

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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Church Plans Fall Festival October 28, 4:30—7:00 PM



The Allen Memorial Family Life Committee and the Youth are busy making plans for the upcoming **Family Fall Festival** on Sunday, October 28, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. There is one purpose—to eat and have loads of fun.

This is a community event which many people look forward to every year. So be sure to invite your friends. Everyone is welcome. Bring a basket or bag for your treats. You're welcome to come in your costumes.

The Fall Festival Schedule is as follows:

- 3:00 PM—Crafters/Vendors & Youth Set-Up
- 4:30 PM—**Zion Hill Baptist Youth Black Light Puppet Show** in Wattenbarger Hall
- 5:00 PM—**Costume Parade** and Contest
- 5:15 PM—**Games** and Activities Begin

We will have bouncy houses, a slide and lots of games and activities.

Live entertainment will perform on the stage throughout the evening. A couple of groups that will be performing include **Pastor Joe & Family** and **Brian & Wesley Bean**. If you know of someone who would like to perform, just call the church office at 745-1560 for more information.

Crafters & Vendors include **Millard Vincent** who will have his hand-made wood crafts for sale. Betty Thompson will be selling **Sublime Essences** products which are natural skin products made here in Athens by Betty's daughter, Roxane Whitley. Michelle Wright will have her *Thirty One Gifts* for sale. Joyce and Charlotte will have home-made pickles, youth-hall slaw, chili and beef stew for sale, with the proceeds from the canned goods going to the Future Fund. We also hope to have a bake sale.

Of course no festival would be complete without good food including **hot dogs, chips, popcorn, funnel cakes and more**. The hot dogs, etc. will be free. The funnel cakes will be \$1.00

Ways you can help get ready for the festival: bring individually wrapped candy and place in the baskets at each church entrance, pray that hearts and lives will be touched and invite someone to come with you to the

Something for Everyone News October 2

Our most popular trip of the year is coming up on October 2. Merceir's Apple House in beautiful Blue Ridge, Georgia, is our destination. Merceir's, according to some of our tasters, makes the best fried pies in the country.



Lunch will be enjoyed at Brother's Copper Kettle Restaurant in Ducktown.

The bus will leave the church parking lot at 10 AM and return around 5 PM. Reservations must be made with Charlotte or the church office by Sunday, September 30.

November 6

An exciting trip has been planned which is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit. Seats have been reserved at Christmas "Tonite" Theatre in Pigeon Forge for their Christmas show. You will enjoy talented renditions of Christmas favorites by the popular cast as they bring the magic of Christmas to the stage. This heartwarming Christmas presentation will fill you with the cheer and spirit of the Christmas season.

We are scheduled to have lunch at Huck Finn's Catfish Restaurant. A few choices offered on the menu are fried catfish, fried chicken, grilled chicken and grilled shrimp. All are served with "all you can eat vittles" including baked white beans/turkey ham, coleslaw, hushpuppies, and a choice of fries or skin-on homemade mashed "taters" and gravy.



The cost for the show is \$17.30/person or \$34.60/couple. Reservations must be made and paid for with Charlotte or the church office by Sunday, October 28. Make your check to Charlotte Newman.

We will leave the church at 9:30 AM and return to Athens around 7:30 PM. Please plan to join us.

Food Pantry Wish List: While doing your grocery shopping this month, please pick up an item or two for the Food Pantry. **Needed are:** cans of chicken noodle soup, canned corn, packages of fruit cups and individual cans with pop tops which can be given to transients or people who have no way of opening cans, etc. During the month of September, 18 bags of groceries were given to those in need. Thanks for your support.

Life is 10% of what happens and 90% of how we react to it.



A Note from the Pastor: I love storytelling. I like to preach from the great stories of the Bible. I love to read the stories of the Bible. My dad was quite the storyteller. He never went to competitions or classes. He never told “Jack Tales.” He just told stories: to anyone who would listen. At my home church one of our pastors asked my dad to be in charge of the Wednesday night service. My dad would tell stories from the Bible and make them come alive to us whether we were children, youth or adults. He knew how to tell it in such a way as to keep our attention. When the family all got together he had a captive audience. And we listened and laughed. There were certain stories that he told often. We asked for them. At my mother’s grave service it was just the family. We stood around the grave of my dad and mom and told stories. Those stories we shared helped to keep my parents alive in our hearts and to give us hope for a future with them again. There was the story about the carwash that had to be told. It was told often at family gatherings. And when it was told we laughed so hard we cried.

We have read or told stories to our children or grandchildren. They love to hear stories. In fact, some children can’t go to sleep at night until they have heard a story or had one read to them.

Stories help us to know who we are. Stories help us to know our past. Stories help us to define what we love. Stories help us to establish values. Stories help us to set our course.

I have a captive audience at 11:00 every Sunday morning. They may not want to hear my stories, but I tell them anyway. Maybe they get tired of hearing them. But, stories help to tell how and what the scripture means to me. They help to bring the Bible alive. One Sunday I told a story about teaching school. After the service I discovered that a member of my church was the daughter of my principal at that school. We would have never known that if it had not have been for the story.

When I taught school I had the 3rd grade. I loved it and loved the children. After lunch every day we had “down time.” I turned out the lights in the classroom. Some of the children put their heads on their desks. And I would read a story or a chapter out of a book. My favorite and their favorite was “Charlotte’s Web.” What a great story. It was later made into a cartoon movie. But it wasn’t as good as reading the book.

Jesus was a great story teller. We call most of his stories parables. They were meant to teach a truth through a story that would help people know how to live their own lives.

First of all, let your life be a story for others. As they watch you, they watch your story. They learn who you are. But, they also learn of your love for God and His church. They tell of your love for other people. Your story tells how much you care.

Second, don’t be ashamed of your story as a Christian. We are called to be witnesses by our word, our deed and our faith. Your story may be the very one that brings someone to Christ.

“Let your light so shine” we are told in the Bible. “Let your story be heard” is what I encourage you to do. (Joe)

Chancel Choir News

The Chancel Choir is busy practicing for the Christmas cantata, *A Night for Rejoicing*, by Lee & Susan Naus Dengler. This new cantata tells the age-old story of Jesus’ coming to earth, which culminates in that glorious “night for rejoicing.” This cantata includes familiar carols as well as newly composed music. The cantata will be presented on Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 3:00 PM. Since the cantata will not be during the morning worship service, you will have an opportunity to invite your friends who may attend other churches.

If you would like to join the choir just for the Christmas cantata, you would be welcome to do so. The cantata practice is each Wednesday evening in the sanctuary at 7 PM. We hope many of you will take advantage of this short-term commitment. If you have questions, please see Nathan Windt, Chancel Choir Director.

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil—NO POINT!

TWC Choir to Perform

The alumni of Tennessee Wesleyan College will be worshipping with us on Sunday morning, October 7. TWC Day at Allen Memorial is the last scheduled event for Homecoming 2012. The service will feature music from the TWC Concert Choir and the college’s President, Dr. Harley Knowles, will be speaking. You will receive a blessing from this special service!

Body & Soul—October 17, 6 PM Oriental Expressly for You

The hostesses this month are Yvonne Raper, Sue Walker, and Carlene Kuykendall. The menu will consist of mandarin orange chicken/oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables, Asian slaw and dessert.

Reservations for the meal should be made with the church office or one of the hostesses by Monday, October 15. The cost for the meal is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Please mark your calendar and plan to take advantage of this time of fellowship with our church family. Pastor Joe will have a brief devotion following the meal. Come and hop on board the Orient Express!



October Birthday's

2. Raymond Latham
3. Janet Boggess
4. Spencer Skidmore
5. Kathy Snyder
6. Sue McQuain, Will Miller
7. Vince Newman
9. Karen Perry
10. Thomas Hicks, Jessica Moore
11. Adam Randle
12. Paul Looney Sr., Andy Latham, Blake Hashe
13. David Culberson, Bobby Smith
14. Jay Land, Sara Monteen, Jeff Wright
16. Sarah Rymer
17. Milford Clark
18. Charlotte Newman, Mikayla Thurman
19. Robert Davidson
21. Butch Raper, Zachary Hughes
22. Kari Kuykendall Walden, Matt Mays
23. Bill Stewart
24. Jamison Blair
25. Andrew Bryant, Matt Garren
26. Vickie Derrick
27. Jake Herron, Meg Wade, Joele Cardwell
28. Michelle Hoppe, Meghan Arsenault
30. Leslie Reese Gunderman
31. Judy McLemore

October Anniversaries'

8. Andy & April Latham
10. Thomas & Elizabeth Hicks
11. David & Lynette Culberson
15. Sam & Mary Sparkman
20. James Ivan & Joyce Grubb
25. Ken & Sharon Davidson

Camp Lookout Golf Tournament 2012

The Camp Lookout Benefit Golf Tournament will be hold on Saturday, October 6. Check the bulletin board or contact Jared Wright for details at 368-2869

Monday, October 1
6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Tuesday, October 2
11:45 AM Something for Everyone
Mercier Apple Farm

Wednesday, October 3
5:30 PM Children's Choir
6:15 PM Prayer Ministries
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 4
7:00 PM McMinn Ministries

Friday, October 5
Youth Trip to Georgia

Saturday, October 6
2:00 PM Sharp/Nunez Wedding

Sunday, October 7
8:30 AM Men's Group Breakfast/WH
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM TWC Sunday Service
5:00 PM Super Sunday

Monday, October 8
6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, October 10
5:30 PM Children's Choir
6:15 PM Prayer Ministries
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Saturday, October 13
12:00 PM UMW/WH

Sunday, October 14
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
4:30 PM No Youth

Monday, October 15
6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, October 17
6:00 PM Body & Soul
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, October 21
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits
5:00 PM Super Sunday for Kids
5:00 PM Youth

Monday, October 22
6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, October 24
5:30 PM Children's Choir
6:15 PM Prayer Ministries
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Saturday, October 27
Youth will Work

Sunday, October 28
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
3:00 PM Youth
5:00 PM Fall Festival

Monday, October 29
6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, October 31
No Children's Choir
6:15 PM Prayer Ministries
7:00 PM Chancel Choir



If you have never attended a Rejoicing Spirits Service, Sunday, October 21, at 4:00 PM, would be a great time to do so. The service is held at the Cedar Springs United Methodist Church. Our own Pastor Joe helps lead the service. Come and be a part of this spirit-filled time of worship. You'll come away feeling blessed!

Prayer Shepherds

Does prayer really make a difference? Let the Bible answer that question. *"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."*



James 5:16b
Effective! This promise should encourage each prayer shepherd to

pray for their sheep.

If you have not seen or heard from your sheep recently, perhaps a call or card can be a reminder of your concern.

The **United Methodist Women** will meet on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall for a light lunch served by Susan Jackson. Becky Jaquish will present the World Thank Offering Program. Please bring your World Thank Bank to the meeting.

The **Men's Group** will meet on Sunday, October 7, for breakfast and devotions. All the men of the church are invited to attend.

Worship Service Flower Schedule for October:

- Oct. 7: Charles & Charlotte Newman
- Oct. 14: Sam & Mary Sparkman
- Oct. 21: Kim Rymer
- Oct. 28: Duane & Amy Rikard

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Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed;
Save me, and I shall be saved:
For thou art my praise.
Jeremiah 17:14

September 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.

<i>We Worship By Our Prayers</i>	<i>We Worship By Our Presence</i>
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Chris Beaton
Warren Brewster
Linda Brown
Bonnie Burmood
Joseph Carpenter
Jim Cate
Kathy Clark
Milford Clark
John & Pam Cooley
Al Gamble, Jr
Nell Gambill
Karen Guffey
Betty Hamby
Carol Hope
Mike Jackson
Andy Jeffreys
Steve King & Family
Tammy Lowry
Tiffany Lynch | Glenn Mason
Jim Neil
Martha Penney
Amberly Richards
Mildred Smith
Nell Smith
David Stephenson
Virginia Stephenson
Nathan Thomas
Roy Thomas
Rev. Bruce Vincent
Mildred Vincent
Millard Vincent
Justin Walden
Mike Wallace
Brenda Walker
Renay Wattenbarger
Nancy White
Sandy Yielding
Chloe Zavala |
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- *Average Sunday School Attendance 59
- *Average Worship Attendance 147
- *Avg. SS Attendance for YTD 2012 63
- *Avg. Worship Attendance for YTD 2012 167
- Avg. SS Attendance for YTD 2011 69
- Avg. Worship Attendance for YTD 2011 176
- *Through September 23**

We Worship With



- *Received for Operating Budget/September 13,506.69
- *Received for 2012 YTD 148,011.34
- Received for 2011 YTD 144,789.65
- *Through September 23**

Special Giving through September 23

- Sunday School Outreach..... 51.02
- No More Malaria 110.00
- Future Fund 354.00
- Youth Fund 25.00
- Men's Group 50.00



Church Magazine Ministry—Our church now takes magazines to both of the hospital emergency rooms in McMinn County. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry.

- 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, Virginia Taylor 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.

<i>We Worship By Our Witness</i>

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:16)

The words of this passage implore us to not just live as Christians, but to reach out and make disciples of Christ wherever we go—at church, at work, at school, in the neighborhood, on the team. Many times people become Christian or don't, because of how they see Christians living their own lives.



The “Something for Everyone” group recently asked participants to resolve to spend at least \$64 on American made goods during their holiday shopping so that 200,000 new jobs could be created in America. Are you in? How will you spend your \$64 this Christmas?

Also, don't leave God out of your budget. *“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)*



- Brandon Carter, Tyler & Mary Katherine Cooley, Taylor Creasman, Michael Dyer, Josh Goforth, Josh Gary, Taylor Gray, Brent Greer, Eric Greisenhour, 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.**

Any youth 6th—12th grade is invited to participate in our Youth Group. Our meetings begin on Sunday afternoons 4:30.



Youth Calendar for October

October 5-7: Camping Trip/Casting Crowns Concert at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee, GA. The Youth will leave on Friday afternoon and return on Sunday.

October 14: No Youth Meeting (Fall Break)

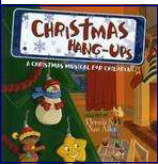
October 27: On Saturday, the Youth will meet to work on the Fall Festival activities. All Youth are asked to come and help prepare for the Fall Festival on Sunday.

October 28: Youth need to be back at church at 3:00 PM to finish setting up for the Fall Festival that begins at 5:00 PM.

October will be an exciting and busy time for the Allen Memorial Youth! All Youth should stay tuned for more information from Lela for all the activities planned.

Children’s Choir Now Rehearsing

Our Children’s Choir under the direction of Patti Rae Bryant is busy rehearsing each Wednesday from 5:30—6:30 in the Choir Room. The children are hard at work on their Christmas musical, Christmas Hang-Ups, which will be presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 9th, at 7:00 PM. All members of the children’s choir are encouraged to attend every rehearsal. Copies of the rehearsal schedule are on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see Patti Rae.



Operation Christmas Child

The Youth are again sponsoring Operation Christmas Child. You are invited to be a part of this great ministry which brings smiles and laughter to children around the world.

You can fill a standard size shoe box or a small plastic container with gifts. A brochure is available in both entryways which gives instructions for filling the shoeboxes. Please plan to donate \$7 for each shoebox you prepare to help cover shipping & project expenses .



We give God all the praise and look forward to the best Operation Christmas Child ever!



The **Church Council** will meet on Sunday, October 14, at 7 PM in Wattenbarger Hall. If you have items you would like to add to the agenda or if you have questions about the meeting, please see Tim Sharp,

Chairman of the Council.

Volunteers of the Month

This month we have chosen our **Sound Engineers** as our Volunteers of the Month. Sound Engineers are the hidden treasure of the worship team, every bit as integral as musicians or even leaders. The sound engineer yields a tremendous influence over how we experience worship.

We are very fortunate here at Allen to have three men who are highly qualified and passionate about creating a “joyful noise” during our worship and other services. Each Sunday a CD is created of the morning worship service. If you miss a service, just ask Dan, Jared or Tom about getting a copy to listen to.

Dan Herron, Jared Wright and Tom Huth are always willing to share their skills so that our worship services are a blessing to the people and a fragrant offering to God.

Dan is also responsible for the Magazine Ministry here at the church. He faithfully delivers magazines to the Emergency Rooms at both of the hospitals in McMinn County. He is a substitute Sunday school teacher for the adult classes. He is very active in the Men’s Club and is a member of the Church Council. Dan is currently serving as the delegate from our church to Holston Annual Conference. Dan enjoys reading, being involved in the community, both with the Senior Center and the Boy Scouts, and he especially loves Virginia Tech football. He has four children, Paul, Laura Beth, Jake and Ginni and one grandchild, Gracelyn. Dan retired from the U.S. Forestry Service after 39 years of service.



Jared serves as an usher when he is not operating the sound system. He is very active in the Young Adult Ministry of the church. He is chairperson of the Finance Committee and is an active member of the Church Council. Jared is married to Michelle. He enjoys traveling, playing golf, all sports and music. Jared is employed at Tennessee Wesleyan College as Advancement Specialist.



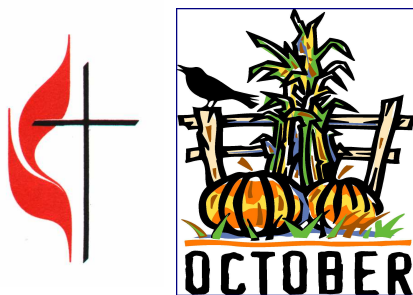
Tom is now serving as the Head Usher. He only operates the sound system if the other two are not available. Tom is an active member of the Church Council and is one of our CDL drivers for the church bus. When he is not working, he drives the bus for the Something for Everyone group when needed. He also works with the Youth and the Young Adults. He is married to Kim. They have two children, Stephanie and Andrew. Tom is a Nuclear Engineer currently working on Unit 2 at Watts Bar. He enjoys traveling, cooking and activities with his family.



Be sure to tell Dan, Jared & Tom how much you appreciate their dedicated service to our church.

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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

Bible Quiz

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 October: What did Elisha put in the spring to heal the waters of Jericho?

Correct answer for September: John 11:2—It was Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair...

First Persons To Correctly Answer this month's Question: 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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