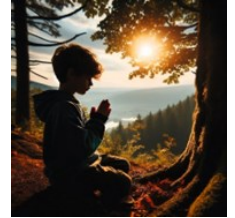




# Smoky Mountain Global Methodist Church



*July 2024 Newsletter*



## *From Our Pastor*

## *Reverend Parker Benson*

I love to go outside. Always have. When I was young, my mother would make me clean my room before I could “go outside.” At school the teacher would finally let us “go outside” for recess – and we played marbles in the second grade and football in the sixth. I can remember in the summertime staying outside until dark and then some.

I still love to go outside. I think it is a God-given joy, a God-ordained appreciation and love for the great outdoors. The hills beckon; the sun is shining; the sky is blue, and the grass is green. Come on out!

Yesterday I burned brush high in a cove on the side of Chilhowee Mountain – a section of pasture Carol and I call “Boot Hill.” I am constantly trying to expand the pasture so the cows have more grass. I cut down pine trees and scrub brush and burn it, and later, in the fall, plant grass. Yesterday I was outside all day long – and I loved it. Man against nature; cleaning up the woods; taking care of God’s farm. George Washington said, “I had rather be on my farm than be emperor of the world,” and I agree.

This morning, I am just looking outside. The sun is shining, the trees are bright green, glistening in the sun. The cows have disappeared up into the hills. And my notion is to get up and go outside.

**Ps 50:** The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. “For every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine.”

And I reply, “How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.” **Ps 124.**

“This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” **Ps 118.**

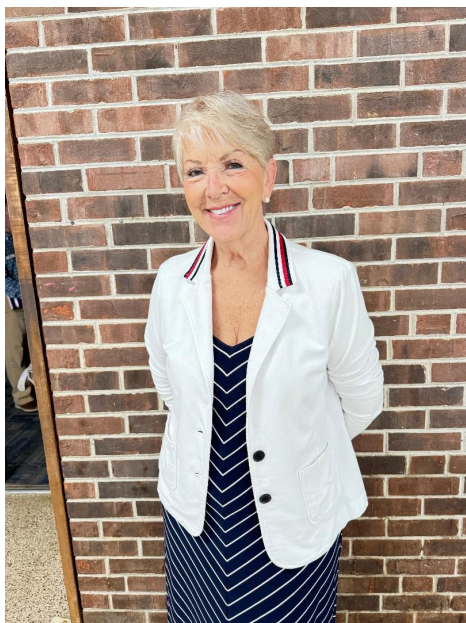
In Christ, *Parker*

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## MONTHLY MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



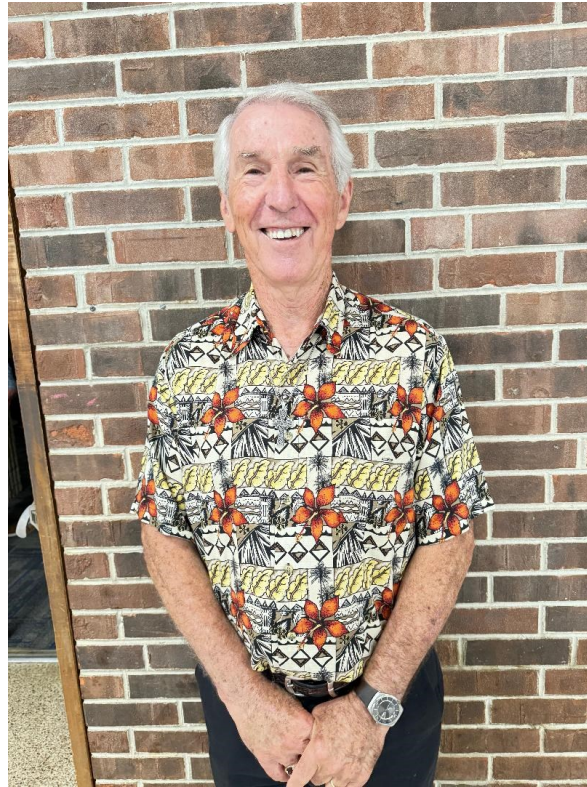
Meet JoElla Anderson



1. Where were you born and raised? *Maryville, TN*
- 1a. How long have you lived in Tennessee? *78 Years*
2. Name something unique about you that very few people know. *Two very different careers .....first 18 years worked for Drs Jim and Henry Callo-way (Two of Maryville's best surgeons!) Second career I worked for Talent Trek out of Knoxville and Nashville modeling for commercials and print projects...retired in my sixties the same day Archie retired. I was 66*
3. What is the hobby that you are most passionate about today? *I am passionate about spending time with our grandchildren and children. In addition, I enjoy playing board and card games. Working with flowers and watching the birds is my peaceful time.*
4. What qualities do you admire most in others? *I admire folks who want to live like believers.*



## Meet Archie Anderson



1. Where were you born and raised?

*Maryville, TN*

1a. How long have you lived in Tennessee?

*80 Years*

2. Name something unique about you that very few people know. *I worked at Maryville Junior High as a coach, teacher, vice principal, and retired after 44 years at Maryville's Central Office at the age of 68.*

3. What is the hobby that you are most passionate about today?

*I still love to play golf, working with flowers, and bird watching. I also enjoy playing cards and board games. But I am most passionate about my children and grandchildren.*

4. What qualities do you admire most in others? *People who treat others the way that they want to be treated!*





## **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 Dave & Sandy Tubbs***

**The more you  
sweat in peace,  
the less you  
bleed in war.**





*The art of camping is making do without  
 what you forgot to bring.*



### **44 Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus**

#### **#22 Priest of Melchizedek's Order**

O.T. Psalm 110:4

N.T. Hebrew 5:5-6

#### **#23 Called King**

O.T. Psalm 2:6

N.T. Mark 11:7-11

#### **#24 Praised by Children**

O.T. Psalm 8:2

N.T. Matthew 21:16

#### **#25 Betrayed**

O.T. Psalm 41:9

N.T. Luke 22:47-48



# A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,  
We, the people, in the  
land of the free and  
the home of the brave,  
desperately need You.

Oh that we would leave our ways  
of seeking to be blessed  
and instead seek to bless others.

We beg for Your guidance and wisdom  
for our leaders.

We ask You to protect our land  
from enemies, both within and without.

And we praise you for the freedom  
we have through the blood of Your Son.  
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.

Amen

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**Men's Luncheon**  
**Thursday, July 18th @ 11**  
**Calhouns**



*Smoky Mountain Global Methodist Church*

**Council Meeting June 6, 2024**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Rev Benson addressed the need for council members and all members of the church to remain positive about the new church project, to exhibit a non-anxious presence, to rely on God, and to offer helpful suggestions and perspectives.

Financials as of April 30, 2024:

Operating expenses were below budget in May (\$1,000) and the year-to-date expenses were also below budget (\$16,300)

Tithes and donations were higher than the plan; \$2,200 in May, and year-to-date the church is \$50,500 over plan.

The church has \$551,583, cash in its building fund as of May—an increase of \$13,000 over last month.

\$840 was spent in May for engineering services regarding the sewer project.

Alan Cummings is leading the Staff Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. He will be meeting with a promising candidate soon.

The church will replace the gutters on Trinity House soon because a water problem is now imminent. Council members unanimously accepted a bid of \$1,700 to accomplish this. S McGee is in charge of this project.

Noise-reducing soundboards were purchased and installed in the large meeting room of Trinity House.

## Need a Break?

That is just what I thought I needed until I got one. My break came in the form of a nasty spiral fracture to my femur. It was the most painful experience of my life. But out of all that pain came many blessings, including a whole new appreciation for prayer. I literally felt the power of being surrounded by the prayers of my friends and church family. It gave me much peace and comfort. Prayer is mighty strong medicine. Almost daily someone still reaches out to ask how I am doing and to let me know they continue to pray for my recovery. It brightens my day and gives me strength. Now, as I pray for others, I always thank God for those who pray for me. I still have a long recovery ahead, but I am immensely grateful as my “break” time continues.

God loves you and so do I.

**Sandy Lybrand**



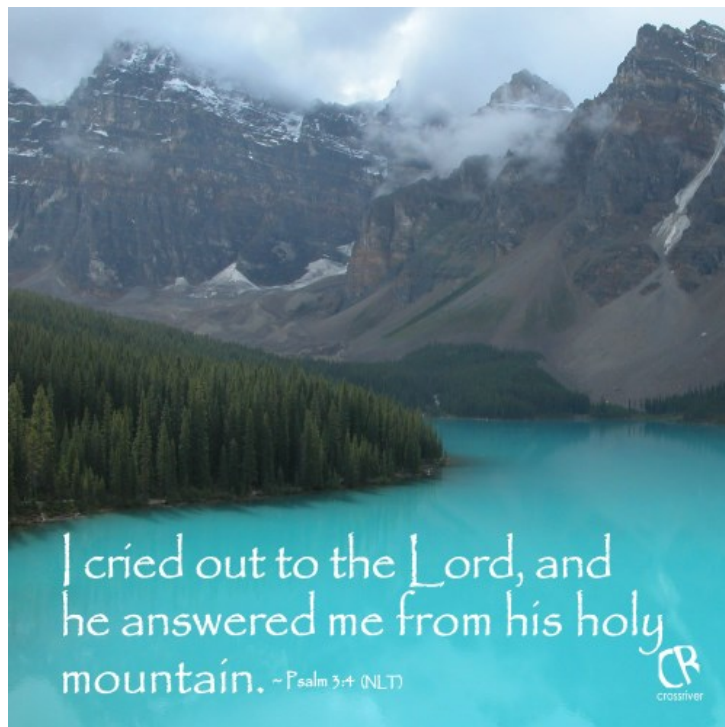




Failure will NEVER  
over take me, if my  
DETERMINATION  
to succeed is  
strong enough...

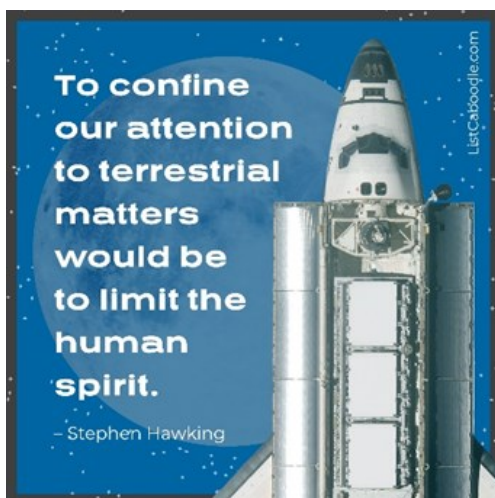


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***In the heavens, He has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes it circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat. Psalm 19:4-6***



YOU are to me

Those things of beauty

That man can never possess.

The fine line of blue

That separates the ocean from the sky.

The fiery red

Of a deepened sunset.

The crystal white

Of snow tipped mountains.

The brilliant yellow

Of the morning sun on the horizon.

The endless magnitude of colors

That engrave feelings of awe– wonder

And tranquility.....In my mind.



These are what

You create in me

The rainbow of my emotions

Blend together so easily now

Now that you have instilled the calm

In my turbulent storm

YOU are to me

Those things of beauty

That no man can ever possess

And which no man

has ever been able to give me before.

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**Happy Independence Day!!!**

**Please continue to pray for our troops, our country  
and the upcoming election!**

