

The Edge

Edgefield Methodist Church Newsletter

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Greetings from the Pastor and welcome to August. The summer rolled by and school bells are about to ring. We pray for our children and their teachers as another school year begins. The drought has ended and we give thanks for the rain. We just completed Vacation Bible School at Edgefield this past week. Thanks to all the ones who worked to make it a success. Vacation Bible School, or as we say VBS, brings back a lot of good memories. When I was growing up VBS was a highlight of the summer. You attended the VBS at your church, but it wasn't uncommon to attend a few more at neighboring churches. We did the pledges, sang songs, made churches with ice cream sticks, played together, and most of all learned about Jesus. I remember singing the "The B-I-B-L-E", "Jesus Loves Me" and "Do Lord" along with others. Speaking of crafts, I remember one year we made pigs out of Clorox bottles. I will just let you put your imagination to work on that one. Who could forget snack time Kool Aid and cream filled cookies. As you know Kool Aid came in many flavors and colors but for some reason green was the choice of many Bible Schools. Transportation wasn't a problem as bicycles lined the outside of churches. Those were some good times and memories. We remember the people who worked hard to make VBS a fixture that stays with us all through life. The concept of VBS hasn't changed. Maybe a lot more technology but the same plan. We do the pledges, we make crafts, we sing, we play, we eat, and we learn about Jesus. Just like we made special memories at VBS, our children and grandchildren are doing the same. Memories that will last a life time.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU,
PASTOR ESTEL



The church library has had a makeover and the Inspirational (Christian) fiction has been put in order by author. There is also a lot of good non-fiction. Please check it out if you need a good book. Janet & Peggy

STATISTICS: June Averages

Worship – 102

Sunday School – 37

Average Budget Offering - \$ 7,309.00

(Needed – \$5,518.00 weekly)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Aug. 2-5 – 6:30 pm – 2026 Camp Meeting at Sulphur Springs Methodist Church (Bishop Livingston preaching Mon.-Wed.)

Aug. 5 – 7:00 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast at Bojangles

Aug. 8 – 10:00 am – Women's Meeting in CLC

Aug. 9 – 2:00 pm – Paper Angels @ Dawn Tuck's Home

Aug. 14 – 8:30 am – Food Pantry Run

Aug. 15 – 8:30 am – Food Pantry Distribution

Aug. 15 – 5:00-7:00 pm – Spaghetti Fundraiser for Sherry Hughes @ Edgefield's CLC

Aug. 21 – 8:30 am – Food Pantry Run

Aug. 23 – After Worship - "Table for One?" at Chef Alfredo's in Piney Flats

Sept. 6 – 7:30 am – Methodist Men's Breakfast in CLC

*** Every Wednesday:**

9:00 am – Mayberry Bible Study (CLC)

10:30 am – Dulcimer Jam Session

6:00 pm – Bible Study in CLC & On-Line

6:30 pm – Youth Adults (bi-weekly)

7:00 pm – Choir Practice



LORD'S ACRE SALE

THE LORD'S ACRE SALE IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

We will have breakfast, baked and canned goods, crafts, produce, a raffle, and auction.



BASKETS FOR LAS:

We have currently a total of 20+ baskets for the auction! **WOW!! WOW!! WOW!!** Pictures have been posted on facebook and an event has been created. Please help by sharing this event and spreading the word about our Lord's Acre Sale.



CANNING INFORMATION

Chow chow, tomatoes and soup are coming soon!! Watch for canning days and help out if you are available.

Any donations of your specialty canned goods for the LAS is greatly appreciated!!



The raffle will be a 50/50 raffle. Candy bags will be sold this year as we have done in the past and the winner of the raffle will win half of the money that was sold for the tickets. These bags will be available soon! Please help sell the candy for the raffle.



Jill Fandl is overseeing the crafts this year. If you are making any items for the LAS crafts please let Jill know. She is also looking for used metal Bundt Cake Pans (3 or 4) for a craft project. Please let her know if you have one you can donate.



Baked goods information: We will need lots of baked goods for the LAS so be getting your best recipes ready!! Small items as well as large items are needed for the sale. Please see Teri Fox if you have any questions about the baked goods.



John Weaver and Randy Shipley are overseeing the produce for the LAS. If you have any produce that will donated for the LAS, please let one of these individuals know.

We have some great items for the auction so be ready to bid! bid! bid!:

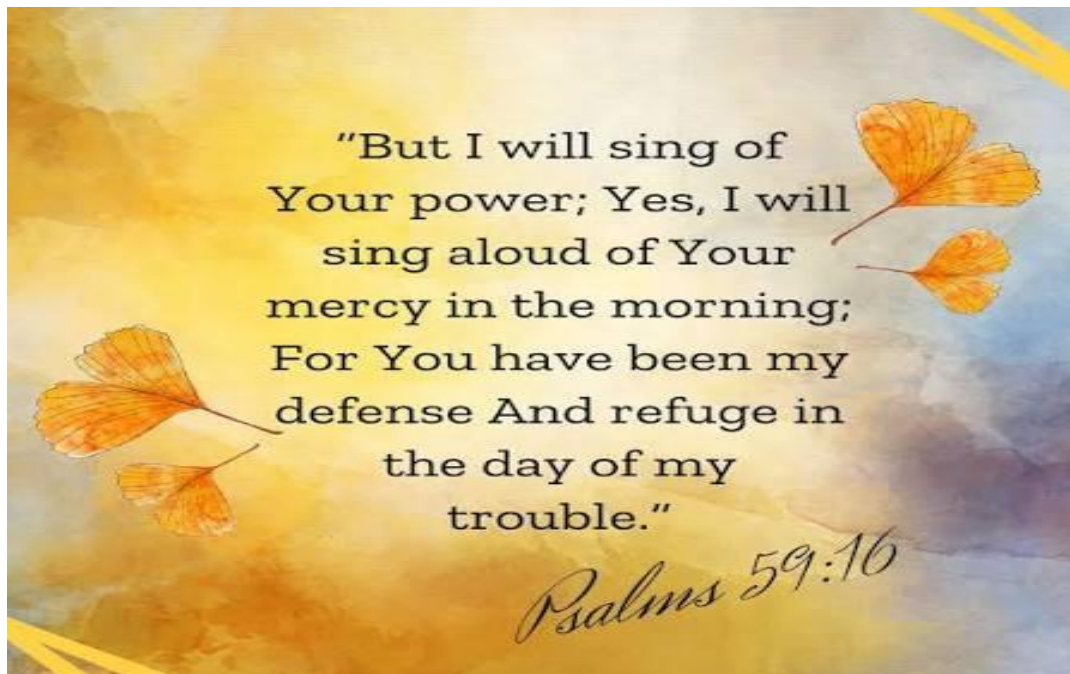
Restaurant gift cards from Chicken Salad chick, Olive Garden, Carrabbas, Longhorn, Bonefish, Cheddars, Chili's, plus more in the works!!

SITES: Creation Discovery Museum, TN Aquarium, Ober Mountain (tram rides), Luray Caverns, and Grandfather Mountain tickets will also be available for bidding!

PLUS a 3 month membership to Elevate Gym in Piney Flats

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help out at the canning line. Please let Linda Hodge know if you would be willing to help with this. THANK YOU!!

Thanks for your continued support of our Lord's Acre Sale!! Linda Hodge





Becky Chapman	1
John Fandl	2
Cathy Sidebottom	4
Jim Blizzard	5
John Weaver	6
Logan Minton	6
Brandon Minton	8
Bill Smith	11
Makayla Shaw	13
Gage Dommel	13
Steve Bradford	13
Mike Oliver	15
Lucas Hodge	16
Howard Spurgeon	18
Trula Hodge	22
Gladys Symonds	23
Patricia Portnoi	24
Verlyn Hearn	24
Melissa Whitehead	25
Ellen Torbett	29
Lily Parker	29
Judy Cross	31



Matt & Laura Smith	12
Tim & Camille O'Neill	15
Tom & Linda Hodge	22
John & Paulette Smith	23
Mark & Sherry Hensley	25
Lucas & Brittany Tanner	25
Michael & Morgan Parker	27
John & Penny Johnson	30

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Mary Beth Sidebottom	Steve Little	Amy White
Charles Arnold	Mark Gentry	John Kane
Sherry Hughes	Patty Travers	Mike Garland
Sabra Houston	Darrell Maupin	Jeremy Cross
Jane Howell	Randy Shipley	Sha Kendrick
Pat O'Neill	Nate Prouty	Steven Dean
Tullalah Bright	Kathy Bailey	Doug Nicely
Jeff Sluss	John Johnson	Janice Brown
Stacy Fox	Danny Carver	Bob Martin
Bill Sawyers	Betty Avery	Tim O'Neill
Steve Pruitt	Brandi Copeland	Tom Pruitt
Beth Hearn	Mark Torbett	Marsha Finley
Jean Oliver	Michael Harner	
Sherry Hensley	Elliott Haverlack	
Harriett Lemley	Kaci & Elora Greene	
Jamieon Wright	Gilda Cabrera	
Jim Culberson	Dennis Fitzgerald	
Henry Sheldon	Anne Whittemore	
Keith & Nancy Wilson	Mike & Michelle Haire	
Martha Oliver Ballard	Joe Lee Hughes	
Ted Chapman	Anthony Adams Family	
Jeff Hess	Frank Broderick Family	
Allen Cox	Randy Ferrell Family	

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Homebound

Betty Berry

Betty Birdwell

Nancy Broyles

Carol Fox

Betty Hale

Sam O'Dell

Stan & Earlene Strouth

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living

Pete Carrier.....Dominion Senior Living of Bristol, 425 Shelby Lane, Room 180, Bristol, TN 37620

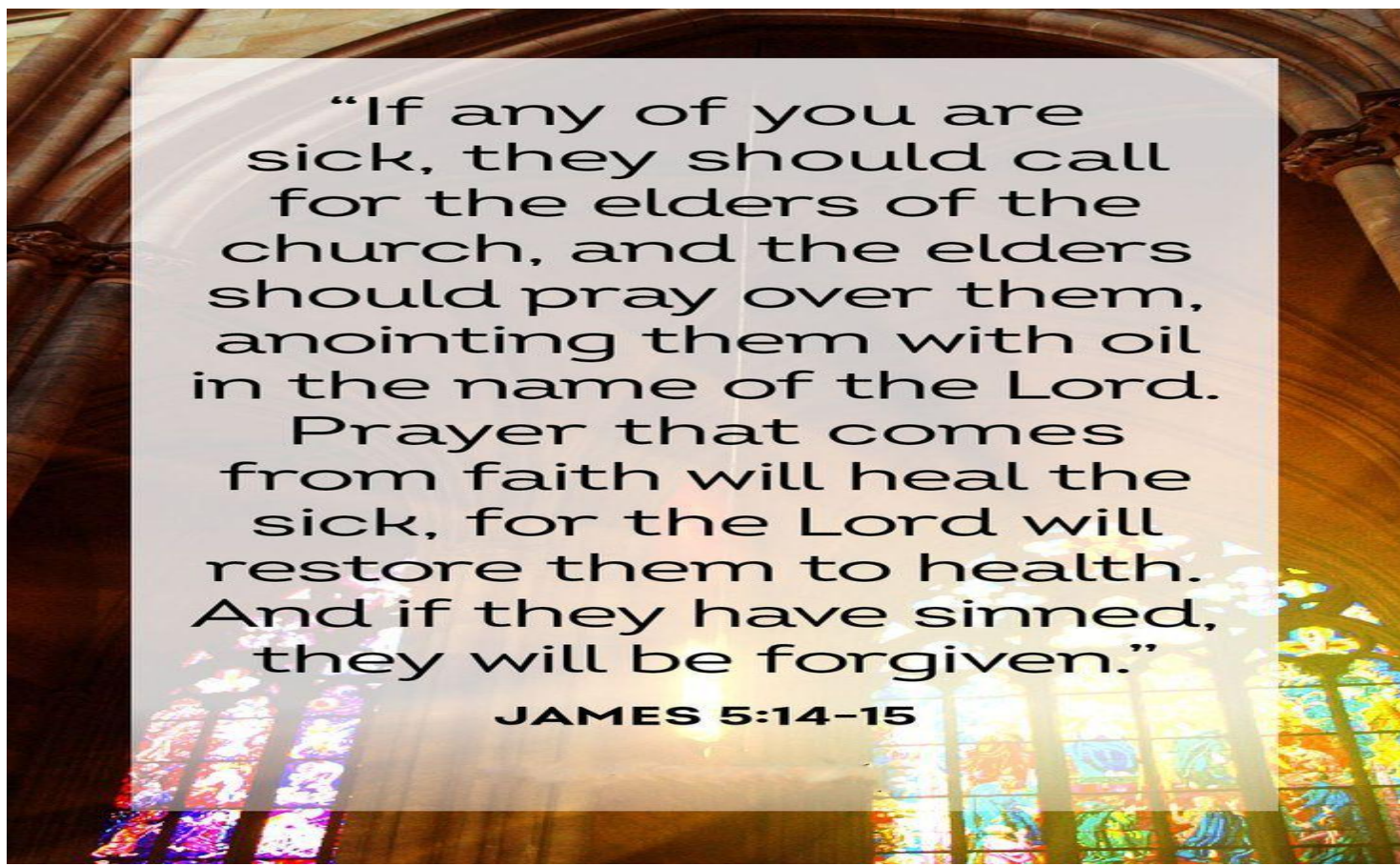
Lynne Deakins....Greystone Healthcare Center, 181 Dunlap Road, Blountville, TN 37617

Trula Hodge.....Dominion Assisted Living, Room 223, 2412 Knob Creek Road, Johnson City, TN 37604

Phyllis King.....Dominion Senior Living of Bristol, 425 Shelby Lane, Bristol, TN 37620

Rena Lewis.....Princeton Assisted Living, 401 Princeton Road, Room 309, Johnson City, TN 37601

Pauline Oliver...NHC Healthcare, 3209 Bristol Hwy., Room 312, Johnson City, TN 37601



“If any of you are
sick, they should call
for the elders of the
church, and the elders
should pray over them,
anointing them with oil
in the name of the Lord.
Prayer that comes
from faith will heal the
sick, for the Lord will
restore them to health.
And if they have sinned,
they will be forgiven.”

JAMES 5:14-15