

*The*  
**VINE**  
*The newsletter of Soddy United Methodist Church*  
**September 2017**



We're only a short time away from our "A Hope And A Future" weekend with our special guest speaker Eddie Hammett! Below is the schedule for the weekend:

**Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

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| 5:30 PM | Catered fellowship dinner (SUMC congregation only)  |
| 6:30 PM | Eddie Hammett session (sanctuary)   |
| 7:30 PM | Breakout groups: small group gatherings in the Friendship Hall for discussion and sharing |
| 8:30 PM | Groups gather in fellowship hall to share their thoughts                                  |
| 9:00 PM | Dismissal   |

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

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| 9:00 AM  | Eddie Hammett session (fellowship hall) |
| 9:45 AM  | Breakout groups                         |
| 10:30 AM | Eddie Hammett session (fellowship hall) |
| 11:15 AM | Breakout groups                         |
| 12:00 PM | Dismissal                               |

Register at [www.soddyumc.org](http://www.soddyumc.org) or contact Vicki Hardesty (331-3960 or [vickihardesty1@gmail.com](mailto:vickihardesty1@gmail.com))



The Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry is moving along. If you would like to sew dresses or shorts for the boxes, you still have time to do so. You'll also have the opportunity to obtain a shoebox to fill in October. This wonderful ministry has been supported by our church family for many years.



**Proof that Arnie & Becky  
have the  
holiest dog  
in the congregation!**

*(Arnie claims Labradors are  
God's favorite dog and points  
to this photo as evidence)*



## September Birthdays

- 2 Bailey Nelson
- 8 Roger Graham
- Brandi Powell
- 11 John Bramlett
- 13 Samara Jolly
- Emily Gallaher
- 16 Marcy Woodall
- 17 Victor Rogers
- 21 Patrick Mulkey
- 25 Trish Jordan
- 27 Cindy Cunnyngnam



## September Anniversaries

- 1 Carlos & Barbara Wilson
- 3 Mike & Carla Anderson
- 16 Mitch & Suzie Weber
- 20 Carl & Carole McLaughlin
- 21 Frank & Jimmie Lou Mulkey





## The Limp

A parable by Brenda Moland

I was late for a meeting. I was lost. I made a quick turn and stopped. A herd of Canadian geese was slowly crossing the street. I gave a big huff of annoyance. With no way to around them, I waited in fury. I said, "Get out of my way, you stupid geese!" Slowly they strutted with purpose across the street, totally in control. One goose was sitting royally in the middle of the road behind all the others. I very lightly honked my horn, but "Royal" just sat there. Royal finally arose slowly, moving forward with one step and then—one limp. One step, one limp. One step, one limp. My heart sank with deep shame and sorrow. Poor Royal slowly limped up the yard to join the others. I pulled over and parked. My mind was racing. How could I be so mean to a goose? I even hoked at him! My judgment and anger had pushed me to a bad place. I wanted to wrap him up, take him to the vet, and fix his leg. I watched with sorrow and pity. There sat Royal, and there I sat, teary-eyed. Suddenly, Royal stood up, took a limp—and swoosh!—wings out and flap, flap, flap—he took off across the wide blue sky. Wow, go Royal, go! His flight filled me with joy, lifted my frustration and anxiety, and left a deep breath of hope.

Something to think about:

1. Who do you think Royal represents in real life?
2. What feelings did this situation invoke?
3. Was the driver more worried about herself or the goose?
4. What does it say about judgment?
5. What does it say about hope?

*Taken from United Methodist Women's Program Book 2012-2013*



***Sunday, October 29th, is United Methodist Women Sunday!***

*We will welcome Mary Anne Scoggins to worship and speak this day.*

*On this Sunday we recognize and celebrate the work of the United Methodist Women around the world, who are helping to make the world a better place for woman and children. Make plans to attend this special day with Mary Anne!*



- ★ **We will need bingo prizes again this year for the Fall Festival.** If you have any items that you would like to donate, just leave them on the pew in the Friendship Hall. Anything that isn't won during Bingo can be given to Food Bank patrons.
- ★ **Marthas & Marys Bible study will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 5th, at 10:00 AM.**
- ★ **Wednesday fellowship dinner resumes on Wednesday, September 6th.**
- ★ **"A HOPE AND A FUTURE" weekend featuring Eddie Hammett: REGISTER NOW! Friday, September 15th - Saturday, September 16th**



**From the Chairman of the Finance Committee:**

The Administrative Council directed the Finance Committee to solicit requests from the congregation for ways to use some of the funds from the Frazier's generous bequest to the church.

We met July 30th with a lists of 21 requests. Each of the items were discussed and categorized as to the proper committee to direct for the next step.

At the August 6<sup>th</sup> Administrative Council meeting, I presented the results from the latest Finance Committee meeting and discussed the proper procedure for all fund requests: All fund request should go thru the correct committee (Trustees, Outreach, Music/Worship, etc), then be presented to the Finance Committee along with the costs involved with each request. The Finance Committee will meet and discuss the requests and then forward approved requests to the Administrative Council for final approval.

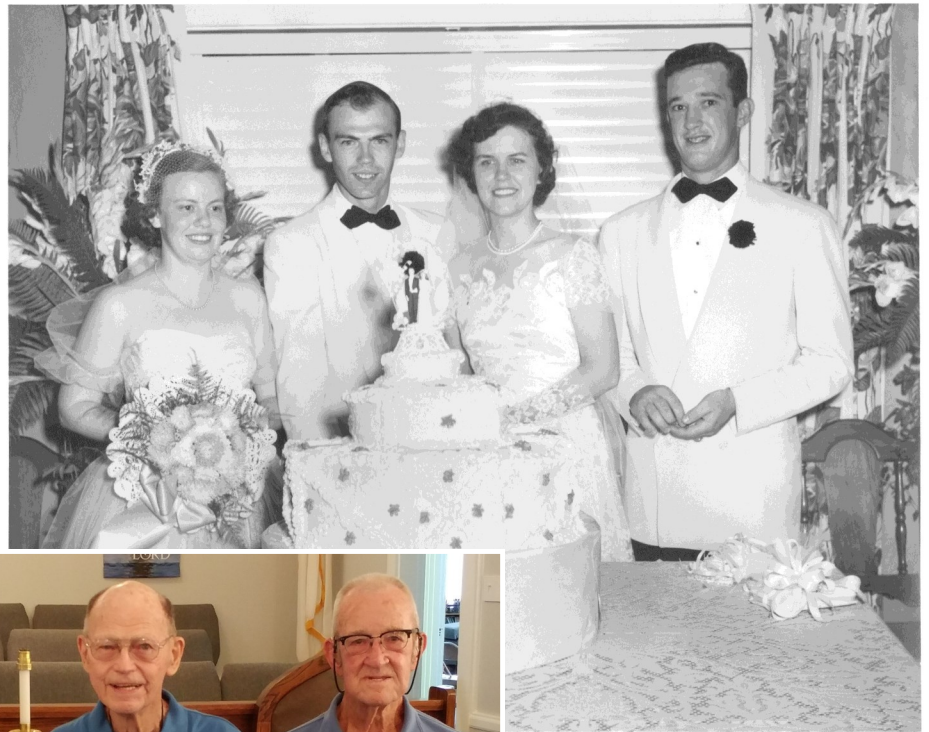
The Finance Committee was asked by the Administrative Council to come up with a definition for "local use" to be applied to restricted funds. The definition was submitted to the Administrative Council, which changed the wording slightly, and was approved unanimously by the Council.

We look forward to working with the various committees to use some of the funds to advance the Church's needs.

~Alan



65  
HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY



*Jim & Virginia  
Gram's 65th  
wedding  
anniversary*

*The date of the wedding was July 19th, 1952. It took place at Soddy United Methodist Church. Gene Elliott was the Best Man and Freddie Cox was the Maid of Honor.*



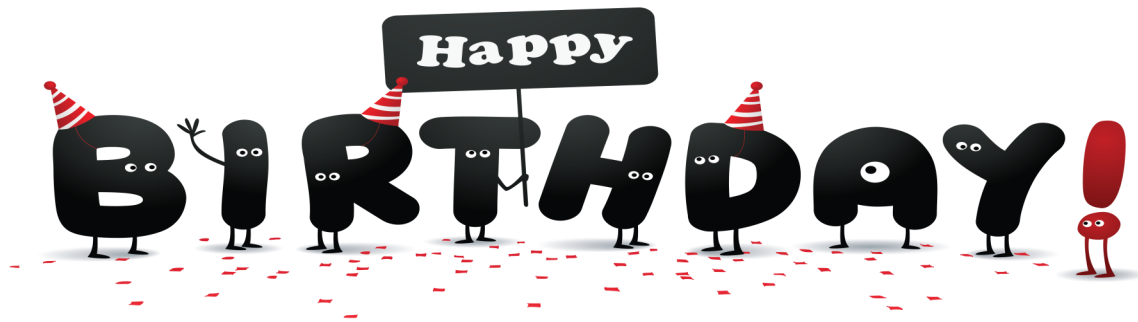
**“Love does not consist of gazing at each other,  
but in looking together in the same direction.”**

*~Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

**“Chains do not hold a marriage together.  
It is threads, hundreds of tiny threads  
which sew people together through the years.”**

*~Simone Signoret*

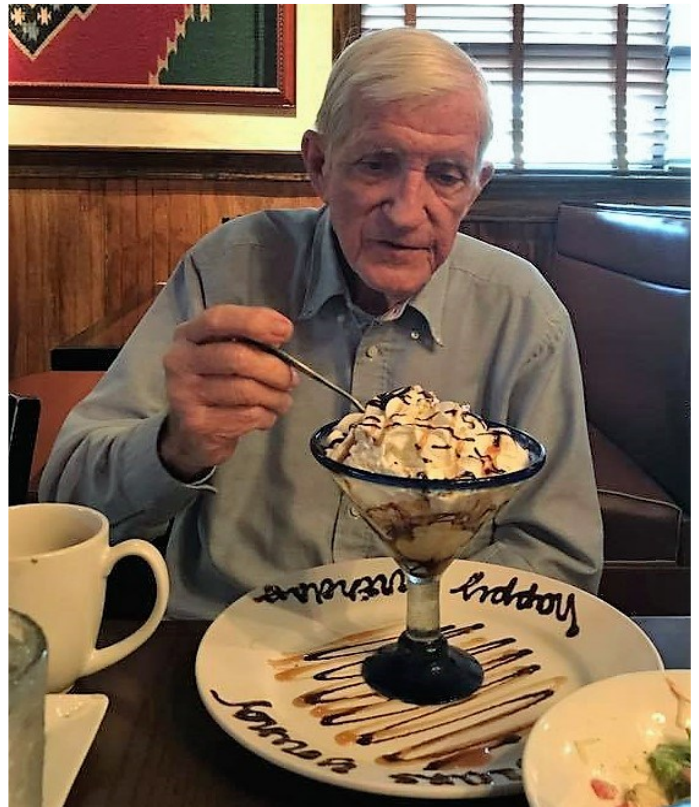




Buck Johnson celebrated his 91st birthday on July 24th.

Buck is a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a school teacher and coach before becoming a Sports Editor of the Chattanooga Times Free Press. Buck has done extensive research on the history of our church and is considered the Church Historian. He has been a member of the congregation for 70 years.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BUCK!**



Nell Smith celebrated her 92nd birthday on August 5th.

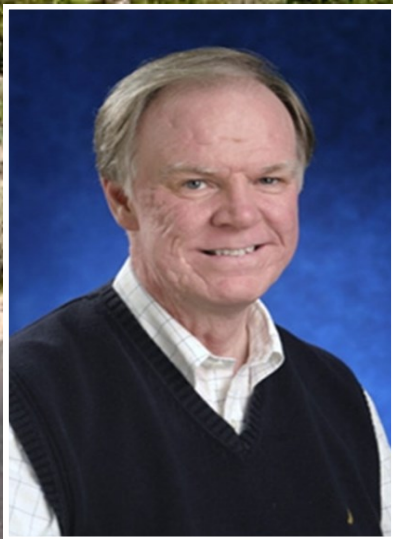
At the time of her birth, her parents owned the McDonald Farm in Sale Creek, and the Scopes Trial had just been held in Dayton. She grew up in Sale Creek and met Anderson Smith at Epworth League at Soddy United Methodist Church soon after. Nell has been a member of the congregation over 65 years. As a member, Nell has taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School, and has been an encourager of all. She loves church and she loves the Lord.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NELL!**

# *A Hope* & **A FUTURE** weekend

**Registration is NOW OPEN!**

We'll begin with a catered congregational dinner at 5:30 PM on Friday, September 15th. The first session with Eddie will begin at 6:30 PM.



EDDIE HAMMETT, author of

- ★ *Reaching People Under 30 While Keeping People Over 60*
- ★ *Recovering Hope for Your Church: Moving Beyond Maintenance and Missional to Incarnational Engagement*
- ★ *The Gathered and Scattered Church: Equipping Believers for the 21st Century*

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# **Human Trafficking: Looking At The Problem, Searching For Solutions**

## **August 12th, 2017**

*A social action event held at First United Methodist Church in Maryville*

The speakers for the day were Investigator Phil Jinks of the Knoxville Police Department, and Hector I. Sanchez, Assistant District Attorney General of Knox County.

Investigator Jinks began the program. He was very interesting. The current most abused drug is Diacetylmorphine. It's named "Heroin" because of the heroic way that it deals with pain. The cycle of drug abuse has been (1) cocaine, (2) prescription drugs, and (3) heroin. Heroin coming into Knoxville comes out of Detroit. Prescription drugs were coming from Florida but they passed laws that dried up this source, thus creating the heroin market.

Withdrawal from drugs is terrible; it's worse when withdrawing from prescription drugs than from heroin.

Two hundred dollars worth of heroin is about as much powder as in a packet of Sweet 'N Low. They use Fentanyl to cut heroin in order to stretch it out. It's used in pain patches and is one hundred times stronger than heroin. When mixed too rich, the result is usually death. Heroin is usually injected or snorted. It is rare for it to be smoked.

The things to watch for are needles and needle caps, cut straws, spoons (burnt or bent), cigarette filters, and lottery tickets.

Methamphetamine ("Meth") was first made by a Japanese chemist in 1893. It was used in diet drugs in the 1990s. Cold medicine also has small amounts in it (which is why it has to be kept behind the counter now). Meth comes in T-shirts. Valium does, too.

Human trafficking goes along with drugs. The so-called pimp gets the people hooked on drugs, either willingly or forcibly, and they will do anything for drugs. If a girl tries to get out she is either pistol-whipped or murdered. The girls are mostly local and are drug addicts.

They are used for sexual exploitation, forced labor, domestic servitude, organ harvesting and child trafficking.

Some statistics to consider:

The average life of a drug addict: 7 years

Percentage of people trafficked: 14-15%

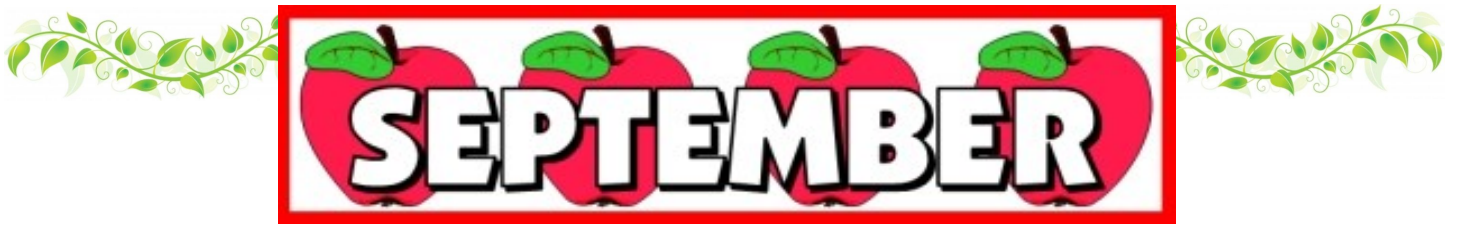
Percentage of victims who are U.S. citizens: 83%

Runaways who will be sexually exploited within 48 hours: 33%

Runaways who end up in the sex trade: 90%

The policeman also told about a motel owner who was caught charging prostitutes \$5.00 per john. They closed down the motel, boarded it up, and told the other owners they would be treated the same way. It has slowed down now.





<b>Sunday, September 3rd</b>	SERMON SERIES: A HOPE AND A FUTURE "Generations"
<b>Monday, September 4th.....</b>	<b>LABOR DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 5th</b>	Marthas & Marys Bible study resumes
<b>Wednesday, September 6th</b>	Wednesday fellowship dinner Choir practice & youth gathering resumes
<b>Sunday, September 10th</b>	SERMON SERIES: A HOPE AND A FUTURE "Shift" <i>"A Hope And A Future" Planning Team meeting</i>
<b>Monday, September 11th</b>	Prayer shawl ministry <i>REGISTRATION DEADLINE for "A Hope And A Future" weekend</i>
<b>Tuesday, September 12th</b>	Marthas & Marys Bible study
<b>Wednesday, September 13th</b>	Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth
<b>SEPTEMBER 15th—16th</b>	<i>"A HOPE AND A FUTURE" weekend with Eddie Hammett</i>
<b>Sunday, September 17th</b>	SERMON SERIES: A HOPE AND A FUTURE "Think"
<b>Tuesday, September 19th</b>	Marthas & Marys Bible study AARP meeting
<b>Wednesday, September 20th</b>	Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth
<b>Thursday, September 21st</b>	United Methodist Women
<b>Sunday, September 24th</b>	SERMON SERIES: A HOPE AND A FUTURE "Beginnings" CLEVELAND DISTRICT CONFERENCE
<b>Monday, September 25th</b>	Prayer shawl ministry
<b>Tuesday, September 26th</b>	Marthas & Marys Bible study
<b>Wednesday, September 27th</b>	Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth