

The Edge

Edgefield Methodist Church Newsletter

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Greetings from the Pastor and welcome to March. February brought snow and cold weather with many cancellations. The schools were out for an extended period and we were on a snow schedule at Edgefield. The old saying goes, March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. March is a very unpredictable month but still signals the start of Spring. Spring brings one of the most wonderful times of the year, EASTER. The early flowers will start to bloom. Trees will bud and the hill sides will turn green. The earth will resurrect from cold and winter with the beauty of spring. I don't know about you but it is my favorite time to celebrate the resurrection even more beautiful than spring. The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Year after year we begin with Ash Wednesday, go through the 40 days of Lent, we go to the cross with Jesus and then we watch the sun come up on Easter morning knowing he conquered death and rose again. Again, what a wonderful time of year. Yes, it's March and Easter Sunday isn't until April but the Easter season has begun. As we enjoy the beauty of spring, remember, take time to experience the beauty of Easter. THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU

PASTOR ESTEL



As spring springs back to life - we'll start seeing lots of green everywhere! The first signs of "life" after a cold winter make the soul sing!

We are in the season of Lent - a time of fasting and preparation to not just run to the foot of the cross but to the tomb...and yes, beyond the stone! Hallelujah the stone will be rolled away, and we will celebrate Christ's victory - leaving the spiritual winter behind and running towards our spiritual spring - life in Christ!

But first, we must continue in the wilderness. We fast. We pray. We prepare. We wait upon the Lord. I pray that your Lenten journey leads you to a deeper relationship with Christ and light up the world as His light bearers everywhere you go.

The Lord bless you and keep you.... Suzanne



Congratulations to Peggy Grubb on the birth of a great granddaughter, Irene Carletta Grubb. She weighed 7lbs, 4oz and was 19 1/2 inches. Parents are Nestor and Baylee Grubb.

Congratulations to District Chief Mike Oliver on his retirement from the Johnson City Fire Department after 44 years of service.

Sympathy is extended to Vickie Torbett and Family, Morgan Parker and Family in the death of Warren Torbett.



LORD'S ACRE SALE

THE LORD'S ACRE SALE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 26! Remember to mark your calendar for this day. We will have breakfast, baked and canned goods, crafts, produce, a raffle, and auction.

Collections are underway for our auction. Letters will be mailed out the first week of March for donations from various sites. If you have any contacts for local businesses that may be able to donate an item/s or service for our auction, please let Linda Hodge know as soon as possible. You may also wish to donate an item yourself. Gift certificates to restaurants or gift cards to local stores are items that are good sellers.

Our baskets are a huge part of the auction. If your Sunday School class would like to donate a basket for the sale, please let Linda Hodge know what the theme will be. Individuals as well as groups may choose to sign up for a themed basket. All donations are appreciated. Thank you so much for your willingness to help.

Basket themes we have so far : Fall basket, Mary Kay basket, Shampoo basket, Chocolate basket, Kitchen theme, a Hot wheels basket and UT basket.

We would like to have a Barbie basket, a girl's basket and a game basket for kids. If you would be willing to sign up for any of these baskets, please let Linda Hodge know. You may also like to make a monetary donation towards one of these and Linda can shop for items for the basket.

We are still looking for a person to oversee the raffle and at least 2 to 3 more people to help manage the canned goods checkout line. If you would be willing to help with either one of these, please let Linda Hodge know.



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





Spring Forward
DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME
SUNDAY, MARCH 08, 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Mar. 4 – 7:00 am** – Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Bojangles
- Mar. 6 – 11:00 am** – World Day of Prayer @ Piney Flats UMC (Salad Luncheon to follow)
- Mar. 7 – 2:00 pm** – Wedding of Ashley Sidebottom and Brandon Minton @ Edgefield
- Mar. 8 - 2:00-4:00 pm** – Card Ministry @ Dawn Tuck’s Home (906 Denvers Lane)
- Mar. 14 – 8:00-10:00 am** – Pancake Breakfast @ Edgefield (\$5.00 all you can eat) Come enjoy a great breakfast and help out the Sullivan East Middle School Track Team. Jamie Hyder is the Coach.
- Mar. 14 – 10:00 am** – Women’s Group in CLC
- Mar. 15 – 2:00-4:00 pm** – Game Afternoon for Seniors in CLC (Rook, Checkers, Uno, Dominoes, Board Games) popcorn and drinks provided
- Mar. 20 - 10:15–** Food Pantry Unload
- Mar. 21 - 8:30 am** – Food Pantry Distribution
- Mar. 22 - After Worship** – “Table for One?” at Chef Alfredo’s in Piney Flats
- Mar. 27 - 10:15–** Food Pantry Unload
- Mar. 29** – Palm Sunday
- Apr. 5 – Sunrise Service**
- Apr. 5 – Easter Sunday**
- Every Monday, Tuesday – 12:00-3:00 pm** – Saturday – 9 -11:00 am – Quilting for the Homeless
- * Every Wednesday:**
 - 9:00 am** – Mayberry Bible Study (CLC)
 - 10:30 am** – Dulcimer Jam Session
 - 6:00 pm** – I John Bible Study in CLC & On-Line
 - 6:30 pm** – Youth Adults (bi-weekly)
 - 7:00 pm** – Choir Practice

STATISTICS: January Averages

Worship – 94
Sunday School – 39
Average Budget Offering - \$ 13, 896.00
(Needed – \$5,518.00 weekly)



Giovanna Tanner	2
Tim O'Neill	4
Matt Smith	5
Johnnie Smith	6
Chad Fleeman	7
Bennett Whitehead	8
Tammie Casasola	10
Betty Berry	12
Sherry Hensley	12
Dean Baggett	18
Emme Fox	18
Bob Hudson	22
Nellie Collett	23
Teresa Musick	23
Linda Walsh	25
Eleanor Ensley	27
David Casasola	27
Rowan Chapman	27
Brenda Kay Oliver	27
Jean King	29
D. J. Roberts	30
Sherry Blizzard	30
Adriana Tanner	30



Donnie & Becky Chapman	4
Stan & Earlene Strouth	19

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Mary Beth Sidebottom	Beth Baker	Norman Curtis
Charles Arnold	Henry Sheldon	Bob Hudson
Shane Malone	Mary Lee Heil	Angie Blevins
Carol Williams	Randy Shipley	Mike Delph
Jane Howell	Jim Culbertson	Jeff Hess
Buster Cox	Ted Chapman	Judy Living
Anne Whittemore	Dickie Matney	Dan Fleming
Roger Davis	Paul Johnson	Dale Tester
Marina Williams	Kellie Williams	John Johnson
Stacy Fox	Judy Dexter	
Bill Sawyers	Nancy Broyles	
Tom Pruitt	Bill Counts	
Beth Hearn	Robert Davidson	
Jean Oliver	Keith Jones	
Sherry Hensley	Summer Simpson	
Marshall Lineberry	Justin Matney	
Pat O'Neill	Payton Lynch	
Johnnie Lee Smith	Warren Torbett Family	
Ava Cox	J.C. Hall Family	
Keith & Nancy Wilson	Imogene Overbay Family	

Homebound

Betty Berry	Betty Birdwell	Eleanor Ensley	Carol Fox
Betty Hale	Junior Smith	Stan & Earlene Strouth	

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living

Margaret Barnes....Colonial Hill Retirement Center, 3207 Bristol Hwy., Room 313,
Johnson City, TN 37601 barnesmargaret39@gmail.com

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

Sam O'Dell.....Courtyards Senior Living, 2109 Lake View Drive, Johnson City, TN 37601

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

Jean Sartain.....NHC Healthcare, 3209, Bristol Hwy., Room 142, Johnson City, TN 37601

