

The Edge

Edgefield Methodist Church Newsletter

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July 2026

Greetings from the Pastor and welcome to July. That warm weather you were wanting is finally here. The summer rolls along and will be gone before we know it. Why do I say that? My prayer is that each of you experience this beautiful time of year. It might be at the beach or in the mountains. It might be at the lake or a picnic with family and friends. Whatever it is, savor the moment because it's time you will never get back. One of my favorite things of summer is watching thickets which I leave intentionally. Hey, the wild animals have to have a habitat. We have plenty of birds, squirrels, rabbits, a groundhog, and a raccoon occasionally. A fox might wander through and sometimes but rarely a black or garter snake. But the most enjoyable is the deer. Several pass through but there is a doe who raises her fawns on our property every summer. On more than one occasion she has had twins. That is the case this summer. Seeing those little spotted fawns following their mother around give Patty and me a lot of joy. How wonderful is God's creation. When we went through Covid in 2020 and mostly confined to being home I came to a realization sitting on my back porch. This is the first time in my life that I have truly took time to enjoy the things right under my nose. Squirrels playing in the yard became special. The singing of the birds sounded so much sweeter. I had been missing out on all the little things that God has given us. So enjoy your summer but take time to enjoy what God has placed right in front of us. GOD IS GOOD.

May God Bless Each of You,

PASTOR ESTEL



Sympathy is extended to James (Dink) Cox and family in the death of his sister, Ava Cox Skeans.

Sympathy is extended to Cathy Lewis and Family in the death of her mother, Martha Shell.

Congratulations to Lynn and Judy Cross on the birth of new great grandson, Samuel Elijah Lynn Cross.

Needed: Used metal Bundt Cake Pans (only needing 3 or 4) that you are no longer using and would like to donate it for a craft project for the Lord's Acre Sale. Please contact Jill Fandl @ 423-360-2567

Mark your calendars for July 18 @ 4:00 pm. The Ladies Group will be doing a Bingo fundraiser to help with their mission projects. The cost will be \$5.00 for one card or \$10.00 for 3 cards. There will be prizes with most of them being gift cards ranging from \$10-\$50. Please invite your friends and family.

VBS: Sunday night, July 26 @ 5:00 pm-Ages—The Cross on the Donkey's Back—Whole church invited, live animals, sandwiches, chips, cookies, drinks.

Monday & Tuesday-6:30 to 8:15; Pre-school to 5th grade –Wednesday night-Pool Party

Piney Flats Days: 5 K on Friday, July 31, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Come shop, eat, and celebrate at Mary Hughes School. Vendors, Food trucks, Live music, Car show, and Axe throwing.

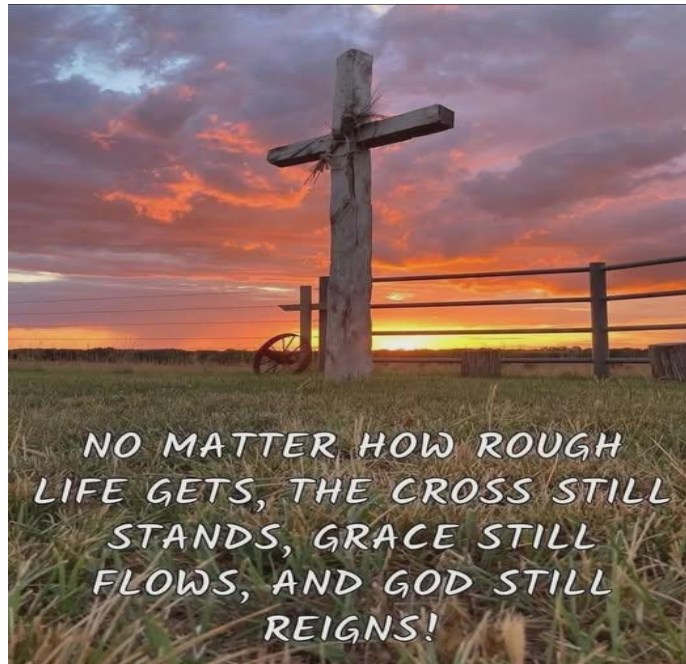
STATISTICS: May Averages

Worship – 116

Sunday School – 38

Average Budget Offering - \$ 8,526.00

(Needed – \$5,518.00 weekly)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 5 – 7:30 am – Methodist Men’s Breakfast in CLC

July 11 – 10:00 am – Women’s Meeting in CLC

July 12 – 6:00 pm – Finance Committee Meeting in CLC.

July 17 – 10:15 am – Food Pantry Unload

July 18 – 8:30 am – Food Pantry Distribution

July 18 – Bingo sponsored by the Women’s Group

July 24 – 10:15 am – Food Pantry Unload

July 26-29 – Vacation Bible School

July 26 - After Worship - “Table for One?” at Chef Alfredo’s in Piney Flats

July 31 - Piney Flats Days: 5 K run on Friday, July 31, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Aug. 1 – 9:00-4:00 pm – Piney Flats Days: Come shop, eat, and celebrate at Mary Hughes School.
Vendors, Food trucks, Live music, Car show, and Axe throwing.

Aug. 2 – 7 30 am – Methodist Men’s Breakfast in CLC

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

*** 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



July

Danny Walsh	3
Phyllis King	3
Cathy Lewis	6
Evelyn Hunt	9
Linda Hodge	10
Bob Jara	11
Rena Lewis	13
Deana Davis	14
Dianne Mooney	14
LeAnn Roberts	19
Earlene Strouth	19
Romeo Lovelace	19
John Johnson	20
Chris Dommel	22
Sha Kendrick	23
Wesley Whitaker	26
Kim Baggett	27
Laura Whitaker	29
Jim Hearn	30



Joe Lee & Sherry Hughes	2
Rome & Dolores Chapman	20
Sam & Donna Voorhees	25
Wesley & Laura Whitaker	30

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Mary Beth Sidebottom	Terri Arnold	Steve Little
Charles Arnold	Sherry Hughes	Stephen Dean
Shane Malone	Patty Travers	Lake Neruce
Sabra Houston	Beth Bently	Kathy Grubbs
Jane Howell	Randy Shipley	Michael Harner
Pat O'Neill	Nate Prouty	Bill Piper
Tullalah Bright	Charlotte Rhymer	Ruth Moretz
Jeff Sluss	John Johnson	Gilda Cabrera
Stacy Fox	Jamieon Wright	Chris Trivett
Bill Sawyers	Sue Dempsey	Kathy Exline
Steve Pruitt	Keith Gragg	Allen Cox
Beth Hearn	Heather Buckles	Bodey Fox
Jean Oliver	Lexann Redman	Kevin Torbett
Sherry Hensley	Becky Chapman	
Harriett Lemley	Helen Crowe	
Andy Wilhoit	Linda & Ashley Penley	
Jim Culberson	Debbie LaMour	
Henry Sheldon	Fay Ferguson	
Keith & Nancy Wilson	Anne Whittemore	
Martha Oliver Ballard	Loretta Bowers Family	
Ted Chapman	Scott Hamilton Family	
Jeff Hess		

Homebound

Betty Berry	Betty Birdwell	Carol Fox
Betty Hale	Sam O'Dell	Stan & Earlene Strouth

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living

Nancy Broyles.....The Waters, Highway 394, Room 207, Blountville, TN 37617

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