



Smoky Mountain Global Methodist Church

November 2024 Newsletter



From Our Pastor

Reverend Parker Benson

November is the month for thanksgiving. We have so many blessings we cannot possibly list them all. The Bible says, ***“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s Will for you in Christ Jesus.”*** It is God’s Will that we be thankful. We should live our lives in thanksgiving. We should have an attitude of gratitude, as they say. November is the month to remind us to be thankful.

I am thankful for my wife, Carol. We have been together 43 years and married 40 years. It has been a long time since those first days at the rock quarry, but I am more thankful for her now than I’ve ever been. “Oh, I love you more today than yesterday – but not as much as tomorrow...” (that’s a little ***Spiral Starecase*** for you – I had to look that up but that’s who sings it!).

I am thankful for you, my church. It is always a joy to be in your midst and see all the smiling faces and the camaraderie that we share as Christians. I am thankful I get to worship the King with you every Sunday.

I am thankful for Happy Valley. I love to just wander around out there. If you need something to do, all you have to do is go outside and start wandering around. You will find something to do. I was in the woods yesterday afternoon, way back in the cove, piling up pine saplings I had cut down trying to expand the pasture. The cows have no idea what all I do for them.

I am thankful for my abilities. I can see and hear, and walk and talk, and think and study, and read and write, and work a calculator. I enjoy football and basketball and baseball. I enjoy my wife's cooking and our evenings on the love seat watching Matlock or Gunsmoke or Hawaii Five O.

Life is good.

God said, ***"This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him."*** (Dt 30.:19-20).

And be thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Love in Christ,

Parker



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MONTHLY MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



Meet Jan McCoy



1. Where were you born and raised? Wyandette, Michigan

1a. How long have you lived in Tennessee? Since 1991—33 years!

2. Name something unique about you that very few people know. I am not very unique, but I did take photography classes at Pellissippi State Community College and UT. I was asked to be the team photographer for the Junior and Senior High School football teams for Maryville.

3. What is the hobby that you are most passionate about today? Volunteering in the Recovery community.

4. What qualities do you admire most in others? Honesty, loyalty and a sense of humor.

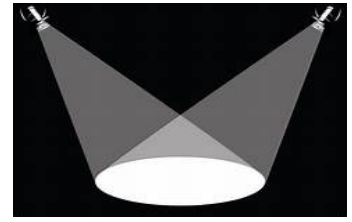


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MONTHLY MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



Meet Dan McCoy



1. Where were you born and raised? *Lake City, S.C.*

1a. How long have you lived in Tennessee? *33 years*

2. Name something unique about you that very few people know. *I was a body guard for a MAFIA boss in Las Vegas during the early 80's!*

3. What is the hobby that you are most passionate about today? *Hunting and raising cattle.*

4. What qualities do you admire most in others? *Common Sense, Trust and Work Ethics.*



Excuse me, what's your name again?

Please locate your name tags and start wearing them, please!

Since we are continuing to grow in membership,
it would be a great help to everyone, if we could put a name to a face!

Repetition works! Thanks!



Meet Bill and Mary Proffitt



**When you have poison oak,
you love nature a little less.**



MEN'S LUNCHEON

Monday, November 18th @ 11:00 am

CALHOUNS

Please come and join us!! We had 12 guys last month. It's a great way to fellowship and find out who can still do what!





44 Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus

38. Prayed for Enemies

O.T. Psalm 109:4

N.T. Luke 23:34

#39. Side Pierced

O.T. Zech. 12:10

N.T. John 19:34

#40. Buried with the Rich

O.T. Isaiah 53:9

N.T. Matt. 27:57-60

#41. Rose from the Dead

O.T. Psalm 16:10

N.T. Acts 2:22-32



DEAR GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, We give You praise for creating us in Your own image. For sending Your son to die for our sins. For having grace, forgiveness and mercy for the crazy things we do that are not honoring You. We thank You for having a plan and we know that Your Will be done, in Your own timing, not ours. Help us to grow in the *Fruit of the Spirit*, which is

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.

In Jesus's Holy Name, Amen



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Council Meeting **October 3, 2024**



HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report

Rev Benson said there was a special collection for the victims of Hurricane Helene on Oct 6 and Oct 13. Debbie Cummings coordinated the collection and distribution of funds.

The Global Methodist Church has new mission and vision statements which include the proclamations that church members intend: ***“to make disciples of Jesus Christ, and to spread scriptural holiness across the globe.”*** SMGMC will adopt these statements wholeheartedly.

The Nominating Committee is busy working to fill all positions.

Finance Report

Operating expenses were \$7,500 below plan for September, and nearly \$12,300 below plan for the year.

Tithes and donations were \$13,000 in September, which puts the church at \$72,000 over plan. Year-to-date tithes/donations were at 105% of the annual target.

Building fund available cash was \$587,059.

In spite of SMGMC being accorded a religious exemption on property tax, because there is no church building yet, SMGMC is only being awarded a 50% exemption. Mark Woelke will try to get a full exemption.

Trustee Report

Alcoa Electric will remove an electric meter attached to the barn, which SMGMC is not using, at a cost of \$30/month.

Council Meeting **October 3, 2024** *continued*

Trustee Report (continued)

Repairs will begin on the chimney, awnings, railings, porches, etc.

SPPR

Alan Cummings told Council that a recent interview of a candidate would not be suitable for SMGMC.

Outreach Committee

Patriotic Picnic was held at Trinity House on Saturday October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and side dishes were on the menu. The church sang Patriotic Songs led by Suzette Urban and Alan Cummings.

Sandy encouraged each Council member to consider hosting a small group bible study beginning in January 2025. Materials will be provided and Trinity House is available as a venue.

Items from the Chair

George provided an update on the building project. A septic field has been identified. SMGMC is still awaiting a response from the city regarding our church's ability to hook into the city sewer system.



7 Dianna Faircloth

16 JoElla Anderson

16 Sue Urban

27 Mike Goddard

30 Bob Ryan



JOYFUL NOISE!



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November and December Schedule of Events, 2024

- NOVEMBER 15 (Friday)...** 10:30AM Clover Hills A/L
2:00PM Asbury A/L, BEECH BUILDING!
- NOVEMBER 16 (Saturday)...** 10:00 AM **Brookdale**, Sandy Springs M/C
11:00AM **Brookdale**, Sandy Springs A/L
2:00PM **Brookdale**, Browns Creek
- NOVEMBER 22 (Friday)...** 3:00PM **Morningview** , A/L
- NOVEMBER 23(Saturday)...** 2:00PM **Shannondale**, Auditorium Stage 804
- DECEMBER 13 (Friday)...** **5:30-8:00PM**
SMGMC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, EAGLE ROCK, BE THERE!!!!
- DECEMBER 14 (Saturday)...** 10:30 AM **Brookdale**, Browns Creek
2:00 PM **Asbury** A/L, Beech Building
- DECEMBER 20 (Friday)...** 11:00 AM **Shannondale**, 2nd Floor main Bldg.
3:00PM **Morningview**, A/L
- DECEMBER 21 (Saturday)...** 10:30 AM **Clover Hills** A/L
1:30PM **Brookdale**, Sandy Springs M/C
2:30PM **Brookdale**, Sandy Springs, A/L

We've FILLED the SCHEDULE!!! Please take time to be a "JOYFUL NOISE MAKER" this holiday season. "YULE" be doing a great service and brightening the days for some very deserving folks in our community!! **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!**



Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
and extol Him with music and song.

Psalm 95:1-2



Malachi gives us practical guidelines about our commitment to God, who deserves the best we have to offer. We must be willing to change our wrong ways of living and make our family a priority. We should welcome God's refining process in our lives and tithe our income, as there is no room for pride.



Let Your Light Shine— A Christmas Celebration



**Come to the mountains and wear your tackiest Christmas sweater!!!
Prizes will be given, there will be awesome food
and *great* entertainment!**

EAGLE ROCK RETREAT

7143 Flats Road, Tallassee

Friday, December 13, 2024

5:30-8:00 pm

**Mark your Calendars NOW and a sign up sheet will be in the
cafeteria this Sunday, November 3rd.**

What **ARE** You
Thankful
for?

