

The Allen Memorial Messenger

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'"
Isaiah 52:7 NRSV

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It's Camp Meeting Time at Allen Memorial

The four Sundays of August have been designated as camp meeting Sundays. The service will be less structured and you are invited to dress casually. The services will include more singing— especially the old hymns you love. Special music will include the following:

August 5: Bill Yielding

August 12: Hoback Family

August 19: Brian and Wesley Bean

August 26: Pastor Joe and Family

Joe and his family will share their talents for the whole service on August 26. Joe will be playing the keyboard. His daughter Dena will be singing and her husband Ken Oakes sings and plays the guitar. His son David sings and plays the guitar and his wife Leigh sings. His daughter Kristen Dutton sings and her husband Craig plays the bass. Steve Wigley, a family friend, plays the drums. We look forward to hearing Joe and his family share their praise and gospel songs with us.

The Camp Meeting service started with the American frontier. People generally camped out at or near the site. Several ministers, sometimes from different denominations, provided virtually non-stop preaching and hymn singing during the day, in the evening and late into the night. We will not be going to the extreme of the early settlers, but we hope you will mark your calendar and make every effort to join us for these special services. Many of you can hardly wait to hear "It's Football Time in Tennessee." We hope you'll be just as enthusiastic to hear "It's Camp Meeting Time at Allen Memorial."



Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet on Sunday, August 5 at 8:30 AM in Wattenbarger Hall for breakfast and devotions. Please join us!

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Saturday, Aug. 11, at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall for a light lunch and a program. Jane Jeffreys, Janie Goines & Mattie Hutsell will be the hostesses and Becky Jaquish will have the program.



Our card project is almost completed. Thanks to everyone who shared their "gently used" greeting cards with us. The cards will be for sale soon.

All the ladies of the church are urged to take advantage of this time for fellowship and spiritual growth.

Youth in Mission /Bahamas Conference Trip



Our own Abby Bryant joined 83 other young people in Nassau Bahamas for a week of soul renewing faith while working with poverty stricken children from surrounding areas of Nassau. The speaker for the week was a New York Giants football player, Chris Canty, who has a passion for youth and children. The theme for the week was 'The Body of Christ' because everyone came from different areas to join together as a team to worship and serve God in the football camp, VBS, and art camp. Chris talked about the five components of a championship team: leadership, sacrifice, effort, discipline and live which relates to both football and the Christian life.

Abby spent day one at the football camp as water girl and cheerleader. She spent two days at VBS at a Haitian Nazarene church with a group of 9-12 years old boys and girls. They enjoyed music, games and crafts with lots of enthusiastic hugs and smiles. The last day was an art camp at a private school with a different group of children ages 12 to 14. The group also cleaned out a classroom that another group painted.

We are very proud of Abby for giving up part of her vacation time to serve others. Thank you Abby for representing the church in such a positive way!

Lord's Hour Offering

It is time once again for our annual *Lord's Hour Offering*. The program works in this way: throughout the summer months, we are asked to give our first hour's wages of each week as a special offering to be received on August 26.



This special gift can be designated for the General Budget or the Future Fund. We ask that you prayerfully consider this special offering, and give as you are led and are able.

CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS AGAIN Chancel Choir practice begins again on August 22nd at 7 PM. We will start working on our anthems for the fall. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, this would be an excellent time to start. If you have any questions, please see our Chancel Choir Director, Nathan Windt.



REMEMBER

Why is it that we can remember a conversation we had with someone when we were a child but can't remember why we went in to the "other room?" We can remember lines of a poem, but can't remember the name of a person we know well. That is just a part of life we learn to live with, but don't really like. We may also remember what someone did or said to us days, weeks, months or even years ago. It is hard to put some things away.

God says in Jeremiah 31:34 – "For I will forgive their iniquities, and remember their sins no more." The writer of the book of Hebrews says the same thing (quoting from the OT) in 8:12 and 10:17.

These words of scripture are from God who promised that when He forgives our sins, they are not only forgiven but also forgotten. Can God really forget? Yes! In the OT scripture of Jeremiah God is saying that even though Israel has sinned, rebelled and forgotten God, that God is able to put away their sins. He will not remind them of those sins again. They are wiped away.

This is something we cannot do or have a difficult time doing. We may get upset with someone and then remind them of "stuff" from the past. That means that we have not really forgiven them. We are still holding on to "stuff" from the past to use if we need to use it against them.

God states that our sins are forgiven and forgotten when we confess to Him and ask for forgiveness. The blood of Jesus has wiped those away. God says, "I will remember them no more!" Can God really forget that they ever happened? Probably not. But they are forgiven and God puts those things aside. That is a part of forgiveness. God will not use our past sins against us.

As hard as it is to do for us, that is something we should work on learning. The lack of forgiveness does not just hurt the other person. It hurts us. Harboring resentment only hurts us. The great thing about this scripture is the God forgives our sins and will not bring them up again. They are forgiven and put aside. May God help each of us as we learn to forgive.

Pastor Joe

Volunteer of the Month



Our "Volunteer of the Month" is Sue Walker. Sue has been doing our Children's Sermons for the past several months. She is well qualified for this task since she is the Director for Restoration Preschool Academy located on Highway 39 West. The church office has received many comments from the children and adults complimenting Sue's efforts.

She is married to Tim Walker. She has three children, Chris, Scott and Nathan and one grandson, Blake. Sue enjoys cooking and gardening in her spare time.

Be sure to tell Sue how much you enjoy her children's sermons. Thank you Sue. The church appreciates you.



Grace and Mercy Ministries

The ladies will be feeding the clients at Grace and Mercy Ministries on Friday, August 17th. Pastor Joe will have a devotion following the meal.

Church Secretary email: allensec@bellsouth.net

Please use this e-mail address when sending information to the attention of Jane at the office.

Church email: allenmemorialumc@bellsouth.net—Check the website for slide shows which were shown during recent worship services. Look under Youth or Something for Everyone for a link to the show.

Something for Everyone

August Trip: If you are signed up for the trip to Crossville on Tuesday, August 7th, please be at the church ready to leave by 11:45 AM.

September: Please plan to join us on Tuesday, September 4th, at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall as we celebrate "Made in America." You are encouraged to bring at least one item that has the **Made in America** label on it. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Mark Your Calendar: On Tuesday, November 6th, we will travel to Pigeon Forge to enjoy the **Country Tonight Christmas Show**. We will have lunch at the Huck Finn Restaurant before attending the show which starts at 3:00 PM. The cost for the show is \$17.50 per person. Watch the bulletin for more details soon.

Calling all singers! The Athens Community Chorus,

under the direction of Nathan Windt, begins its new season with our first rehearsal on Tuesday, August 28, at 7 p.m. in the choir room on TWC's campus. All singers are welcome, aged high school and older, and **no singing experience is necessary!** Save yourself the worry of strenuous vocal audition, and come sing and have fun with great friends every Tuesday night.

Allen Memorial is always well represented in the Community Chorus, so it's also a great way to fellowship during the week. Music for this season will include a potpourri of selections for the Christmas season, and an opera gala concert in the spring. For more information, contact Nathan at nwindt@twcnet.edu. We hope you'll join us on Tuesday, August 28th!



Thursday, August 2

7:00 PM McMinn Ministries

Sunday, August 5

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service /Campmeeting

Monday, August 6

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Tuesday, August 7

11:45 AM Something for Every one/Cumberland Playhouse

Saturday, August 11

12:00 PM United Methodist Women/Wattenbarger Hall

Sunday, August 12

10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service /Campmeeting & SS Teacher Appreciation
 12:00 PM SS Teacher Appreciation Covered Dish Luncheon
 4:00 PM Grace & Mercy Service/Cooke Center

Monday, August 13

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, August 15

6:00 PM Body & Soul/ Wattenbarger Hall

Sunday, August 19

10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service /Campmeeting
 4:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits

Monday, August 20

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Sunday, August 26

10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service /Campmeeting

Monday, August 27

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1. Monica Womac, Carolyn Delmas, Wendy Snyder, Amy Windt,
2. Marvin Strickland, Lily Tydingco, Seth Dake
3. Vicki Moore, Edward Gambill, Lyndy Arsenault, Kayla Arsenault
4. Bridgett Raper
6. Joyce Grubb, Arthur Lockmiller, Mike Black, Susan Scott
8. Linda Guffey
10. Scott Hutsell, Wesley Bean
14. Taehoon Kim
15. Tim Sharp
16. Warren Brewster
17. Tom Acuff
19. Stephanie Huth, Beth Pressley
21. Pam Cooley, Sandy Yielding, Edith Anderson Hughes, Delilah Anderson, Cynthia Lewis, Summer Cardwell
22. Ray Seaton, Brooklyn Hurst
26. Hazel Roberts, Paisley Wade
27. Michael Bryant, Bill Snyder, Alicia Wooden
28. Mary Shultz, Rick Skidmore, Zoe Jackson
30. David Bohannon
31. William A. Cawlfild

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1. Josh & Tonya Arsenault
2. Russell & Hazel Roberts
4. Glenn & Margaret Mason, Tom & Kim Huth, Alfred & Dee Gamble
6. Sean & Beth Bulow
14. Matt & Rachel Klusman
15. Sam & Karen Guffey
18. Bill & Sandy Yielding, Joe & Pam Wilburn, Bobby & Elaine Davidson
21. Jim & Pam Lewis, Jared & Michelle Wright
25. Charlie & Eva Oakes

The Rejoicing Spirits service will be held Sunday afternoon, August 19, at 4:00 in the afternoon.

The meeting will be at the Cedar Springs United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service.

McMinn Ministries Meeting

McMinn Ministries will have the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 2, at 7:00 P.M.

McMinn United Methodist Ministries

Please see the *bulletin board in the side vestibule for all the news, updates and outreaches that are happening through the McMinn Ministries at the Cooke Ministry Center on 714 Walter Street.*



Our next Body & Soul be on August 15th at 6:00 PM in Wattenbarger Hall. Our hosts will be Joyce Grubb, Kim and Sarah-Beth Rymer.

The menu will be: Ranch Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, Rolls & Dessert. Reservations should be made with the church office (745-1560) by Sunday, August 13th.



Prayer Shepherd Ministry

Recently seen on a bumper sticker: "Prayer is like wireless access to God—with no roaming fees."

What a blessing and free gift we have in prayer. How exciting to see God answers in miracles, love, healing and so many other ways!

Even though we experience sad events in our world, we learn through our Sovereign God, that God is worthy of our trust in all situations!

Proverbs 15:8 NIVB...*The prayers of the upright please Him.*

Pray for your sheep during the busy days of August, and if you are interested in becoming a Prayer Shepherd call Eva at 745-0571 or Jane at 745-1560.



Worship Service Flower Schedule For August:

- August 5: Mattie Hutsell**
August 12: Annette Ray
August 19: Bill & Sandy Yielding
August 26: Duane & Amy Rikard

July Stewardship Report

As United Methodists and members of this congregation, we are called to participate in the life of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

We Worship By Our Prayers

Stacy Alexander	Liz Maddox
Polly Anderson	Glenn Mason
Chris Beaton	Jim Neil
Warren Brewster	Charles Newman
Linda Brown	Martha Penney
Bonnie Burmood	Amberly Richards
Joseph Carpenter	Mildred Smith
Jim Cate	Nell Smith
Kathy Clark	David Stephenson
Milford Clark	Virginia Stephenson
John & Pam Cooley	Nathan Thomas
Al Gamble, Jr	Roy Thomas
Nell Gambill	Rev. Bruce Vincent
Karen Guffey	Mildred Vincent
Betty Hamby	Millard Vincent
Mike Jackson	Justin Walden
Andy Jeffreys	Brenda Walker
Steve King & Family	Renay Wattenbarger
Tammy Lowry	Nancy White
Wesley Lewis	Bill Yielding
Tiffany Lynch	Sandy Yielding

Pray for our nation, community, our leaders,
 Pray for our Pastor and for each other.
 Pray for God's vision for our church.
 Pray for our Bishop, James Swanson and our
 District Superintendent, Joe Green
 Pray for those who need salvation.
 Pray for Steve & Diantha Hodges in Sudan.
 Pray for our Sunday Worship Services.
 Pray for renewal in our lives.
 Pray for Grace & Mercy Ministries.
 Pray for hungry, homeless, and unloved.



Brandon Carter, Tyler & Mary Katherine Cooley, Taylor Creasman, Michael Dyer, Josh Goforth, Josh Gary, Taylor Gray, Brent Greer, Eric Greisenaur, Brandon Hashe, Lee Hashe, Daniel Hickey, Derek Hickey, Anderson Jaramillo, Robinson Jaramillo, Tim Lammers, Wesley Levy, Ginni Jordon, Wayne McKenzie, Tyler Moore, Will Nation, Thomas Pelham, Adam Randle, Alex Randle, Zach Roberts, Brittany Rupert, Bobby Smith, Brent Stephens.

We Worship By Our Presence

Average Sunday School Attendance.....	57
Average Worship Attendance	151
Avg. SS Attendance for YTD 2012.....	66
Avg. Worship Attendance for YTD 2012	167
Avg. SS Attendance for YTD 2011.....	71
Avg. Worship Attendance for YTD 2011	181

We Worship With



Our Gifts and Tithes

Received for Operating Budget/July....	15,534.51
Received for 2012 YTD.....	118,830.65
Received for 2011 YTD.....	116,895.59

Special Giving

Sunday School Outreach	59.55
Peace with Justice	25.00
Future Fund	680.00
Youth Fund	520.00
Bus Fund.....	25.00
Holston Home/Fifth Sunday	1,180.00

Holston Gifts Presented in honor of Bishop Swanson

Church members of the Holston conference presented a gift of \$32,341, in honor of Bishop Swanson's service. The gift is to be divided for clergy support in memory of Bishop Swanson's father and for domestic violence in memory of his mother.

WE WORSHIP BY OUR GIVING

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. – Proverbs 3:9



In the Old Testament the people of God did not come to the Temple to worship without bringing an offering. It was an integral part of their worship. They brought the firstfruits (the best) for an offering to God in gratitude for all God had done for them. It was also to show their love.

We too, are called to worship God with our gifts tithes and offerings. But we can also give an offering of our lives to God as a part of our worship.



Operation Christmas Child

The Youth are sponsoring Operation Christmas Child. They will be collecting and filling shoe boxes with school supplies, toys and personal supplies for children around the world. Please save shoe boxes for this great project. You can put your shoeboxes in the side vestibule. See Patti Rae or Lela for more details.

The **Youth** will resume regular meetings in August. Please watch the bulletin for details concerning the annual back-to-school kick-off.



Spotlight on New Members

We welcome C. J. Beckett who comes to us from Hixson United Methodist Church. She is an R.N. and works at Erlanger Medical Center in Preadmission Testing. She has 3 children and 3 grandchildren. She is the daughter of Millard & Mildred Vincent. C. J. enjoys spending time with her grandchildren. She is also a great cook and especially enjoys baking “sweet treats” for her friends to enjoy. Be sure to welcome C.J. when you see her.



We welcome Bob and Sheron Bellman who transferred their membership from Middlebrook United Methodist Church in Knoxville. They have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. Bob is active with the Rescue Squad here in Athens. Sheron enjoys making crafts and sewing projects. Be sure to make them feel at home here at Allen.



We welcome Karen Guffey who transferred her membership from the Athens Lutheran Church. She is a physical therapist and works part-time at Athens Regional Medical Center. Karen is married to Sam Guffey and is the mother of Grant who received infant baptism and is now a preparatory member. Be sure to welcome Karen into the fellowship of the church.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sunday School Appreciation Dinner

We are blessed to have some excellent Sunday School teachers and it is once again time to show our appreciation to them for their dedication.

They give to our church and to God by sharing every Sunday morning. We are grateful for our teachers and look forward to honoring them.

You are asked to bring a covered dish or two and share in a lunch in their honor on Sunday, August 12th following the morning worship service.

“UNDIE SUNDAY”

We have designated August 26th as McMinn United Methodist Ministries -“*Undie Sunday*” to collect new girls and boys underwear, socks, and toothpaste.

The socks and underwear are for K-8th graders and will be distributed through the Jubilee Project in Sneedville, TN which is one of the poorest areas in our state. You can bring in your items early or that day. Please leave all items in the side vestibule. See Becky Jaquish for more information.

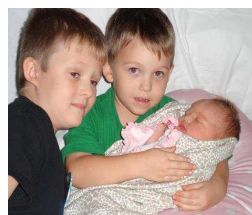


Searching for faith, fun and fellowship? Come join us on

Sunday mornings beginning **August 5 at 10 AM** in the Slagle Classroom. We are a class of Christian adults, couples and singles, who are diverse in age. Join us as we seek God’s truth through viewing and discussing the Focus on the Family Series “The Truth Project.” Hope to see you on August 5th.



Congratulations to Josh and Melissa Blair on the birth of Madilynn (Madi) Grace on July 23rd. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19” long. Big brothers Jamison & Braden are very excited about their baby sister. May God bless this family with their new addition.



Holston Conference Newly Assigned Bishop

Welcome to Virginia “Dindy” Taylor as our new Bishop in the Holston Conference. Dindy was elected Bishop in 2004 while serving as Cleveland District Superintendent. Bishop Dindy Taylor has served as Bishop in the South Carolina Conference for the past 8 years. Greetings to Bishop Taylor as we welcome her back to the Holston Conference.



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Return Service Requested

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Youth - Sunday 4:30 PM
Prayer Ministries - Wednesday 6:15 PM
Adult Choir Practice- Wednesday 7:00 PM



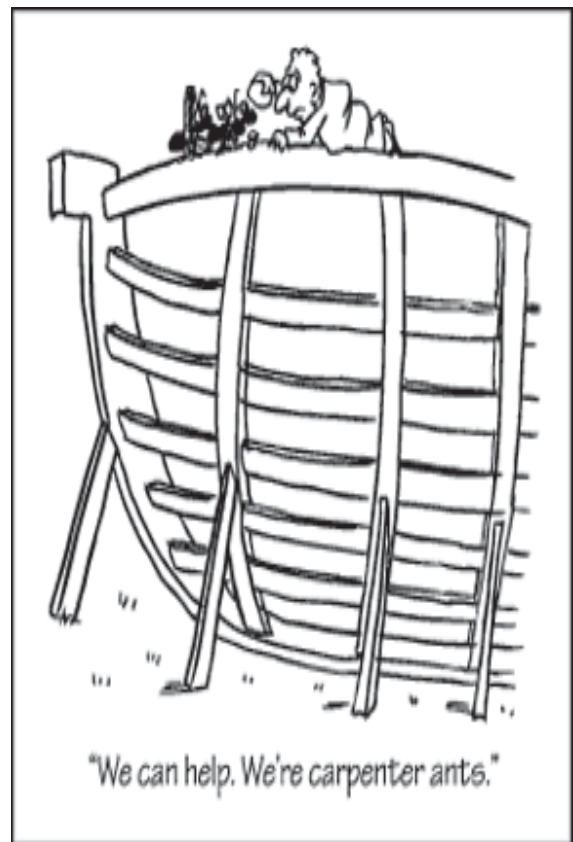
Editor's Note: The first person to call the church office with the correct answer will have their name published in next month's newsletter.

Question for August: What was the only thing Jesus told his disciples to take on Mission trips?

Correct answer for July: How many days and nights did Jonah spend in the abdomen of a whale? **3 days and 3 nights**

First Persons To Correctly Answer this month's Question: Mildred Vincent, Elizabeth Coleman

If you no longer wish to receive this monthly newsletter, please call the Church office at 423 745 1560 or send an email request to allenmemorialumc@bellsouth.net.



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