



Smoky Mountain Global Methodist Church

October 2024 Newsletter



From Our Pastor

Reverend Parker Benson

Do you ever wake up and feel like you have so many things to do you will never get it all done? Do you ever feel like life has become an unending rat race with no end in sight? Do you feel overwhelmed much of the time? The phone rings and rings and not only rings but also receives “text messages.” The computer computes and computes and not only computes but also receives “email.” It does Facebook too. And there’s “twitter” and “YouTube” and “Google this” and “Google that...” Plus, all those football games on TV I need to keep up with – and the news! My goodness, there’s a national election going on. I need to keep up with that! And there’s work. Work, work, and more work! And on my day off there is farm work and yard work and the truck needs cleaning and oil changed, and tires rotated, and I need to wash the motorcycle and clean the garage and feed the cows and write letters to the grandkids and – where’s my wife? I need to say hello to her today. Wait! Did I eat breakfast? Golly, I’ve been so busy I forgot to eat! And I need to exercise. The doctor says I need to do cardiovascular (run) and muscular strength and endurance (lift weights) exercises daily, or at least five times a week. That reminds me I think I have a dentist appointment this week.

Is it just me or is your life like that too?

Excuse me a minute. The phone’s ringing. I’ll be right back.

It was God. He said I need to slow down and smell the roses. He said, “Be still and know that I am God.”

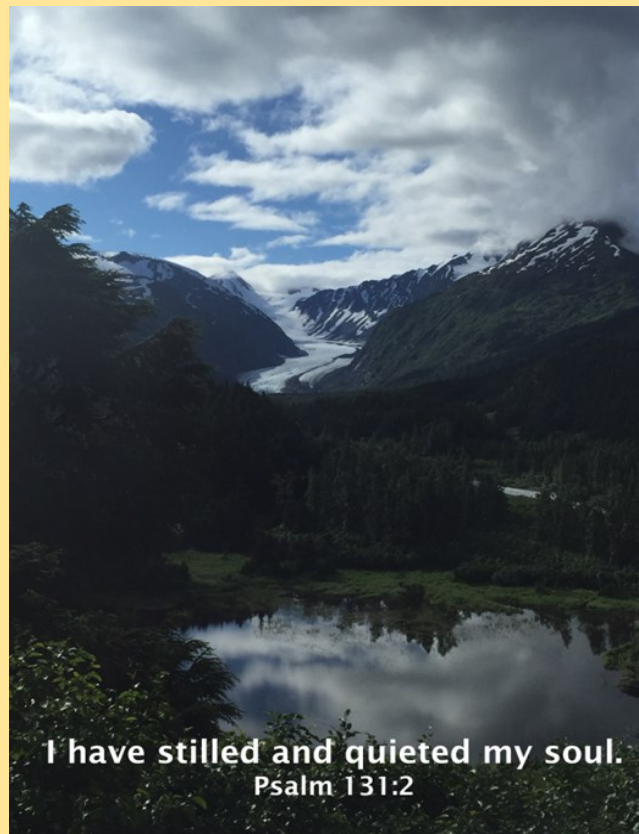
Close your eyes... “Lord, help me to slow down. Like Martha, I am anxious and troubled about many things but only one thing is needful. Help me to worship you and fellowship with you and not be distracted by all the “stuff” that clutters up my life. Please do not let me become like a tree covered in kudzu – the kudzu of temporal affairs that choke the word and make it unfruitful. Let me run the race with freedom and zeal. Let me press on to take hold of the prize. And let me listen and enjoy the birds each morning, and the dew glistening in the cool autumn air, and the turkeys in the cove. This is the day the Lord hath made. I will rejoice and be glad in it! And when we’ve been here – or there, 10 thousand years... I doubt if Facebook will exist any longer. But God will be there! On the throne! And many will sit at His feet and smile and breathe and enjoy the freedom and grandeur of heavenly rest.”

Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

In Christ, Parker



Be still and know that I am God.
Psalm 46:10



I have stilled and quieted my soul.
Psalm 131:2





Seven Ways to Pray When You've Lost Hope in the Government

A national election is right around the corner. If you are discouraged that your vote may not count, your leaders are not listening, or you are only voting for the lesser of two evils, remember that *God is still on the throne* and that *prayer still works*.

1. Pray for your leaders' obedience to God.
2. Pray for a deeper dependence on God than your nation, state or federal government.
3. Pray for an eternal mindset.
4. Pray for your own heart.
5. Pray for God's covering over His appointed ones in leadership.
6. Pray for individual hearts, not issues.
7. Pray for God's Will to further His kingdom, not yours.

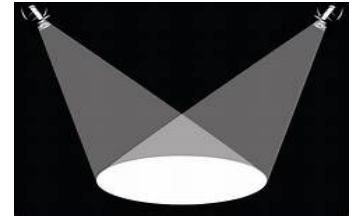
Cindi McMenamin, Crosswalk

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MONTHLY MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



Meet Paulette Bailey



1. Where were you born and raised? I was born on a Navy base in Quonset Point, RI, but only lived there 6 weeks. Raised in NY, MA, FL, NJ, VA

1a. How long have you lived in Tennessee? Since May, 2003. 21 years and I love it!!

2. Name something unique about you that very few people know. I marched in the Miss America Parade in High School.

3. What is the hobby that you are most passionate about today? Crafts in general. I have done pottery, basket weaving, woodburning, alcohol ink tiles and coasters, knitting, and crocheting. I also made over 200 beanie hats/wigs for East TN Children's Hospital. I'll try almost any craft except for quilting and sewing.

4. What qualities do you admire most in others? Honestly, loyalty, a servant attitude, and inner beauty.

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Meet Chuck Bailey



1. Where were you born and raised? I was born and raised in New Hyde Park, Long Island, NY.

1a. How long have you lived in Tennessee? 21 years.

2. Name something unique about you that very few people know. In the early 1960's I was stationed at area 51 to develop the CIA's predecessor to the Black Bird Spy Plans.

3. What is the hobby that you are most passionate about today? Wood working, construction, and computer design.

4. What qualities do you admire most in others? I admire those who see a need and fulfill it without expectation or reward.

Excuse me, what's your name again?

Please locate your name tags and start wearing them
on your Sunday wares!!

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



*Adopt the way of nature;
her secret is patience.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson



MEN'S LUNCHEON

Monday, October 21st, @ 11:00 am

CALHOUNS

"Thanks to all that attended the Men's Luncheon today at Calhouns and thanks to Gerald Smith for gathering names at church the last two Sundays. The next Men's Luncheon will be Monday Oct. 21st again at Calhouns. See you there!!!"

Mike Goddard



3 Marilyn Byrd

6 Pete Gale

13 Bob Linkins

17 Chuck Bailey

17 Jan McCoy

17 Kris Woelke

21 Steve McGee

22 Evan McGee

22 Denise Rose

22 Bonnie Van Pelt

28 Karen Page

44 Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus

#34 Mocked & Ridiculed

O.T. Psalm 22:7-8

N.T. Luke 23:35

#35 Soldiers Gambled for Garments

O.T. Psalm 22:18

N.T. Luke 23:34

#36 No Broken Bones

O.T. Exodus 12:46

N.T. John 19:33-36

#37 Foresaken by God

O.T. Psalm 22:1

N.T. Matthew 27:46



Prayer Works



DEAR GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Thank you heavenly Father for being with us. As we enter into autumn, when the cooler winds drift in and the days grow shorter, draw us closer to you. Let us feel your warm and loving presence. May we imagine ourselves in your arms, close to your heart, surrounded by your light, and find comfort in your consistency when the world around us seems to be constantly changing. Thank you for your loving kindness that engulfs us and your light that drives the darkness away. We praise you for being a God that loves us and takes care of us.

We are grateful you are with us in all circumstances and seasons.

In Jesus Holy Name we pray, Amen.



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Council Meeting September 5, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

Financial Report

Operating expenses were \$3,000 below plan in August, and nearly \$14,000 below plan for the year.

Tithes and donations are in line with the plan for August; year to date funds are already 90% of the annual target.

Building fund available cash was \$566,000 in August.

Pastor's Report

Rev Benson handed out a document which shows the structure of Smoky Mountain Global Methodist Church, including leaders of its Committees, Teams, and Groups.

A Charge Conference will be held at 11:00a on November 7, 2024 at Trinity House (following the regular Council meeting at 10:00a.). Attending will be members of our Church Council. The purpose of this conference is to discuss business issues pertinent to The Global Methodist Church and SMGMC.

A Church Conference will be held on December 8, 2024 following the regular Worship Service at Heritage High School. All SMGMC members are invited to attend.

Outreach Committee

A patriotic-themed Fall church social event is planned for Saturday October 26, 2024, to be held at Trinity House from 4:00p to 6:00p. It will include hot dogs, hamburgers, and pot luck dishes.

The SMGMC Christmas Party will be held on Friday December 13, 2024 at Eagle Rock, from 5:30p to 8:30p

Miscellaneous

Audrey Pettis attended the meeting to explain the duties she routinely performs for the church, and supplied a handout which outlined these duties. She wants to make sure the duties can be performed by a substitute in case she is unable.

Bonnie and Sterley's Bible Study

The Epic of Eden—Understanding the Old Testament

by Sandra L. Richter is a twelve week video study guide that their small group has recently begun. They meet at the Trinity House on Wednesday's from 4-6 pm.

Snacks and delicious desserts are awesome!!

After this study they will be taking a break.



Left to right; Pat Cherry, Lark McGee, Bob McPherson, Bobby Ray Ivens, Marsha McPherson, Bonnie Van Pelt, Sterley Van Pelt and Steve McGee.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in Him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Fall Fun
for Everyone!



Pray for
Peace!

FALL PATRIOTIC PICNIC

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH 4:00-6:30 PM

We are grilling hamburgers and hot dogs.

Signup Sheets for potato salad, baked beans, slaw and desserts will be at church two weeks prior to the picnic. There will be live music and other activities.

“Therefore wait for Me,” declares the Lord....The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger.....But I will leave within you the meek and humble, who trust in the name of the Lord. The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3

*We need to gather together and pray,
to walk humbly with God, to do what is right,
and to hear the message of hope*