

# The Messenger

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## Ushers For October

Lee Butler  
Frankie Phillips  
Jan White

## Greeters For October

Pat Johnson  
Faron White

If you could change anything in the church, what would it be? One of the things I would change happens every October in churches all around the country. That's right, that is the month of the Stewardship Campaign. I wish I could change how some Christians feel about stewardship campaigns. As a Christian and pastor I don't have negative feelings about the stewardship campaign. I look forward to the opportunity to spend serious time in prayer, conversation with my wife, Sherry, and studying to make our pledge to God. I get butterflies in my stomach. Not because I am discussing money with the church but because I want to enter a faithful, realistic covenant/pledge with God. When I get overly optimistic and I fall short of my pledge I spend all my time apologizing to God. He assures me He understands and knows my heart. He forgives me when I ask, but I still hate falling short. I also know the Finance team will understand if I am unable to meet my pledge because of changes in life. I know I can make a covenant with God and tell no one. But then where is the accountability? Putting it in writing is a way of being accountable for the covenant I have entered. I know my memory is shot, so I write mine down where I will see it often. Then, each time I give a tithe or time to the church I am able to compare it to my pledge. In the Kingdom of God, accountability is a big deal. Jesus was accountable to God. The disciples were accountable to Jesus. The apostles were accountable to the early church, and so on and so on.

**Please read this next statement!** I assure you as the pastor and a man of God this is true. Only 2 people see your pledge, the Financial Security and the Treasurer. They total them and then report the total pledges to the Finance Team. No other members of the team see pledge cards. This total helps the team to set the budget and it allows for the two of them to send you a giving report for your taxes. THAT'S IT, just those two. I don't even see them, nor do I want to. The opposite side, where you tell what ministries you want to serve, is entered into an excel database and I am given that. I don't even look at pledge cards to see the areas where you want to volunteer. I get the spreadsheet. October is here and the Stewardship Campaign will start soon. If you dread it, hate it, bare it or enjoy it is all up to you. I pray you will open up your heart and mind and maybe, just maybe, enjoy it.

Robert.



“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.”  
1 Timothy 4:12

**Wednesday Night Activities**

- October 5th: Rotation
- October 12th: Rotation
- October 19th: Rotation
- October 26th: Fun Night

**Acolytes**

- October 2nd Morgan & Chase
- October 9th Jennason & Ayden
- October 16th Morgan & Madelyn
- October 23rd Bailey & Ayden
- October 30th Madelyn & Bailey

**Nursery Workers**

- October 2nd 10:00 Carrie Gervais  
11:00 Kerry Moody
- October 9th 10:00 Sharon Owen  
11:00 Lydia Barnett
- October 16th 10:00 Carrie Gervais  
11:00 Beverly McCorkle
- October 23rd 10:00 Sharon Owen  
11:00 Kris Moser
- October 30th 10:00 Carrie Gervais  
11:00 Kerry Moody

Pumpkin Patch  
Here we come!!



The children will be traveling to visit Lyon Family Farms in Taft, TN. We will set out on our adventure on Saturday, October 15th. We will leave the Church promptly at 9:00 a.m. This is for children 2nd grade—6th grade. If any younger children would like to go, they will need a parent or guardian to travel with them. This is a beautiful farm with a lot of activities for all ages! Children will need to have eaten breakfast before arriving at Church, we will eat lunch at the farm. More information will be providing in the Sunday morning bulletin. Any adults interested in tagging along, please let DeShawn know.



# The Place

## Youth Ministry

### Important Dates

Oct. 2nd 6:00 p.m.: Youth @ The Place

Oct. 9th 6:00 p.m.: Youth @ The Place

Oct. 16th: Youth 6:00 p.m. @ The Place

Oct. 23rd: Youth 6:00 p.m. @ The Place

Oct. 30th: Youth 6:00 p.m. @ The Place

### Wednesday Nights @ The Place

The Youth are continuing their study that helps us to be God's best version of ourselves. We have some brand new games to play, candy to eat, and Bible to learn. Come join us!

### Youth Activities

Make sure you are all in the Text Messaging Group. We want to let you know what's going on during the month (especially if a surprise activity comes up!).

### The Landing

Don't forget! The Landing meets on Thursday nights starting at 6:00 PM. It's for youth who are who are struggling with hurts, habits and hang-ups. This is another way to become God's best version of ourselves.

### Just a Reminder

Don't forget! Youth (and Children) can not be at the church prior to 5:15 PM. There is no adult supervision for them until that time. Thank you for helping us to keep our Youth and Children safe while at church.



**Wednesday Night  
Dinner**

- Oct. 5th** Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Brownies  
Frank & Susan Patterson
- Oct. 12th** Taco Bar, Peach Cobbler  
Jerry & Marlene Johnson
- Oct. 19th** Hamburgers, Fries, Cake & Fruit  
Jerry & Sandra Garner
- Oct. 26th** Chicken Fingers, Fries, Mac & Cheese, Banana Pudding  
Sonny & Faith Howard



**UMW**

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Discipleship Center.



**New Morning Ladies**

The New Morning Ladies will meet on Tuesday, **October 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the DC.**

The pecans have arrived! The New Morning Ladies pecan sale will begin Sunday, October 2nd, after the 11:00 a.m. service. We will be set up at the double glass doors upper level of the CD. We will be selling

- Pecan Halves
- Pecan Pieces
- Mixed Nuts (no peanuts)
- Black Walnuts (limited number)
- \$11.00 per bag.



UMM will meet  
Saturday, October  
8th, at 8:00 a.m.

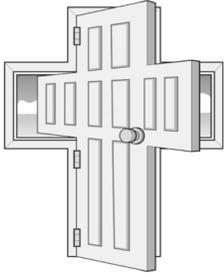
**Fish & Loaves**  
September 8th & 14th

You may contact Jenny Dupuy at 256-366-2397 or Marlene Johnson 931-446-1042 to place your order if you prefer.

But hurry, we always sell out!

**Sunday Morning Fellowship**

October	Covenant
November	UMM
December	All Groups



## **Stewardship Campaign 2016 INTERNALLY STRONG, EXTERNALLY FOCUSED!**

The annual Stewardship Campaign will begin on October 9th, and will end on October 30th, Consecration Sunday. The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is "Internally Strong, Externally Focused". The scripture for our theme is: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. The logo, the open door, is to remind us that the door to the church is to always be open leading us to ministry in the community.

Much of what the church does is externally focused. The majority of our programs and missions take place in the community, and on the state and international level. Jesus never intended for His church to be focused only on itself but rather to reach out to the lost that others would come to know Jesus. However, before He reached out to the community, before He challenged the status quo in the Temple, before He healed the first person, He called the 12 disciples. Jesus knew before He could begin changing the world He would first need a strong core of believers and followers to help Him with the ministry and caring for the needs of God's children.

The church is no different. Before we can go and make a difference in the community, before we can help the poor, feed the hungry or help lost souls find Jesus, we must first have a strong core of believers to help support the ministry of God. There are several ways to do this.

- Attending either the 8:45 or 11:00 a.m. worship service.
- Volunteering in the church to help teach children, youth, young adult and adult classes.
- Serving on different teams and committees to help plan, implement and provide for ministries.
- Giving of our time and talents to the church to help provide labor and leadership for the different ministries in the church.
- Giving of our tithes to the church in return for the many blessings God has given us.

All of these help us to be an internally strong church so we can be externally focused and help change the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Stewardship and Kingdom Come Teams hope you will come and join us during October for the stewardship campaign. If you are unable to be with us then log onto [www.rogersvilleumc.org](http://www.rogersvilleumc.org) each Tuesday Morning and watch the anthem and sermon from the previous Sunday and follow along as we strive to be Internally Strong, Externally Focused.

Are you living out of town and would like to help the church be internally strong so we can continue to be externally focused? Log onto our web site and donate to one of the ministry accounts or to the general fund online. It is a safe and secure site.

Hope to see you during October.

The Stewardship Team

Based on our budget, our weekly need for the general fund is \$5,582.85. These are our figures from August and our current balance on the building fund.



Income: \$29,879.75

Expenses: \$23,172.95

In the building fund we have:

Income: \$6,303.00

Expense: \$4,478.23

**Good News!** Our balance on the building loan is only \$20,456.54. Keep up the good work! LET'S get it paid off this year!!!!

**Financial statements are available in the office for anyone who would like to see them.**



The Nomad class is sponsoring a coat drive for kids. If you have any clean coats, sweaters, jackets or socks to donate, please leave them on the lift side of the DC stage by November 12th.

Thank you for your support!

**From the Disaster Response Warehouse:  
Help needed during September, October and November**

Can your Sunday school class, adult study group, or UMW unit pick the same day in each of the three months to volunteer during this special time of the year? It might be the first, second, third or fourth week on the same day of the week. Adult-aged groups are needed Monday – Friday. There are sitting jobs, but volunteers who can lift cases of shoe boxes and supplies are also needed. **Please ask your group this Sunday and call the UMCOR Disaster Response Warehouse in Decatur at 256-341-9961 to book your dates.**



The M&M class has sponsored a young man in Bolivia who will be 14 in November. He will be sponsored from now until he graduates from high school. We ask that you pray for Aldo, and be on the lookout for some creative fundraising ideas the girls may have to raise money for the sponsorship.

Raise a child in the way they should go. When they are old,  
they will not turn away from it.

*–Proverbs 22:6*

# October, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 8:45am Worship 10am S. School 11am Worship 5 pm Bible Study	<b>Monday Schedule</b> 5:30 GED	<b>Tuesday Schedule</b> 5:30 GED	<b>Wednesday Schedule</b> 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Fellowship meal 5:30 pm Youth Study 6pm Bible Study 6:30 M&M Class 7:30pm Choir	6:00 The Landing	5:45 Celebrate Recovery	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Whole Hog Express Children's Fundraiser		10:00 NML 6:00 UMW			Fish & Loaves	UMM Fish & Loaves
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	6:30 Finance			6:00 Laitty Club		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Consecration Sunday– Lunch	31					Fall Festival

# October Birthdays & Anniversaries (A)



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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 Jennason Hammell           | 18 Gordon & Margery McPeters (A) |
| 3 Randy & Renee Beggs (A)    | 18 Keith Kelley                  |
| 5 Jay & Karla Weathers       | 19 Sarah Lawson                  |
| 5 Edna Perrigin              | 19 Alta Morrison                 |
| 7 Thomas Olive               | 21 Eric Kelley                   |
| 7 Bob & Regina Obergfell (A) | 21 Sandra Garner                 |
| 8 Jamey & Susan Cosby        | 22 Beth Phillips                 |
| 9 Kaitlyn Hendrix            | 24 Savannah Owen                 |
| 9 Morgan Phillips            | 24 Zachary Roberson              |
| 10 Bobby Smith               | 24 Gary Graham                   |
| 10 Susan Cosby               | 25 Doyle Davis                   |
| 10 Tony Datuin               | 27 Mary Wallace                  |
| 15 Heath & Dina Gamble (A)   | 28 Barry & Jamie Berryhill (A)   |
| 17 Jason & Ashleigh Rich (A) | 28 Sonny Howard                  |
| 17 Ethel Mae Leggett         | 31 Faye Page                     |



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