

# THE CHIMES



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*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

## Just Thinkin'...About Moving Forward

At last Sunday's Church Council meeting many reports were given and decisions were made regarding the current status of church life here at First Church. There are many vital ministries already in place here that include many dedicated individuals. For each of these I am truly thankful.

Those who have gotten to know me in the short time we've been together realize that as a pastor, I take seriously the responsibility of the church to be the transformative presence of Christ in the world. It's a matter of "being" and "doing". Let me explain.

I believe God has a dream for your life and for mine. That dream is the fullness of God's intentions, which means it is everything good and gracious God intends for our lives to become. Before a baby is born, parents dream of what that child's life will be and have every intention of making certain the child's life is as fulfilling and meaningful as possible. The parent's intentions are solidly good. So it is with God's intentions for us and ultimately for His Church. God has a dream of what the church looks like, and how it lives out its function in the world. God has a vision of who and what every congregation can become as they live out the dream God has for them. That's the "being" part.

The "doing" part has to do with HOW we live out our "being". The doing has to do with the nitty-gritty stuff of the faith. It's how we are led to be in ministry in the day-to-day-ness of life. Think of it like this. On the one hand if God's vision for us is to become "xyz"...then on the other hand we move toward that vision by the way we live out our faith each day. Doing so enables the church to be a transformative presence in the lives of individuals and the world.

This brings me to two very important decisions that were affirmed and approved by our Church Council in their meeting last Sunday, September 9. They are decisions that strike at the very core of our being and doing as God's people.

Both decisions have to do with our children and youth. Moving forward, it is important that we discern not only the current overall health of these two vital areas of ministry, but begin putting together a strategy and plan that will build upon each ministry's strengths and grow it for the future.

To that end, the recommendation to and approved by our Church Council is that we contract with *Ministry Architects* to conduct a full assessment of both Children's and Youth ministries at FUMC UC, and to develop a vision of what these two areas of ministry can become. The process for this assessment would begin with a team of two *Ministry Architects* consultants on site at FUMC for three days to conduct an assessment of the church's current ministries for children and youth. This process would involve 30-50 members, along with staff, and stakeholders in focus groups. The assessment would provide a summary of the church's unique assets and challenges in both areas of ministry, seen against the backdrop of normal baselines in churches throughout the country.

The assessment will provide a clear blueprint for moving the church's next generation ministries into their desired futures and will include specific recommendations and a month-by-month timeline for implementing the recommendations over the next 12 months. The *Ministry Architects* team would manage the implementation of the recommendations given in the assessment

report with 3-5 on-site visits, including a "quick-start" visit, a visioning summit, and a Christian Formation summit.

The outcomes will include, but not be limited to, the establishment of systems for:

- ✓ *Volunteer Recruitment and Development*
- ✓ *Database management*
- ✓ *Calendaring and On-Going Programming*
- ✓ *Staff Development*
- ✓ *Innovation and Creative Programming*
- ✓ *Curriculum Planning and Design*
- ✓ *Visioning Documents for Youth* (Vision Statement, Values, 3-year Deliverables, and 1-year Benchmarks)

Once the assessment is completed, it will be placed in the hands of our Children's Ministry Team and Youth Ministry Team, with the watchful, careful attention, and assistance of *Ministry Architects* for implementation. At this point, the assessment will be carried out the last week of October which will give us a head start in putting into place the elements on which to build strong, effective, and transformative ministries.

The cost for the assessment, along with 12 months of guidance, on-site visits, a visioning summit and Christian Formation summit is \$17,300.00 plus expenses (*hotel, food, travel for two Ministry Architects consultants*). The Council believed taking this route would be the most effective way to lay a strong foundation for these two areas of ministry that will in turn bear the best fruit.

The Church Council also heard and approved a recommendation to participate in the placement of a person in youth ministry through CYMT – the Center for Youth Ministry Training, which is a non-profit organization that exists to equip youth ministers and churches to develop theologically informed and practically effective youth ministries by partnering with churches to place graduate residents who serve for three years as their youth minister. During this three-year period the resident lives in the same community in which the church is located, establishes weekly office hours, is a full participant in the life of the congregation, and attends class at Memphis Theological Seminary working toward a Masters in Youth Ministry. I'm happy to say that following conversations with the leadership of CYMT we are "first in line" to have a graduate resident placed here at FUMC UC in July of 2019. The cost of our participation over a three-year period is \$75,350.00 which also includes books and tuition for the three years of study.

Finally, the Church Council approved a recommendation for "tweaking" our current church structure, thereby making it "leaner" with a shift away from "meetings/committees" to hands-on ministries that make a difference in the lives of people. Our Lay Leadership Team will be meeting later this week to begin identifying individuals for leadership positions in the coming year. Additionally, in coming weeks everyone will have an opportunity to indicate specifically how they intend to take up the mantle of Christian Service for the coming year through a Time & Talent Survey. (*More information to come*)

These are big steps forward for us as we seek to be a church that takes seriously introducing children and youth to Christ, and forming within them a faith that is alive and vital. For these steps to bear their intended fruit, it will take the participation and contributions of all of us. Every amount of time and financial support given is vital, no gift is too small.

Why some churches take training up children and youth in the ways of Christ seriously and some do not is worth thinkin' about.

Mercy,

*Doug*



**A MEETING OF ALL CONFIRMANDS**, their parents, and mentors is scheduled for Sunday, September 16, at 9:45 am in the Confirmation Classroom located on the second floor of the Educational Building, Room 27.

## Fulfilling our Promises to God and One Another through our...

### OUR PRAYERS

#### Those Requesting The Prayers Of God's People...

Ada Reed Rogers	Jeremy Crenshaw
Anna Oliver	Jerry McLeary
Bart White	(Ruby McLeary's son)
Carlyne Wheatley	Jerry Wiggins
Carolyn Bloebaum	Jim Kizer
Deborah Jolley Johnson	Lionel Wheeler
Edie Tanner	Millie Brown
Hailey Jackson	Mike Prince
Hunter Corley	(Becky Baldrige Prince's
Hunter Winstead	husband)
(Pat Capps' grandson)	Nanci Daniels
Ina Davis	Ryleigh Martin
Jake Rone (Linda Shumate's	Steve Jones
brother-in-law)	(Brian Jones' father)
James Hudson	Susan Parr
(Janet Calfee's father)	Suzy Freeman
Jean Miller	Whit Buter
(Pamela Whitlow's mother)	Wiley Winter
	(Rita Winter's son)

#### Those Hospitalized, at Home, or in Rehab/Nursing Facilities

**Hospital:** Gerry Hart

**Home:** Anna Ruth Dietzel, Barbara Dickerson, Carol Latimer, Cindy Cowell, Peggy Burnett, Ruby McLeary, Tracy Brown

**Magnolia Place:** Marion Reithel

**OC Nursing Home:** Janice Diane Stephens

**The Etheridge House:** Charlene Fowler, Katherine Wright

**UC Manor:** Hal Jernigan, Helen Hale (John Hale's Mother), Jerry Miller, Jimmy Whitby, Joyce Overall, Lynda Butler, Margie Revell

*\*\*Our Homebound are those who across the years have given dedicated service to Christ and His Church! They are the ones who rocked us as babies, changed our diapers, and taught us about Jesus. Please find time to honor them by "dropping in" just to say "hi" or share with them a word of thanks!*

#### Those Who Grieve

The Family and Friends of Charles W. "Billy" Pinder

The Family and Friends of Will Fisher

#### Our Military

Capt. Ian Garrigan, MD – Tacoma, Washington

Capt. William Benjamin Barkley – California

Lt. Commander Douglas Norton – Virginia

Lt. McLean Panter – Bahrain

Maj. Bart Doyle – Florida

Maj. Marc Wuerderman, MD – Washington

**If A Pastoral Need Arises** please be in touch with Pastor Doug, by calling 615-428-9374.

#### OUR PRESENCE

September 2	September 9
Sunday School: 123	Sunday School: 136
8:45 Worship: 46	8:45 Worship: 42
10:50 Worship: 197	10:50 Worship: 248
Total Worship: 243	290

#### OUR GIFTS

September 2	September 9
Pledged Giving \$ 4,625.00	Pledged Giving \$ 10,600.00
Non-Pledged \$ 2,703.00	Non-Pledged \$ 2,370.00
Designated Funds \$ 797.00	Designated Funds \$ 585.00
Total Giving \$ 8,125.00	Total Giving \$ 13,555.00

#### OUR SERVICE

Opportunities to Serve the Weeks of:

9/16

9/23

#### Acolytes

Sunday, September 16, Bertie Jenkins  
Sunday, September 23, Brant Huffstutter

#### September Greeters

Martha Carole Nichols, Randy Barnes

#### OUR WITNESS

- ✓ Make Bookmarks for classmates, neighbors or friends
- ✓ Make card(s) for someone in the Nursing Home
- ✓ Thank someone in the Military for their service
- ✓ Prepare a meal and deliver to a struggling person
- ✓ Drop off a small gift and thank you note to the staff at your dentist's office
- ✓ Donate cereal or cereal coupons to a local food pantry
- ✓ Donate your old eyeglasses to a local Lions Club

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER

### Our Schedule

5:15-6:10	Dinner around the table!
6:15-7:00	Program options for all ages
6:15-7:00	Knit Wits
6:15-6:30	Children's Rainbow Bells Practice
7:05-8:30	Adult Sanctuary Choir

## Here's What We'll Be Offering

#### FOR ADULTS

##### SANCTUARY CHOIR

**JOHN-The Gospel of Light and Life**  
Sept. 5 thru Oct. 10

**METHODISM - 101 GOT QUESTIONS?**  
Oct.17 thru Dec. 12

**24/6 A PRESCRIPTION FOR A HEALTHIER, HAPPIER LIFE**  
SEPT. 5 thru DEC. 12

##### KNIT-WITS



#### FOR YOUTH

For More Information See

**Mason's Minutes Article In This Issue Of The Chimes**

#### FOR CHILDREN

Classes are for Pre-K thru 5th grade and **Rainbow Bells!** (hand bells for kids!)



WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ?

#### HERE'S HOW THE MEALS WORK

**5:15-6:10** in the Fellowship Hall. Enter through the double doors by the gym.



**Prices: Adults - \$5.00**  
**Children (7-under) \$2.50**  
**Maximum Family no more than \$20.00**

Reservations can be either made or cancelled **no later than 10:00 am Wednesday** by calling Director of Adult Ministries, Sherilyn Brown at 712-887-0798 or 731-885-3573  
**Standing reservations can be made**

## What's Cookin' in September

**September 12**-Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, BLT Pasta Salad, Vegetable Tray and Dip, Chips, Brownies

**September 19**-Taco Salad, Nacho Cheese and Chips, Salsa, Dessert

**September 26**-Chicken Breast Sandwich, Baked Potato, Cowboy Caviar, Dessert

## THE WEST TENNESSEE EMMAUS COMMUNITY INVITES YOU

**WHAT:** Annual Community Gathering and Picnic

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 15, at 6:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** Gadsden UMC -20048 Hwy 79, Gadsden, TN 38337

**FOURTH DAY TALK:** Mr. Paul Hare

**MUSIC:** Mr. Ty Riley

*Bring finger foods and a 2 liter soft drink for fellowship time!!!  
If you have someone interested in attending an Emmaus walk  
as a pilgrim, bring them along.  
Hope to see you there!!!  
Decolores!!!*



## MASON'S MOMENTS

### While I'm Waiting

Mason Parker, Director of Youth Ministry

Many of us, if we're human, have a problem with waiting. We "just can't believe that the coffee took so long," or "the kids still aren't up," or "the printer is going so slowly!" You can raise your hand in your head if that's you. Anyway, waiting is one of those actions that we commonly perceive as a sort of potential energy. That is, we look at it as nothing is happening, and during this time of waiting, nothing will happen. But we were not designed to watch and wait like the crowd at a football game. We were designed to participate, to be the players. We are designed to actively wait.

This is a strange concept to grasp, but it's like this: Instead of watching the paint dry on one wall, you are going to paint the other walls while the first wall dries. God calls us to do work even when we are not in a time of demand. Sometimes we are doing the foundational work. Sometimes we are doing work and we will not see the fruits of our labor. But that simply means that the work isn't on your time. So, let's be active pursuers of the work of God. I am reminded of a passage in Isaiah, which says (v. 19), "Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." Youth, be the church; become the lifeblood and help us to be the church that you need. Adults, take the reins and don't let us become complacent. Teach our young people what it means to be transformative.

Our work is never in vain. Our times of waiting shouldn't be either. I challenge you to recognize where you wait passively, and change that. Be an active participant in what God's doing. I challenge you to see the new thing, even while you wait.

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday school - Youth Class for 8th -12th Graders  
9:45 A.M. - FLC Youth Room-Lower Level/Gym

Confirmation Class for 6th & 7th graders  
Educational Building - Room 27

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER!

Youth grades 6-12 CORE - 6:00 P.M.  
FLC Youth Room-Lower Level/Gym



For more information contact Mason Parker at 731-796-0734



## Sunday Mornings

Sunday school - Children's Classes

Nursery - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders - 9:45 am

### Education Building

Nursery - Room 12; Preschool - Room 20; Kindergarten to  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Room 24; 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Room 21; 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grade - Room 25; Confirmation Class - Room 27



Our Sunday school rooms have been under construction for some time, but are finally finished! Please take a few moments and have your children show you their new and updated classrooms and bulletin boards!



On Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, we held an acolyte training for our previous and upcoming acolytes.

This is a special time for our children to assist in this wonderful ministry. The history of the acolyte is rich with tradition, when first established acolytes who were often adults, "assisted with the Bishop" in Holy Worship with the "light of Christ" bringing it into the midst of the congregation.

I would like to thank Edie Tanner, Bertie Jenkins, Brandt Huffstutter, Grissom Hutchinson, Drake Chism, Ben Wade, Tucker Davis, Reagan Everage, Rylee Stone, Beck Tanner, and Woodrow McKinnis for their involvement with this ministry. Please look by the acolyte robe for the schedule. There will also be a reminder sent out the previous week! Please let me know if there are any conflicts with scheduling or if your child would like to be added to this ministry.

It is a joy watching your children's enthusiasm to grow in Christ. *If you need information or just want to chat with me, please give me a call at 731-446-7769.*

*Morgan Laster, Director of Children's Ministries*





**Lifeline Bloodmobile Schedule**

Monday, September 24, 2018, 12:00 – 7:00 p.m. @ Health Quest – all donors receive a free T-Shirt and may register to win a Polaris Ranger 500 ATV. Please tell the technician that you are giving blood for the credit of First United Methodist Church. Save time, register on-line before your next blood donation, visit lifelinebloodserv.org. Please remember to bring Photo ID. (Pre-registration cannot be done on the day of your visit.)

**PLEASE GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!!**

**FCA FISH FRY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Following our 10:50 Morning Worship Service, the Character Builders Sunday School Class will sponsor their annual Fish Fry in the Fellowship Hall. Catfish (chicken strips for those who are unable to eat fish) and all the trimmings will be prepared by our celebrated chefs. All donations will be given to The Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Please come and enjoy delicious food and Christian fellowship while supporting this most worthy cause!



**Reelfoot Rural Ministries Work Day**

Once a month our little group travels to RRM and works for about 3 hours, usually in the food pantry. Along with our friends from Martin UMC, we sort and shelve donated food items, package for distribution various items; which could include sausage, deer meat, detergent, or fresh green beans. We prepare grocery bags for single or family recipients and help with their distribution, providing a smile, a kind word, and Jesus's agape love.

Those who volunteer to help out in whatever tasks are presented receive the blessing of satisfying work, fellowship together, and appreciation for work done.

As we leave and head toward our luncheon destination, we are tired but energized. The accomplishments of the day and the gratitude expressed by the staff is both humbling and rewarding. What a privilege it is to serve our Lord and others in this simple way.

If you want to receive a blessing like this please join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. We leave the church parking lot at 8:30am and return about 2:00pm.

**SHUT-IN COMMUNION**

Calling all men and women who would be willing to assist our regular volunteers who serve communion to our homebound and care facility residents. This ministry is usually done on the first Sunday of each month beginning at 2:00 P.M.. These special members have repeatedly expressed their gratitude for the visit as well as receiving communion. Please contact Chris Norton or the church office if you are interested in helping.

**OUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU TO HELP!!!**



**Helping Hand Ministry**

Especially Needed Food Items: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soup, Sugar, Cereal, Oatmeal, Can Meat, Can Pasta, Rice, Macaroni, Spaghetti, Mac and Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, Corn Bread Mix – Biscuit Mix.

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**MIRACLES HAPPEN EVERY DAY!**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD will soon be upon us.**

**Please start collecting small toys and other items to be placed in the shoe boxes for November collection.**

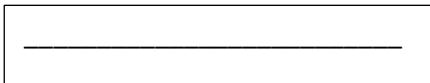


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## CALENDAR

### Wednesday, September 12

9:30 am	Rhema Bible Study	Conference Room
1:00 pm	Knit Wits Knitting Ministry	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Church Library
5:15 pm	WNT Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Classes	Various Rooms
7:05 pm	Sanctuary Choir Practice	Sanctuary

### Thursday, September 13

6:00 pm	Lay Leadership Meeting	Conference Room
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### Friday, September 14

6:00 am	Men's Promise Keepers	Fellowship Hall
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### Sunday, September 16

8:30 am	Prayer for 8:45 Service	Mercy Seat Prayer Room
8:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages	Various Rooms
10:35 am	Prayer for 10:50 Service	Mercy Seat Prayer Rm.
10:50 am	Worship	Sanctuary

*\*Broadcast on WENK 1240 AM, on 101.7 FM  
and the World Wide Web at WENK.com*

12:15 pm	Senior Adult Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	UMW Group III Meeting	Conference Room
5:00 pm	Common Connection	Off-Site-Member's Home

### Monday, September 17

5:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Ed. Bldg. Rm 23
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Basement Chapel

### Tuesday, September 18

7:30 am	Pray for the Children	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Sing-A-Long	Magnolia Place

### Wednesday, September 19

9:30 am	Rhema Bible Study	Conference Room
1:00 pm	Knit Wits Knitting Ministry	Conference Room
1:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Church Library
5:15 pm	WNT Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Classes	Various Rooms
7:05 pm	Sanctuary Choir Practice	Sanctuary

### Thursday, September 20

4:45 pm	Yada Sisterhood	Jackson Northside UMC
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### Friday, September 21

6:00 am	Men's Promise Keepers	Fellowship Hall
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### Sunday, September 23

8:30 am	Prayer for 8:45 Service	Mercy Seat Prayer Room
8:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages	Various Rooms
10:35 am	Prayer for 10:50 Service	Mercy Seat Prayer Rm.
10:50 am	Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Common Connection	Off-Site-Member's Home

### Monday, September 24

5:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Ed. Bldg. Rm 23
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Basement Chapel

### Tuesday, September 25

7:30 am	Pray for the Children	Sanctuary
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## SEPTEMBER 2018 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Chris Norton	9/1
Pat Stephenson	9/1
Perry Burnett	9/2
Linda Simrell	9/2
Thorpe Mitchell	9/5
Delana Easley	9/6
Alex Parks	9/6
Kevin Paschall	9/7
Gerald Hart	9/8
Cheryl Young	9/8
Rick Dillon	9/9
Carol Latimer	9/10
Jane Paschall	9/10
Amy Harris	9/11
Palmer Higginbotham	9/11
Lynn Jenkins	9/11
James Harrelson	9/13
Carlyne Wheatley	9/13
Kayti Adkins	9/13
Brittany Kendall	9/15
Anne Reeves	9/16
Charlie Richards	9/16
Bradley Harris	9/17
Sophie Palmer	9/18
Claire Tanner	9/18
Bill Townes	9/18
Amy Paschall	9/19
Wayne Babb	9/21
Paige Fisher	9/22
Becky Prince	9/22
Will Harris	9/22
Ronald Bloebaum	9/25
Doug Durkee	9/25
Emma Creswell	9/26
Kelly Parks	9/26
Bradley Schlager	9/26
Doris Veatch	9/26
Donna Hardy	9/27
Trenton Brown	9/28
Jane Huffstetler	9/28
Ann Cameron	9/29
Randy Abernathy	9/30
Farin Cloyd	9/30
Diana Frankum	9/30
Brett White	9/30