizabethton in 2008 shortly after completing my Master's degree in Special Education. I am currently a special education math teacher at Hampton Elementary school where I have taught since 2008.

I married my husband, Wesley, in May of 2009 on a kayak trip on the Nolichucky River. I am an avid kayaker, biker, and runner. Most of my free time is spent doing one of these three things! I have no children of my own, other than two spoiled cats, but I do consider all of my students both at school and church my kids. I love them dearly and can't see myself in any other profession!

My goal in Children's Ministry is to plant a love for Christ in each child and nurture them as they grow to find their place in His church.



Setup: Ken & Joanne  
 Clean Up: Mona & Dicky Lou

Servers: Richard & Jennine Lovette  
 Dave & Sharon Robbins

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE



September 5, 2021

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIM

## *Altar flowers are given for the Glory of God and.....*

August 1st: Given in honor and celebration of *Jonathan & Jill Bremer's* 37th Wedding Anniversary.

August 8th: Given in memory of *W.T. Dvorak* on his August 12th birthday. And also given in honor of CDR *Travis Dvorak* in celebration of his August 11th birthday. Given with love by *Dona Dvorak*.

August 15th: Given in honor of *Lindsey & Craig Higgins* who were married August 14th and in honor of *Dave & Debbie Wortman's* 50th wedding anniversary on August 20th.

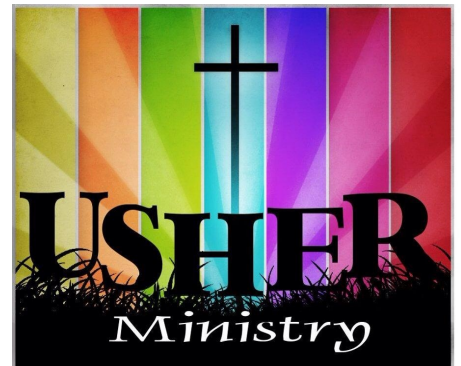
August 22nd: Given in honor and in celebration of *Paul Powers* on his August 22nd birthday. Given with love by *Vickie & Sam Shipley*

August 29th: Given in honor of *Joyce Birchfield* and *Patsy Longmire* on their August 29th birthday. Given in love and appreciation by *Leta*.



## September Usher Schedule

September 4th	Team 4 (Paul Powers-Captain)
September 12th	Team 5 (Wesley Bradley-Captain)
September 19th	Team 6 (Richard Lovette-Captain)
September 26th	Team 7 (Scotty Bunton-Captain)



**What is the United Methodist Men's Group?** The ministry of men in the local church is defined as a core group of men, partnering with their pastor, to invite and initiate spiritual growth opportunities for all men of the church. Everyone has different gifts, graces and areas of interest. Therefore, opportunities for participation would include diverse ministries of the church, such as prayer groups, missions, Bible studies, retreats, workshops/seminars, small groups in the Wesleyan tradition, leading and participating on committees, teaching Sunday school classes, youth ministries, scouting, mentoring and assisting in leading worship service. The focus is not inward, concentrating only on those who attend a set meeting, but outward to all men, assisting them to engage the process of spiritual growth.

**More information to come!**





## September Mission of the Month Middle TN Flood Victims

We have become aware in recent days of the devastating flooding in the Middle Tennessee counties of Humphrey, Hickman, Houston, and Dickson. As of initial reports, 22 were reported dead, with surely higher fatalities to be determined since 25 loved ones were unaccounted for in the early days of this disaster. This deadliest flood in Middle Tennessee history has not only taken lives, but has also destroyed homes, cars, roads, and telecommunication systems.

**How can we at FUMC help meet the critical needs of fellow Tennesseans who are victims of this flood? Please make a donation through FUMC's September Mission of the Month. Make your check to FUMC, designated for "Flood Relief."**

All funds received in September will be forwarded by FUMC to TNUMC Disaster Response, the relief organization designated by UMCOR/ US Disaster Relief as the "boots on the ground" organization that has a proven track record for meeting the immediate needs of flood survivors.

Thank you for your continuous faithful response to the needs of others!

*Lanelle Crockett*



September 7, 2021	Dona Dvorak
September 13, 2021	Jobelle Hood
September 20, 2021	Jean Madgett
September 27, 2021	Susan Heaton



*Budget funds needed as of 8/22/21*  
**\$304,018.82**

*Budget funds received through 8/22/21*  
**\$296,687.24**

*Mission of the Month (Isaiah 1:17 House)  
received as of 8/22/21: **\$1,575.00***





# Overshadowed

By: Danielle Nave Gentry

## *Part I*

I am overshadowed, overshadowed by the past.  
I am treading water while knowing I can't last.  
I was running forward—running hard, running strong.  
Then I paused to stop and listen; that's where I went wrong.

Slowly I began to sway, then began to dance.  
Gentle steps of trust and hope quickly morphed into a trance.  
Leaping, whirling, twirling madly, sunny days and starry nights.  
Dancing wildly with abandon and laughing with delight.

A still, small voice said, "Listen, things aren't exactly what they seem."  
But I continued dancing wildly, still caught up in my dream.  
A mighty clap of thunder and my feet hit the ground; I'm standing in  
Deep water swirling, twirling all around.

I am overshadowed, overshadowed by the past.  
I am treading water while knowing I can't last.

## *Part II*

I am overshadowed, overshadowed by the past.  
I am treading water while knowing I can't last.  
I am sinking deeper, drifting further from the shore.  
I have lost my vision—why struggle anymore.

"Don't give up," a voice thundered, and lightning filled the sky.  
"You can win this battle; if only you will try."  
I raise my eyes toward Heaven; in vain, I seek the light.  
Oh, God, I pray please help me; I lack the will to fight.

"Remember what I told you, lift your eyes unto the hills.  
I will fight your battles; you have only to be still.  
I will calm the waters; your troubles they shall cease.  
You will live in joy, and I will give you peace."

1 Kings 19:11-13  
Psalm 12:1-8  
Exodus 14:14



Let us  
**WORSHIP**  
Together

Acolytes Jack Blevins and  
Lily Sproles



Communion Sunday



Back to School Blessings for students and teachers



Rev. Boo Hankins, Rev. Phyllis Hankins, Rev. Ray Amos & Rev. Jim Pollock



Congratulations to Dave & Debbie Wortman. They recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary!



Congratulations to Lindsey Wortman and Craig Higgins, who were married on August 14th

Just Married



The Bowers family recently had a long overdue family reunion.

The love of a FAMILY is  
LIFE'S GREATEST  
Blessing



Gayle & Jobelle Hood recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends.



# Building a Bee Hive

Jen Bradley

The centerpiece of this year's VBS decoration was the Hive entrance in the hallway leading to the fellowship hall. Construction of the Hive required the talents and time of many folks who designed, hammered, stuffed and painted to get the temporary entryway ready for our little bees and worker bees who would arrive on Monday night. Once the Hive was complete, it had to be assembled in the hallway where it would be used not only for VBS but other groups and parties who wanted it as a photo centerpiece.

The design and construction of the Hive frame was completed in the Bradley basement.



Nearly 6,000 paper napkins were used to stuff the chicken wire. A process that took three people a total of 12 hours to complete. A big thank you goes to Miss Sophie Young who gave up an afternoon of hanging out on the couch to stuff napkins. Another big thank you goes to my mother, Peggy Southerland, who drove up from Greeneville to help stuff napkins for 9 hours on a Saturday.

Once the napkins were in and painted, the frame was assembled in the hallway and the bee décor went up. Another huge thank you to Alicia Morton, Sharon Robbins, Brooke Brock for giving up a few hours on a Sunday afternoon to make VBS special for our kids. Also, a special thank you to Ken & Nona Jarratt for allowing us to borrow their bee props.





## VBS 2021 Bee Like Jesus

We were very grateful for the opportunity to hold VBS again this year and excited to get the kids back into a fun summer routine. This year's theme was *Bee Like Jesus* so we were equipped with lots of amazing worker bees who joined together to make this year's VBS special. Our little bees were treated to Bible lessons about "bee-ing" loving, obedient, faithful and courageous by our teacher bees, Dave Robbins and Doug Hulshult. We had wild and crazy activities led by our resident adventure bee, Wesley Bradley, with lots of help from our youth. Our little bees were able to try their hand at crafts led by Courtney Campbell, Sharon Robbins, Monnie Kechter and Sophie Peterson. A new addition this year was the music rotation led by our musical bees, Catherine Bunton, Phyllis Hankins, Jim Nolan and our favorite "pointer bee" Ashley Blevins.

Each night families were welcomed in by Carrie Seely at the sign in station and entered the Hive to the delicious smell of food provided by the Bowers family. As we began each night, the kids were treated to a visit from our resident Queen Bee, Miss June Oaks, as she introduced the night's lesson theme and got the little bees excited to learn about Jesus.

Friday night's Family night gave the kids a chance to perform a showcase of the songs they had worked on throughout the week for their families. During the performance, the audience was encouraged to participate as they were given kazoos to back up the performers. After many great laughs, we sat down to enjoy a meal of hot dogs and fixins' together followed by a fun visit from the ice cream truck! Many thanks to Chris Harrill and Martha Epperson for providing the meal and ice cream and thanks to Sonya Bradley, Judy Skeans, Linda Brown and Gaye Stanton for serving the meal as well.

A huge thank you to all those who made this year's VBS a success by giving up their time and blessing others with their gifts and talents to glorify God and spread the good news!!





# COOLAGERS

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES







VBS!





**Timothy 4:12**



The UMW will meet on September 9th at 11:30 AM for a brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

We are trying to get started again. All members and all ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Please come!

*Pat Amos*

*Donations to the church have been received in honor of Jobelle & Gayle Hood's 60th Wedding Anniversary:*



Jean Madgett (Sunday School Fund)  
 Sam & Vickie Shipley (Special Offering)  
 Lanny & Martha Epperson (Youth Ministry)  
 Dave & Chris Harrill (Sunday School Fund)  
 Linda Presnell (General Budget Fund)  
 Ed & Kay Humphries (Youth Ministry)



# Casserole Brigade

Those that signed up with me to participate in this great community mission I want to thank you again. We are delivering a casserole to River's Edge Loaves and Fishes Feeding Ministry each third Saturday of each month. Here are our serving dates for the remainder of 2021:

September 18th  
October 16th  
November 20th  
December 18th



Meet me in the church parking lot at 4:00 PM that Saturday and I will transport the casserole to River's Edge Church. If it's more convenient for you to take the casserole to the church, that is fine, just let me know. The address is River's Edge, 1200 US-19E, Elizabethton.

Please make sure your casserole is cooked and in a disposable container. It doesn't have to be homemade, it can be store bought and it doesn't have to be warm. I will be texting a reminder each month to each of you. If you are on the reserve list and haven't been contacted by me, then that means you aren't needed this time. If anyone has a sudden urging to participate that is GREAT.....They will appreciate all that is brought in!

Much Love and Appreciation,

*Susan Hathaway*

423-895-2683



Ginny Macelis



Montea Piechocki



*On August 15, 2021, we welcomed Ginny Macelis and Montea Piechocki into our church family. We are so blessed to have you as a part of our family.*

## UPCOMING TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Terri Parker

Can you believe the kids are back in school and Autumn is around the corner. Time to add Bible Study to your Fall schedule. This year will be very different. We will be using one reference book for Fall, Winter, and summer. The overarching topic "Comparative Religion."

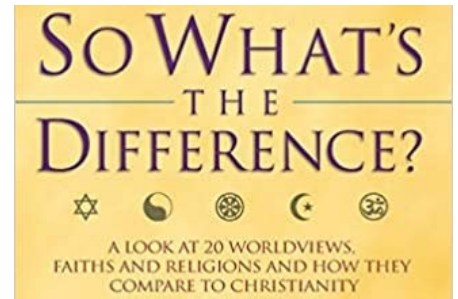
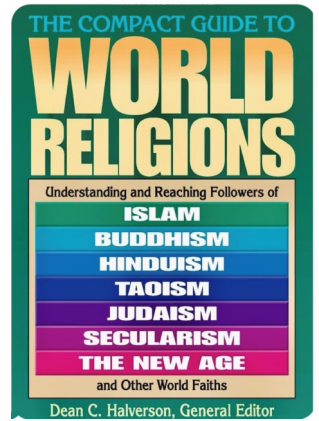
Beginning in the Fall with Eastern Belief systems (Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism...); then after the holidays we will explore Western Traditions - or the 3 Abrahamic belief systems: Judaism, Islam and Christianity (including sects and cults: Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, New Age, etc).

Why is it important to understand other faiths? Can you articulate your own worldview? What is the difference in your worldview and that of other beliefs? A generation ago most everyone we knew went to church. The question wasn't "if" you went to church, but rather "which one"? Today we live in a multicultural society and our lack of understanding of other faiths results in misunderstandings of actions of others, and is a hindrance to our ability to fulfill our "Great Commission", and also makes us ill-equipped to prepare our children and grandchildren to understand what they believe.

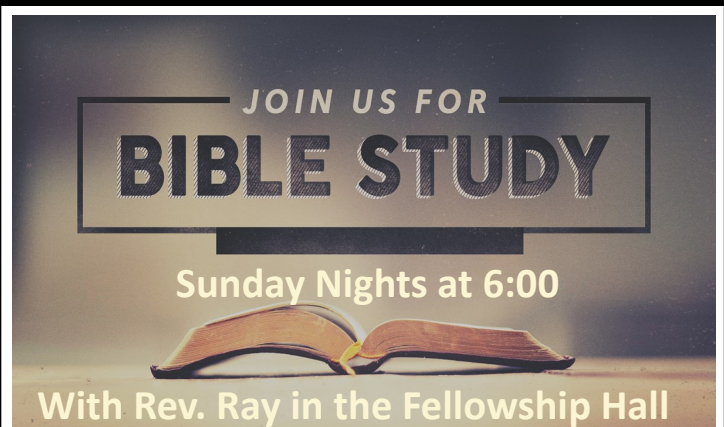
One example would be the increased interest in Islam and the Koran after 911.... A renewed interest in their worldview helped us understand "why". Do you know why some Hindus have a "red dot" on their forehead; or why some Buddhists wear orange robes? What is a Unitarian Church? What do these symbols mean?

We will begin the study on Tuesday, September 7th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. I will also continue our Zoom meetings Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Please contact me at (423) 201-5397 to sign up for the study. The books are available in the church office. The cost is \$13.00. I'm looking forward to seeing you again.

Terri



Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM  
in the Gathering Room (Parlor) for  
"Life Lessons" with Rev. Ray



Join us on Sunday nights at 6:00 PM  
in the Fellowship Hall for  
Bible Study with Rev. Ray

# *In Memory*

*Donations to the church have been received in Memory of:*



Dr. Charles Tittle

## *Dr. Charles Tittle*

*Dave & Debbie Wortman (Music Ministry)*

*Darlene LaPorte (Music Ministry)*

*Gary & Meg Brown (Isaiah 1:17 House)*

## *Lynwood Barfield*

*Jean Madgett (Memory Garden)*

*Darlene LaPorte (Media Ministry)*



Lynwood Barfield

## *Bob Kane*

*Jean Madgett (General Memorial Fund)*

*Gary & Meg Brown (Isaiah 1:17 House)*

*Ann Watts (Youth Ministry)*

*Gayle & Jobelle Hood (Youth Ministry)*

## *Jessica Cash (Teresa Pinckard's Daughter)*

*Dave & Debbie Wortman (Gen. Budget Fund)*

*Jean Madgett (Memory Garden)*

*Tommy Horton (Music Ministry)*

*Tom & Pam Witherspoon (Mobile Food Pantry)*

*John & Lanelle Crockett (Missions Ministry)*

*Darlene LaPorte (Isaiah 1:17 House)*

*Gary & Meg Brown (Isaiah 1:17 House)*

*Gayle & Jobelle Hood (Youth Ministry)*



Bob Kane

## *Rob Fleming (Bob & Kitty Fleming's son)*

*Ann Watts (Youth Ministry)*

## *Buddy Little (Chris Little's Father)*

*Jean Madgett (General Memorial)*

*Darlene LaPorte (Youth Ministry)*



to every thing there is a  
**season,**  
and a time to every purpose  
under the heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



## September Regular Weekly Schedule

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>11:20 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Night Bible Study</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday Night 4:12 Jr. &amp; Sr. High</b>	<b>6:00 PM - 7:30 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday Life Lessons</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday Coolagers</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

# September 2021

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

			1 Life Lessons 6 PM  Choir 7 PM	2	3	4
5 Worship 10 AM Sunday School 11:20 AM Bible Study 6 PM	6 Church Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday	7 Terri Parker's Bible Study 10 AM & 6 PM  Handbell Choir 7 PM	8 Life Lessons 6 PM  Choir 7 PM	9 UMW Brunch 11:30 AM Worship Meeting 7:00 PM	10	11
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# Acolyte Ministry

*September 5th: JoEllen*

*Communion Sunday*

*Acolyte Parent: Little*

*September 12th: Piper Kate*

*Acolyte Parent: Bennett*

*September 19th: Sophie P.*

*Acolyte Parent: Campbell*

*September 26th: Jack*

*Acolyte Parent: Blevins*



**Free Little Pantry Donations** can be placed in the red tub beside the Memory Garden entrance of the first floor. Donation suggestions: small bottled water, drink pouches/boxes, nuts, nutrition bars, fruit cups, travel size toiletries, etc. Please note that the pantry has been very blessed with donations of peanut butter/cheese filled crackers. Due to the heat and safety concerns, meat products are not being stocked until cooler temperatures, so those particular items are not needed at this time.

*Thank you for your support!*



## Worship With Us

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

*Sunday mornings at 10:00*



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