

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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Congratulations to our Students!

Below are the names we have received so far. If we have missed someone, please submit the information to the church office and it will be printed in next month's newsletter.

Abby Bryant graduated as one of the valedictorians from McMinn County High School. She plans to study dental hygiene at East Tennessee State University in the fall. She is the daughter of Michael and Patti Rae Bryant.

Joseph Carpenter graduated from McMinn County High School. He received a HOPE Scholarship. He was voted "most popular" by his peers. He plans to attend Cleveland State in the fall. He is hoping to become a crisis counselor to help young people who experience sudden life-changing experiences. He is the son of Tony Carpenter and the great-grandson of Mildred Carpenter.

Kane Penley graduated with honors from McMinn County High School. He will be entering the honors program in the fall at the University of Tennessee studying mechanical engineering. He received a HOPE Scholarship, a Volunteer Scholarship and an Honor Society Scholarship. He is the son of Wendy Snyder.

Tully Hicks graduated from McMinn County High School. She received a HOPE scholarship and will be attending college in the fall. She is the daughter of Gary and Diane Hicks and the granddaughter of Curtis and Helen Trotter.

Drew Mays graduated with honors from McMinn County High School. He received an athletic golf scholarship to TWC and plans to pursue a business degree. Drew was also acknowledged with the first annual Promises Kept Scholarship in memory of Cole Puryear. He is the son of Rick and Lisa Mays.

Austin Meadows is the Quiz Bowl Captain for the Quiz Bowl Team at McMinn County High School. The team won 1st place in state competition and will be traveling to Kansas City to the national event. Austin is the son of Deborah Richards and the grandson of Jo Ann Littleton.

Chris Meadows was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Athens Middle School. He is the son of Deborah Richards and the grandson of Jo Ann Littleton.

Matthew Garren was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Athens Middle School. He is the son of Sally Garren and Steve Garren. He is the grandson of Becky Jaquish.

Emma Rikard was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Athens Middle School. She is the daughter of Duane and Amy Rikard.

Amberly Richards placed 2nd in the regional competition for Young Champions Cheerleaders of America Level 2. Her team will be going to the state competition in June. She is the daughter of Jason and Deborah Richards and the granddaughter of Jo Ann Littleton.

We are proud of all our students. They are ambassadors of their families, this community and Allen Memorial Church. We are proud to have them representing us!

Vacation Bible School

June 2—7, 2013

5:20—8:45

The theme for VBS this year is **Kingdom Rock**, an epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. At Kingdom Rock VBS God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale. It changes kids forever. The kids will meet true biblical loyalty such as King David and others.



The closing program will be on Friday night beginning at 7:00 PM. All parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to come and see what the children have been learning all week.

Please make plans now so that your children will not miss out on this great adventure! Watch the church bulletin for more information.

Children are encouraged to invite their friends to attend!!



Holston Annual Conference

The 2013 session of the Holston Annual Conference will be held on Sunday, June 9th through Wednesday June 12th at Lake Junaluska. The Annual Conference will be filled with opportunities for business, worship and fellowship.

Becky Jaquish will be attending as our church delegate along with our pastor, Joe Black. Two of our youth, Abby Bryant and Rebecca Garren, will be attending as youth delegates from the Cleveland District.

Please be in prayer for the Conference and for those who are attending.

The Mission Kits for Liberia are due by June 2. Thank you for your support of this project. To date we have 18 bags ready to go. **Your help will make a difference in many lives!**



Church to Honor Men on Father's Day

On Sunday, June 16th, the church will publish a bulletin honoring men on Father's Day. If you would like to honor the special men in your life, please pick up a form in one of the entryways or call the church office with your information. All entries are due in the church office by Wednesday, June 12. Donations will be directed to our Youth Fund to help fund their many projects and mission trips. Please be generous with your support!



**A Note from the Pastor:
Have you read my #1 best-seller?
(There will be a test.) GOD**

This is from one of those billboards that used to be on the highways as a question from God.

The Bible is the best-selling, most-read book in the entire history of the world. It has made a profound impact on many people.

Most people have a Bible somewhere in their home. As I sit in my office and look at my bookshelf and I count my Bibles there are 47 Bibles of different translations, some Study Bibles, a couple in Greek and the Jewish Tanakh (Old Testament) which is fortunately in English. I also have other Bibles at home and on my computers.

Maybe you started out to read the Bible through beginning with Genesis. When you reached the “begats” it got to be too much to read and understand. There are many translations as well of the Bible on tape and CD.

Having all those Bibles on my shelf does no good without reading them. I really enjoy Bible studies to learn more of what it teaches.

The Bible gives us God’s plan for our life now and gives us the promise of life after this one. It is full of promises, warnings, instructions, poetry, stories and so much more.

I used to be able to memorize portions of the Bible; but alas, remembering isn’t so easy anymore.

I often read from several translations to get a different feel of the message, and one of the translation may help me understand it better.

If you aren’t in the habit of daily Bible reading why not start? It will be instructive and inspiring. By reading you will find out who God is and how much He loves you. As you read, the Word will come alive and help you to have a better day and be motivated to serve God more faithfully and fervently.

Also, if you are not in a Bible study at church why not get involved or start one with a few friends in your home?

Let the Word penetrate your mind, heart and soul in order that you may live and serve more faithfully. Joe

Something for Everyone

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on **Tuesday, June 25** as we travel to Corryton to visit the beautiful daylily gardens at **Oakes Daylilies**. Did you know that Ken Oakes is married to our pastor’s daughter, Dena? Ken or his father will talk to us about the gardens and the history of their business. On the way, we will eat at the Texas Roadhouse restaurant on Kinzel Way. We will leave the church at 10:15 AM and return around 4:30 PM. Please make your reservations with Charlotte or the church office by Sunday, June 23.

September Change of Date: The September “Rocky Top Tennessee” in Wattenbarger Hall has been rescheduled for September 10. Please mark this change on your calendar.

Remember Your Sheep! Being close to God is what He intends prayer to be in our lives. As we pray we become nearer to Him who is good and gracious. Paul’s writing in Romans 8:27-28—“If we do not know what we ought to pray for, the Holy Spirit **himself** intercedes for us in accordance with God’s will.” Thanks be to God!!



Lela Lawson is our **Volunteer of the Month**. Under Lela’s leadership our Youth Program has flourished in the past few years. It has often been said that the youth today are the leaders of tomorrow. Lela makes sure that our youth are provided with a safe environment and many opportunities where they can be with other young people who want to live a life honoring God.

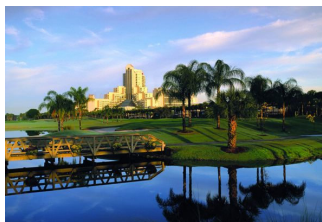
Lela is Chairperson of the Youth Ministry Team. She gives much credit to her team members for the accomplishments made by the youth here at Allen. Our youth are involved in many service projects throughout the year. They also have the opportunity to travel together on mission trips and fun trips where they are exposed to other cultures and adventures. Some of these adventures they will never forget.

Youth are important! Lela makes sure that all our youth feel welcome and she encourages them in all their endeavors. Our church is blessed to have someone who is so dedicated to be leading our Youth Ministry. Lela spends many hours planning and preparing for the events that our youth are involved in. Many of these events are fund-raising projects. These projects help the youth learn how to be organized and carry through on a plan once it has been started. They learn lessons which will help them in all areas of their adult lives.

Lela also makes sure that the youth are exposed to the teachings of the Bible and the church. She is involved with their spiritual lives as well as other aspects of their lives. Most people are not aware of the number of hours that Lela gives to the Youth Ministry of this church. Be sure you thank Lela when you see her for her dedication that we often take for granted.

In her professional life, Lela teaches school at Englewood Elementary. She taught fourth grade for several years and now teaches first grade students. She also works in the after school program teaching math. She loves her work and looks forward to seeing her children each day.

She is married to Harriell. They have 5 children, Kim, Mark, Zac, Adam and Emilee. They have 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Lela enjoys spending time with her family and friends when she is not involved with the Youth.



Youth 2015, June 24-28

In 2015 our youth will have the opportunity to participate in the largest national youth gathering of the United Methodist Church. This event only happens every 4 years.

The event will be held at the World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida. Our youth are currently working hard to save the money needed to make this very special trip. This will be an opportunity of a lifetime for our young people.

Although the event will be held in Orlando this time, it is NOT a trip to the beach. It is a time for learning and spiritual enrichment.

Even though the trip is two years away, planning is already underway. Please be generous with your support of our youth as they work to earn their way to Youth 2015.

Weekly Recurring Events

Monday	
6:00 PM	Junior Girl Scouts
Wednesday	
6:15 PM	Prayer Ministries
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Sunday	
10:00 PM	Sunday School
11:00 PM	Worship
4:30 PM	Youth

Monthly Recurring Events

Sunday	
8:30:	1st Sunday—Men’s Group in WH
5:00:	1st & 3rd Sunday—Super Sunday for Kids
4:00:	3rd Sunday—Rejoicing Spirits at Cedar Springs
Tuesday	
	1st Tuesday—Something for Everyone—Check bulletin
Thursday	
7:00:	1st Thursday—McMinn Ministries at Cooke Center
Saturday	
12:00 Noon:	2nd Saturday —UMW

Special Events/Meetings

Sunday—Friday	
	June 2-7—VBS, 5:20—8:45
Friday	
	June 7—VBS Program in Sanctuary
Thursday & Friday	
	June 14 & 15—Youth Yard Sale, Back Parking Lot
Tuesday	
	June 25—SFE Trip to Oakes Daylilies, Leave at 10:15 AM

Altar Flower Schedule

June 2.....	Susan Jackson
June 9.....	Kim Rymer
June 16.....	Jody & Janet Bogges
June 23.....	The Rikards
June 30.....	Debbie Hashe

United Methodist Women to Meet



The ladies will meet on Saturday, June 8th, at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall for a salad luncheon and meeting. Sandy Yielding will be the hostess and Mary Sparkman will have the program. Please

bring a salad to share for lunch. All the women in the church are invited to come and be a part of the work of the United Methodist Women.

Men’s Breakfast: All the men of the church are invited to come for breakfast and devotions on Sunday, June 2nd, at 8:30 AM. This is a great opportunity for fellowship in the church.

“Every branch that does bear fruit He prunes it so that it will be even more fruitful.” (John 15:2)

OUR STEWARDSHIP

“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and do all in my power to strengthen its ministry by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness.”

Our Presence

	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
(YTD) 2013 (Average)	53	152
(YTD) 2012 (Average)	70	174
(MTD) Average for April 2013	58	146

Our Gifts

YTD (April 2012)	69,167.65
YTD (April 2013)	65,104.64
April 2013	13,665.95
Sunday School Outreach	68.61
Youth Fund	25.00
Children’s Fund	25.00
Future Fund (includes fundraisers)	55.00
Structural Repair Fund	1,175.00
Bus Fund	25.00

Our Prayers

Our Country, our Leaders and our Troops
 Our Pastor, Rev. Joe Black
 Our District Superintendent, Rev. Joe Green
 Our Bishop, Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor
 Our Missionaries, both at home and overseas

Remember to Pray for Your Sheep!

Polly Anderson	Mike Johnson
Nancy Barton	Erica Johnson
Kelly Bean	Cynthia Hudick Leigh
Chris Beaton	Chase Littleton
Darren Beckett	George Lunsford
Shealeigh Brewer	Gary Mason
Linda Brown	Glenn Mason
Rev. Dr. Steve Brown	Jerry McLemore
Joseph Carpenter	Jim Neil
Kathy Cawfield	Amberly Richards
Kathy & Milford Clark	Russell Roberts
Grace Coleman	Charles Seargent
John & Pam Cooley	Mildred Smith
Ingrid Cooley	Nell Smith
Linda Dennis	Marie Sparkman
David Freeman	Roy Thomas
Steve Garren	Jim & Verdine Thompson
Jim Gottage	Jim Toomey
J.D. Harris	Curtis & Helen Trotter
Carol Hope	Rev. Bruce Vincent
Bryan Hunter	Mildred Vincent
Lacey Hunter	Rev. Carl Ware
Lou Jean Hutsell	Rev. Ogle Wattenbarger

Our Service

Thanks to the 14 volunteers who helped clean up Pope Street. The group enjoyed doughnuts provided by Pastor Joe following the work session. Watch the Newsletter for the next clean-up date.



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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



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

Youth Yard Sale

The Youth Yard Sale is scheduled for Friday **June 14th**
and Saturday June 15th starting at 8:00 AM in the
parking lot at Wattenbarger Hall.

Please plan to support the Youth by donating items,
purchasing items or by making a cash donation.


If you need any assistance with items you wish to
donate, call the church office, 745-1560, or see Lela
Lawson for more information.

The Youth group appreciates the support of the Church
Family as they raise money to fund their many projects.



Our Kids
Super Sunday for
Kids is for children
ages 3—5th grade.
Our meetings are
on the 1st & 3rd
Sundays at
5:00.

Meetings will start again in the fall.
See you then!

**Bible Question for June: Who witnessed to
a man in a chariot?**
Correct answer for May: Dinah
*Genesis 34:1: "Now Dinah the daughter of
Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob....."*
First Person (s) to correctly answer last month's question:
Elizabeth Coleman

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