

The Edge

Edgefield Methodist Church Newsletter

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Greetings from the Pastor and welcome to September. The summer has gone by fast and the kids are settled in for another school year. I am always trying to come up with something to write about and lately my mind has been doing a lot of reminiscing. I thought about school and 1962. It was September, the Thursday before Labor Day. I was starting first grade. For most of us that was our start in school. Kindergarten was just for kids who their parents could afford to send them to a private school or church. I waited with my Mom at the road for the big yellow bus to come by. Yes, I rode the bus my first day of school. Dad was working and Mom didn't drive. We arrived at the old Hunter rock school in Stoney Creek. First grade was in a little cinder block attachment to the main school. I was excited about going to school but also apprehensive. This Thursday was a short day, only to register and we were back home well before lunch. We were off Friday and Monday, which was Labor Day. We went back to school on Tuesday, the first official day of school. Yes, in those days school didn't start till after Labor Day. I can still to this day picture in my mind that little classroom and Mrs. Buchanan, my teacher. The lunchroom in the basement where some kids ate far the best meal they would have all day. I also remember the board of education which teachers weren't afraid to use. Some of you will know what I'm talking about. You remember the classmates, many who went 12 years of school together. Many remained friends for a lifetime. 64 years ago and sometimes it seems like yesterday. Yes, I like to reminisce and I think it's good for the soul. We all have memories and some go way back. Yes, things have changes but much stays the same. Kids still experience that first day of starting school at whatever age that might be.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU,
PASTOR ESTEL



Sympathy is extended to Sherry Hensley and Family in the death of her mother, Leona Morris.

Sympathy is extended to Joe Lee Hughes and Family in the death of Sherry Hughes.

Sympathy is extended to Jill Bowers in the death of her father, Elmer Maiden.

Sympathy is extended to Pat, Travis, LeAnn and Family in the death of Bill Powell.

The Blessing box at St. Paul Church, 1665 Allison Road, is running extremely low in food/supplies and has been the last several days. Please consider contributing. *Jill Fandl*

The Ladies Group will be collecting men's white tube socks and large underwear for Shades of Grace. There will be a tote in the vestibule to collect these items. Anyone that would like to help us in collecting these items will be greatly appreciated.

The Ladies' Retreat will be held Oct. 21-25, 2026 in Myrtle Beach. All ladies of the church are invited. This is a weekend of fun, fellowship, devotions, and good food. If you would like to go on this retreat please let Patty Williams or Etta Hyder know by September 6.

STATISTICS: July Averages

Worship – 101

Sunday School – 35

Average Budget Offering – \$4,556.00

(Needed – \$5,518.00 weekly)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sept. 2 – 7:00 am – Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Bojangles

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

Sept. 12 – 10:00 am – Women’s Meeting in CLC

Sept. 13 – 2:00 pm – Paper Angels @ Dawn Tuck’s Home

Sept. 13 – 5:00 pm – Church Picnic at Tim and Camille O’Neill’s, 287 Riverview Drive, Johnson City.
Bring a chair and a side dish. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Sept. 18 – 10:15 am – Food Pantry Run

Sept. 19 – 8:30 am – Food Pantry Distribution

Sept. 25 – 10:15 am – Food Pantry Run

Sept. 26 – Lord’s Acre Sale (Breakfast will start at 8 am and end at 10:00 am.) The auction will start at 9:30 am. All other areas will be selling items until 12:00 pm.

Sept. 27 – After Worship - “Table for One?” at Chef Alfredo’s in Piney Flats

Oct. 4 - 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 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

***** **BASKETS**



FOR LAS:

We have a great selection of baskets for the LAS auction. Thank you to everyone that has donated a basket. If you have not given your basket to Linda Hodge, please get it to her no later than September 6th. Remember to make a list of the items in the basket and the total value.

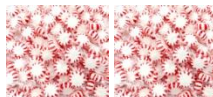


CANNING INFORMATION

Pickles, and chow chow are ready!! Soup will be canned soon!

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





The raffle will be a 50/50 raffle. Candy bags will be at the entrance of the church. We need your help to sell the candy for the raffle. You can choose to make a \$10 donation and put your name on all 10 tickets if you do not want to sell them. The winner of the raffle will win half of the money sold for the tickets. Money can be given to Linda Hodge or Dawn Tuck.



When Crafts are posted on facebook. Please share these to help promote the beautiful crafts. If you have any questions, Jill Fandl is overseeing the crafts.



Baked goods information: We will need lots of baked goods for the LAS!! 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!: Lots of these items have been posted on our Facebook event. A list will be available soon showing all items.

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





September

Jim Oler	1
Kathy Chapman	3
Betty Arnold	3
Steve Ayers	3
Wendy Spurgeon	6
Frances Cole	7
Dawn Carter	9
Pete Carrier	14
Trish Shipley	15
Dink Cox	15
Laura Smith	17
Savanna Whitehead	17
Thomas Hodge	20
Eli Johnson	22
Annette Ward	25
Lexi Carter	25



Henry & Bonnie Sheldon	4
Chris & Casey Hodge	6
Mike & Wanda Oliver	26
James & Kelley Collett	26
Mason & Emma Johnson	27
Johnny & Karen Williams	30

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Mary Beth Sidebottom	Christy Whitson	Tim O'Neill
Charles Arnold	Anne Whittemore	Dave Hensley
Tom Pruitt	Mildred Franklin	Lynn Wampler
Sabra Houston	Curtis Hart	Sherry Blizzard
Jane Howell	Randy Shipley	Barb Jara
Pat O'Neill	Allen Cox	+ Amanda Bright
Tullalah Bright	Joel Hedges	
Jeff Sluss	Alyson Arrington	
Stacy Fox	Terry Moretz	
Bill Sawyers	Joe Lee Hughes	
Steve Pruitt	Janice Brown	
Beth Hearn	Pat Bunch	
Jean Oliver	Bentley McQueen	
Sherry Hensley	Nancy Little	
Harriett Lemley	Jerry & Sue Dempsey	
Jamieon Wright	Emory Shipley	
Jim Culberson	Beverly Grubb	
Henry Sheldon	Mike Garland	
Keith & Nancy Wilson	Andy Wilhoit	
Michael Harner	Chad Hylton	
Nate Prouty	Berta Lyons Family	
Jeff Hess	Bill Powell Family	
Patty Travers		

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

