

Ongoing Activities

Wednesdays

- Dossett Chapel, 3:15-5 p.m.
- Children’s Programming, 4-5 p.m.
- Youth Praise Band, 5-6 p.m.
- Instrumental Ensemble, 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
- Youth Group, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- Adult Discipleship, 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursdays

- Henry Center Food Pantry, Financial Assistance, & Clothes Closet 12-2 p.m.
- Handbells, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; begins 1/12/17

Fridays

- Young Mom’s Group, 9-12 a.m.

Tuesdays

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance 12-2 p.m.

Congratulations!



**William “Billy”
Frank Harrison, V
and**

**Eldon Bracton
“Brac” Harrison**

were born November 16th to Will & Emily Anne Thoma in Houston, TX.

Proud grandparents are Brac & Emily Thoma and Billy & Ann Harrison.

The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue

Step One- A daily routine! What spiritual weights and burdens are you packing around every day? Hebrews 12:1-3 implores us to lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily entangles us! A routine of daily spiritual check-ins with God allows the Holy Spirit to unload our burdens, guilt, and needless spiritual sidetracks! We may feel too busy for a daily quiet time with God, but when we lay aside sin’s entangling misdirection, our burdens grow much lighter. Jesus beckons us to exchange our loads for his easier regime! “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30). Without things like anger, bitterness, covet-ness, fear or phoniness, our souls find less distraction and more time to live! Let us not neglect our spiritual health, let us breathe in the renewing love of God in daily prayer, praise and study.

Step Two- Worshiping and imitating Jesus. Worship resets our soul. Worship realigns our week. Worship comes as a new beginning, grounding us within the love of God. Worship reminds us that we belong to God, came from God, and will return to God. Worship retunes us to Heaven’s rhythms and methods. Jesus said, “Worship the Lord your God and serve God alone” (Matthew 4:1). Worship and imitating Jesus go together- they come as a package deal. Jesus is not just our savior to be praised, but our example to follow. If we love God- then we serve God. Our savior is our example- our model- our goal. Worship challenges us, calling us upwards towards faith, hope and love.

Step Three- Our Team seeks to save the world. The church does not exist to meet our needs, but to change us. Our mission is to battle hell (evil, injustice, and oppression) and save the world by lovingly offering Christ’s forgiveness to everyone, with humility, love and service to strangers and neighbors. “I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it” (Matthew 16:17-19). If we sit on the sidelines in comfortable stadium chairs throwing up our hands in praise or lamenting, how are we part of God’s struggle to bring about “on earth as in heaven”? We must join our church teammates by getting into the game with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, witness and lives. Let us offer Christ to a broken world.

This Sunday we consider **Step Four- “Beyond Baby Formula” (1 Corinthians 3 and Hebrews 5-6).** The prevailing patterns of church as a place to comfort us are out of line with the call of Christ. We have reduced salvation to simply a ticket to the heavenly show, not a workout regime for this life. Have we forgotten that Jesus stands at life’s finishing line handing out the medals (Romans 2:16)? Yes, grace covers our sins, but I want to do my best. I want to run in such a way as to win the prize! Will we strive so that Jesus might say, “Well done, good and faithful servant”, enter into the championship celebration feast? (Matthew 25:21)



*Grace and Love,
Pastor Paul*

First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey Everyone,

This week I spoke with a church member about joining a Life Group. I was explaining that the groups discuss the past week’s sermon, what it means and what they thought. They asked, "What if I didn't like the sermon?" I said, "That will probably be a great discussion!" Pastor Paul shared just this past Sunday that Theological Agreement isn't necessary for unity. That's what Life Groups are all about. We discuss, we agree, we disagree, we grow. Above everything, we love one another. Again, I invite you to join a Life Group. Contact me with any questions or how to sign up.

*In Christ,
Jeff*

Senior VIBES

Ongoing Events...

Adult Art Group

Fridays

10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Main Bldg., #208



Knitting Group

3rd, 4th, & 5th

Tuesdays

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

FAC Bldg.

Room #4



Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: “Am I only a God nearby, and not a God far away? Do not I fill heaven and earth?” *Jeremiah 23: 23-24*

Many of our Senior Adult members have stopped driving. Why not call and invite one of our seniors to come to church with you? You will be blessed.

Several people are going to see “Hidden Figures: Thursday, January 26th at 4:00 PM. If you would like to see this movie and don’t want to sit alone, here’s your chance. Transportation, cost of movie and refreshments are your responsibility.

Coming Events...

February 7th - Golden Circle

February 19th – Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon; 12:30-2 p.m.

(February 10th is deadline for signing up to attend the luncheon. Be sure to mark your choice of Entrée.)

Happy Birthday!!!

January	26	Janna Washington
	26	Ross Roepke
	27	Samira Phillips
February	1	Helen Smith
	2	Clare Bates
	3	Joan Alexander

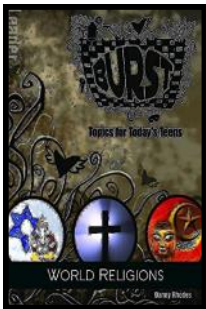
Please check our prayer list in the newsletter and on the church’s white board outside the office. Help the staff stay in touch! If you have knowledge of any of our Senior Adult Members who would like to be remembered in prayer or would like a visit from our pastoral staff, please do not hesitate to let us know. Also, we acknowledge birthdays of Senior Adult Members weekly in the newsletter; if you would like to be added to the list give me a call (Esther: 455-5434).

Youth Ministry—Theresa Johnson

This Friday over 30 youth and adult leaders will go to the Opryland Hotel for the Tennessee Conference Warmth in Winter youth conference. Please keep us in your prayers as we go to worship, learn, and draw closer to God and each other. We will have a mandatory parents’ meeting about Warmth in Winter this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. immediately after youth group. Everyone going must attend the meeting. We will go over details about the weekend then.

I also encourage everyone to join our new church text/email application if you have not yet. Simply text the word “youth” to the number 931-452-4747 and fill out your name and other contact info when prompted. This is one of the primary tools we use for communication in youth ministry.

We had a great meeting about confirmation Sunday night. If you are interested in experiencing this wonderful journey more deeply reflecting on the Christian faith and United Methodist beliefs, please let me know. We would love to have you join us. Session 1 will kick off Sunday, February 5th from 2-4 p.m. in the confirmation Sunday school room (next to the middle school Sunday school room) in the Family Activity Center.



Finally, next week we begin a new Wednesday night series on world religions. We’ll have sessions on Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and think about what it means to be a Christian in our pluralistic society. We’ll be using the book “Burst: Topics for Today’s Teens-World Religions” by Danny Rhodes.

I hope everyone has a blessed week!

Peace in Christ,
Theresa

“While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them.” **Luke 24:15**

Have you ever heard of the **Emmaus Walk**? The Emmaus Walk is a spiritual retreat weekend. The Tullahoma FUMC Emmaus community is hosting an informative soup and salad luncheon on Sunday, January 29th at 12:15 p.m. in Davidson Hall. For the opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way, or to help with the luncheon, please contact *Dian Rayfield* at 931-212-6623 by Friday, January 27th.

Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

The Children's Ministry conducted our biannual meeting on Sunday. We discussed the implementation of our Safe Sanctuary Policy, updated Nursery policy, and events occurring thru July. All of this information can be found at the Information Station and sign-ups for events are posted on the bulletin board. Contact me with any questions.



Our 6 week Winter Wednesday night programming begins January 25th from 4-5 p.m. Grades K-5 will break in to different age groups and meet with me and Gwyn Diller to study about honesty and friendships. We will have a devotion time followed by fun/games/crafts with some music mixed in. The Halos (ages potty trained 3 – Pre K) will meet at the same time with Katie Davenport and Whitney Newton. The nursery will be available during this time for parents that are volunteering.

Our children have the opportunity to attend Camp Cedar Crest this summer. The camp reps will be at the 9 a.m. First Light service on February 5th, as well as Sunday School to talk with the children and parents. If your child has an interest in attending camp, join us for this informational time.

Information relating to our Children's Ministry is available at the Information Station desk (at the top of the steps in the Children's Department). Any forms or info you need will be at this desk. All sign-up sheets (parents and children) will be located on the bulletin board that is located between the bathroom doors in the Children's Department. All info pertaining to the nursery and nursery aged children will be kept in the nursery or on the bulletin board to the right of the nursery door.

Jesus said, "Let the Little Children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"
Mark 10:14-1

*Partnering WITH You,
 Miss Julie*

Mission Moment—Holt Cason



Over the past 24 years that I have been involved with VIM teams, some have said they would like to go on a mission trip but; the timing is not right, the trips are too long, I am too old, there is nothing I can do. In response to these comments, there are several "short" trips that are available to do things such as: work in a vision clinic, perform health related activities (glucose screening, blood pressure screening and dental health care training), conduct a Bible School, or teach sewing. In John 13, Jesus washed the feet of the disciples to teach them about loving others through service. Missions is all about servanthood.

Trustees—Bill Bates

The Trustees would like to convert room 207 in the Sanctuary Building into more usable space. In the past it was known as the Theatre Room with theatre type seats. For some time now, the room has not been used. We are soliciting suggestions as to how this space (room) might be better used. Please submit ideas or suggestions to the Church Office or a Trustee. Thanks.

Thank you for all of the donations of hygiene products for the food pantry. This month we are collecting dishwashing soap. Next month we will collect laundry detergent.



There will be no Third Monday in January because of the installation meeting that we had last Thursday. See you in February.



Thanks, Martha Ervin

As of January 14th, the Sunday School Sock Challenge has collected over 100 pairs of socks for the Henry Center. The sock challenge will continue through Sunday, January 29th. February's Sunday School Challenge will be new underwear for the Henry Center. All sizes and all genders needed - kids to adult sizes needed. If you are not in a Sunday School Class and would like to contribute, you can always drop off your items in the large bin located in the small chapel anytime during the week that the church office is open.

-Terry Rayfield



Worship Attendance (Jan. 22nd)

8:00 a.m. 92
 First Light 161
 11:00 a.m. 163
Total 416

Sunday School 116**Offering Counters (Jan. 29th)**

Bill & Charlotte Bethmann
 Mike & Jan Dent

Greeters/Welcome Teams (January 29th)

8:00 a.m. Gail Dean
 Diane Chellstorp
 9:00 a.m. Kathy Jensen
 Tina Bond
 11:00 a.m. Margaret Savelle
 Ann Smotherman
 Janna Washington

Keeping In Prayers

Ronald Rogers (father of Devry Lamb)
 Brooke Mendenhall (cousin of Michelle Anderson)
 Kevin Youse (friend of George Stone)
 Nancy Washburn
 Nancy Vining (mother of Charlie Vining)

Elise Walker (daughter of LE & Judy Wright)
 Forrest Frame
 William F. Johnson (friend of the Cook family)
 Billy Roy Murray (Nancy Wright's family)
 Leon Smith
 Don Bond

RE Alexander
 Joyce Mathis
 Bobbie Prater (Sister-in-law of Bob Prater)
 Mario Braston (friend of Bertha Smith)
 Anthony Robinson, Scott Dowling & Mary Lundy (family of Wilma Finchum)

*Please keep **Bob Prater** and his family in your thoughts and prayers. His brother, Ed, passed away Saturday, January 21st. Services were Tuesday, January 24th, in Titus, AL.*

Irene Mason

*from
 Michael & Maxine Heath
 Dennis & Patsy Ray
 Crusader Sun. School Class*

Joann Purdue

*from
 Ron & Elaine Kohl
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Lowell Keel

*from
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