



Administrative Board discusses future goals

On Sunday, August 28, the Administrative Board met for its regular business meeting. A key agenda item centered on our goals for the future. The board was asked to select the top three things they felt that God was leading our church to focus on in the coming months. This was the culmination of an assessment and discernment process that began in January of this year.

After much discussion, the board offers the following goals for our church. Please note that many great ideas and goals were on the table; these three received the most votes. Other goals and ideas may be incorporated into these. It is our hope that you may have suggestions and ideas for how we might get these started.

- (1) KEEP FROM LOSING CURRENT MEMBERS AND ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS
- (2) OUTREACH
- (3) PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Other goals and ideas that received support include:

- (4) OFFER SEASONAL ACTIVITIES
- (5) HIRE A TECHNOLOGY EXPERT (to livestream worship services, maintain the church web site, etc.)
- (6) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STEPHEN MINISTRIES PROGRAM

From Pastor Todd, continued

As I noted in the July — August edition of "The Vine," no matter what goals the church chooses, it's the responsibility of the *congregation* to see goals fulfilled. The pastor cannot fulfill congregational goals. And it's not the responsibility of a single committee or team or work area. *The congregation as a whole must take ownership of, and responsibility for, achieving the goals developed.* I can help facilitate and lead the process. I can preach, teach, and train you to reach your goals, as Ephesians 4:11-13 describes. But goals will only be achieved to the extent that the congregation accepts responsibility for them. Therefore, if an idea or a goal doesn't resonate with the congregation, then it's almost inevitable that it won't be successful.

The message for the first Sunday in September is called "A Prayer For Success," and in it we'll be talking more about these goals.



Pastor Todd will be unavailable on Friday, September 9. He'll be attending a sexual ethics training event in Ooltewah that's required for all Holston Conference clergy.



It's the fall of the year and that means Charge Conference season is upon us once again. The North Hamilton County Mission Network (of which we a part) will hold their joint Charge Conference on Sunday, November 20th

The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 19th, at 6:30 PM. If you are the chair of a team or committee that needs to meet in preparation for Charge Conference, go ahead and begin scheduling your meeting(s). Paperwork requiring approval of the Administrative Board will be presented at the October 9th meeting. THANK YOU!



The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) will meet on Monday, September 19, at 6:30 PM. Committee members are Joseph Hendrix, Vicki Hardesty, Barbara Wilson, Nancy Woodall, Frank Mulkey, Mike Anderson, Becky Stulce, Marylu McDonald, Mitch Weber, and Kathy Jones.





COMING IN SEPTEMBER! The Life of David: SHEPHERD, SEEKER, SINNER, SOVEREIGN

Pastor Todd's Bible study begins Tuesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m.

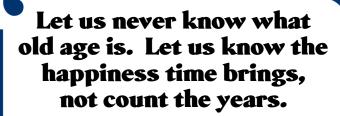


September Birthdays

- 2 Bailey Nelson
- 8 Roger Graham Brandi Powell
- 11 John Bramlett
- 13 Samara Jolly
- 16 Marcie Woodall
- 17 Victor Rogers
- 19 Michael Musgrave
- 21 Patrick Mulkey
- 25 Trish Jordan
- 27 Cindy Cunnyngham

Seplember Anniversaries

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



~ Decimus Magnus Ausonius

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October Birthdays

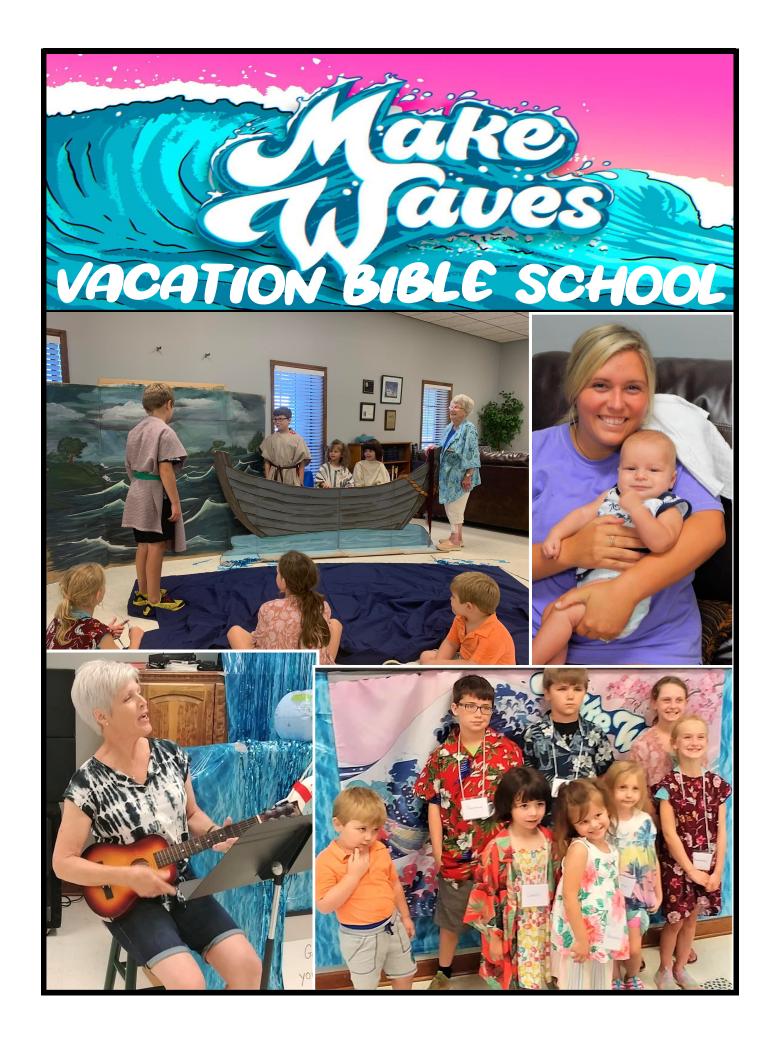
- 7 Katie Wood
- 10 Kelsey Jones
- 12 Doug Yeatts
 Barbara Hendron
- 15 Jessica LyonThomas HendronBarbara Musgrave
- 18 Scott Musgrave
- 22 Kathryn MullinsGideon Musgrave
- 25 Rachel Musgrave
- 30 Gena Bain

October Anniversaries

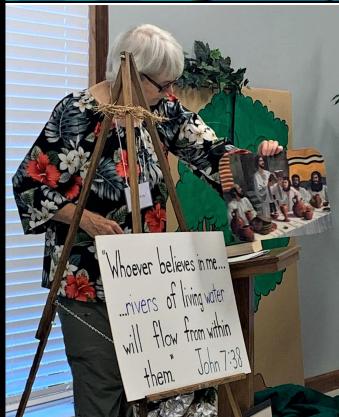
- 7 Mike & Stephanie Parrott
- 20 Roger & Donna Graham Art & Marylu McDonald
- 21 Todd & Felicia Kingrea

A wedding anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity. The order varies for any given year."

~Paul Sweeney

















Sunday, September 4th "A Prayer For Success"

YOUTH (6:00 PM)

Monday, September 5th LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 6th Marys & Marthas Bible study (10:00 AM)

Wednesday, September 8th Potluck dinner (5:45 PM)

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, September 11th "Never Forget"

YOUTH (6:00 PM)

Tuesday, September 13thMarys & Marthas Bible study (10:00 AM)

LIFE OF DAVID BIBLE STUDY (6:00 PM)

Wednesday, September 14th Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Thursday, September 15th

United Methodist Women (6:00 PM)

Sunday, September 18th "We're On A Mission From God"

YOUTH (6:00 PM)

Tuesday, September 20th Marys & Marthas Bible study (10:00 AM)

LIFE OF DAVID BIBLE STUDY (6:00 PM)

Wednesday, September 21st Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, September 25th "300"

Scenic South District Conference (3:00 PM)

YOUTH (6:00 PM)

Tuesday, September 27thMarys & Marthas Bible study (10:00 AM)

LIFE OF DAVID BIBLE STUDY (6:00 PM)

Wednesday, September 28th Choir practice (6:30 PM)



Sunday, October 2nd

"I Am The Bread Of Life"

YOUTH (6:00 PM)

Tuesday, October 4th

Marys & Marthas Bible study (10:00 AM)

Life of DAVID BIBLE STUDY (6:00 PM)

Wednesday, October 5th

Potluck dinner (5:45 PM)
Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, October 9th

"Poor Eyesight But 20/20 Vision"

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (5:00 PM)

YOUTH (6:00 PM)

Tuesday, October 11th

Marys & Marthas Bible study (10:00 AM)

Life of DAVID BIBLE STUDY (6:00 PM)

Wednesday, October 12th

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, September 16th

GUEST SPEAKER

YOUTH (6:00 PM)

Tuesday, October 18th

Marys & Marthas Bible study (10:00 AM)

Wednesday, October 19th

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Thursday, October 20th

United Methodist Women (6:00 PM)

Sunday, October 23rd

SERMON SERIES: UNDER CONSTRUCTION

"Who Are We Building For?"

YOUTH (6:00 PM)

Tuesday, October 25th

Marys & Marthas Bible study (10:00 AM)

Life of DAVID BIBLE STUDY (6:00 PM)

Wednesday, October 26th

FALL FESTMAL

Sunday, October 30th

SERMON SERIES: UNDER CONSTRUCTION "When God Says 'Wait'"