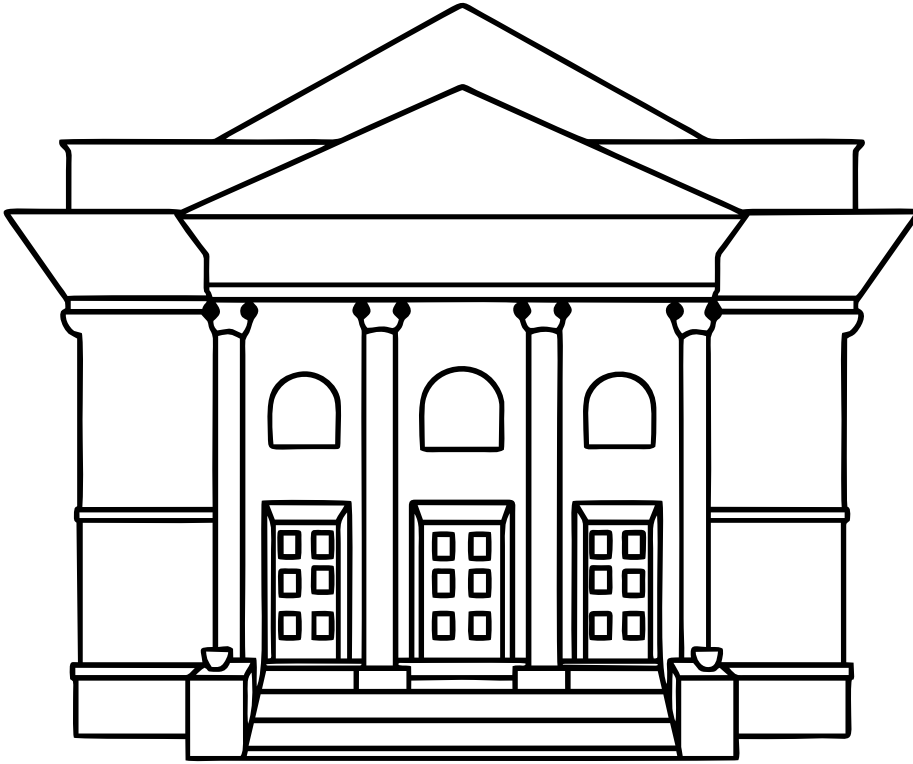


Temple Bells

July 2025



Becoming a community in which
all people can experience and be
transformed by Jesus Christ.

Church Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. The Haven

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From Michael's Desk

This month, I'm feeling extra reflective. Big shock, right? There has been a lot to process compared to most months as it was a culmination of sorts.

In January, I attended our conference's winter candidacy retreat. That's where we—the candidates—begin to discern our calling and take steps to credentialing. February and March were chock full of paperwork. “The joy.” Of course, Lent would start around that time, and it would lead to Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday.

No sooner would Holy Week end than I would start licensing school, supplementing my bachelor's and master's degrees with a lot of specific Wesleyan and United Methodist theology, something which made me feel even more at home in our theology and tradition than I already did.

Then, annual conference. This year's was much less heated than the last two since, as you can imagine, the topics of deepest debate from general conference have been settled. We may not all agree on those points of position, polity, or theology, but that's okay. The takeaway is that the focus is shifting back to where it needs to be: caring for souls, doing justice, spreading the gospel, and making disciples.

Like I said, it was a culmination—not just of my study or work, but of the work of church members and leaders throughout our conference. Beyond raising up over 12 new licensed local pastors (like myself) and 8 deacons and elders, people have been listening to each other and realizing that we all lost sight of the mission. All that talk in our current sermon series of repentance? Beyond any topic we've argued or divided over, it's losing sight of what's most important that we all find ourselves repenting from.

That is the most refreshing thing I've experienced in a long time.

In the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, there are new beginnings and hope overflowing. We're living in it now. Stay the course. Follow the direction of the Spirit of God as we become a community prepared to truly live into the calling we've been given



Let's do
LUNCH



Adult Lunch - Every 2nd Tuesday
July 8th
social hour 11:30 lunch served at noon

A graphic for 'Game Day' featuring various board game elements like a checkers board, dice, and cards on a dark background with a dotted pattern.

*Let's
Laugh &
Play with
Friends*

**GAME
DAY**

4TH TUESDAY

JULY 22

1:00PM

UPPER ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

A graphic for 'The Haven' featuring a silhouette of a mountain range against a sunset sky with orange and red hues.

THE HAVEN

AT RUSSELLVILLE UNITED METHODIST TEMPLE

RETURNING JULY 9
NO GATHERING JULY 2

Music Notes



The Temple Choir and Friends had a wonderful outing to Arcadia in Bowling Green on Sunday, June 22.

We sang several anthems with Sarah Fox conducting. Rev Michael served Communion.

Martha Foster played for a hymn sing. Jason Blick and Susan Fox played a duet.

We visited with Judge Fuqua, Tom and Ann Gray (who were celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary,) and Mrs Evelyn Richardson. The residents who attended were very complimentary. We were invited back, and hope we can go back this Fall. We wrapped up our outing with some ice cream at Chaney's.



July 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 Worship Service 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am	30 Boy Scouts 6pm	1	2 Choir 5pm	3	4 Independence Day	5
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Down to Business

Lead team 5-25

Members in attendance Alan Hall, Linda Nealy, Kristin Gates, Mac Johns, Jason Blick, Joe Coursey, Michael Nichols

Visitor, Carol Rogers

Meeting called to order at 11:42 and started in prayer by Michael

Approval of minutes- motion to approve by Alan, second by Joe, All in favor

No Old business

New business, Gerri has an account for first southern for wednesday night suppers, with about \$3800 in it, if she should close that out and move it over to Truist to pay for adult lunches or other wednesday meals. Discussion about bringing back Wed night meals, if we have the support in cooking and attendance to support it. Joe proposed to table this for a month to see if we would have the support and cooking teams to staff that.

UMM- Nothing spectacular to report, they will be cooking for the big scramble and trying to keep a source of income and being able to do some good with it.

Finance- Income continues to be down from a giving standpoint, moved some from general investments to general fund. Can't change much with what's going on, keeping on using the gifts we have to keep everything going.

Trustees- no report

Missions - June is giving for Isaiah House and 5th Sunday for Children's home.

SPRC - no report

Michael - training is going on, lots of videos and papers but he's doing ok. Preparing for Annual Conference June 8th. Just to confirm NCD funding changes, we will not be receiving any funding from district or conference for funding after June.

Circle back to Trustees, renting the parsonage to Benny. Some worry about leaving it empty, and a few in agreement with having it occupied would be a good thing. Linda brought up no rent only utilities. Mac would draft a lease agreement about paying utilities and keeping up the interior and possibilities of pets but nothing major. Utilities are all on auto draft and so just reimbursing the church. Motion to rent by Linda, second by Jason. All in favor. Would happen this Summer sometime.

Meeting closed at 12:06 by Mac in showing appreciation for Michael in all he does.

Michael closed in prayer

Prayer & Reflection

Please Pray For:

Jeff Adams, Pat Basham, The Family of Wendell Belcher, Laura Nealy Burks, Roger Charleton, Jeanne Coursey, Pat Fox, Judge Fuqua, Lolette Gatlin, Jeff Gillespie, Norris Gorrell, Tom & Ann Gray, John Harmon, Janie Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Ron Kimmel, Liz Lovett, Billie Jane Mallory, Bill Matheson, Martha Jo Meguiar, Daniel Nealy, Alicia Nichols, Jeremiah Nichols, Jo Ellen Nye, Steve Nye, Patricia Powell, Rhonda Richardson, Jo & Carroll Riley, Cindy Riley, Dot Riley, Walt Sharp, Sheila, Ann White

Also remember in prayer: children, members who are not attending, military, members unable to attend: Anne Collins, Carol Epley, Melva Posey.

Also remember in prayer: The storm victims, our world, country, county, city, and community, the addicted, the vulnerable, the lost, the hurting, the sick, the lonely, and those in prison.



Mountain Mission



The truck will be here Tuesday July 15th.
Please have all donations in the storage
shed under the parsonage carport by
Monday the 14th.

Church Family

Upcoming Birthdays

July

6th Carol Flowers

7th Tom Harned

11th Jan Nye

12th Carolyn Ham

Lolette Gatlin

Paula Timberlake

19th Betty Johnson

21st Kristen Steenberg

26th Melissa Dodson

30th Joan Ferris

Happy
Birthday

August

1st Brandon Gates

4th Carole Rogers

Darla Sparks

Joe Coursey

7th Phillip McIntosh

10th Faye Matthews

12th Buddy Matthews

Jeanne Coursey

17th Leland Westbrook

Susan Taylor

19th Ava Belk

21st Richard Ewald

23rd Kevin Dew

28th Evelyn George

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missing a birthday.

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