

THE METHODIST TRIBUNE

CHURCH EVENTS

August 31 – 6:00pm Church Council
Meeting in the Sanctuary
September 3 & 4 – 9:00am Fall
Festival, we will have a booth set up on
square. We need volunteers!
Sunday, September 5 – 4:00pm
Church Picnic Revival

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Our US Military
Our Schools
Reba Finch
Jewell Spivey
Laura Virgil
Nathan Widmer
Hiawatha Arms
Tom & Nancy Venable
Katherine Johnson
Tyler Stafford
Butch Barlow
Lori Davenport
Martha Moore
Bradley Murphy
Angela Bowman
Patrick Heinrich
Pat Forkum
Brenda Heinrich
Scott Heinrich
Pat Klatt
Harold & Betty Martin
Flo Dunavant
Tim & Susan Huffines
Jaymon Loftis



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“A Caring Community of Faith”

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From Your Pastor's Desk

“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil” Eph 6:12

I have had some strange conversations with people that illustrate a particular heresy that seems to be getting worse by the day. For example, I had a recent conversation with someone that told me a story about their interactions with a friend. The two often discussed their religious beliefs in a friendly manner. They had done so for years and had learned from each other and grown because of it. One particular day, the friend attempts to share with this man his take on some current events and a certain political figure. This enraged the man deeply because he did not share the same opinions. “Don’t tell me you’re my Christian brother, you’re my enemy!”

If you don’t agree with me on politics, you’re my enemy? Wow! Really? This might just be a novel example of immaturity if it were not so common. We, as a church, have forgotten what unites us. We have chosen instead to focus on secondary issues and the distinctions that provide division. We look at the individual standing across from us, made in the image of God, and determine they are our enemy. Did you know that a survey conducted earlier this year found that the majority of Republicans think that the biggest threat to the

nation is Democrats? Did you know that the same study found that a majority of Democrats think that the largest threat to the nation at this moment is Republicans?

Perhaps our problem is a theological one. If we understand the gospel then we recognize what Paul wrote in the scripture above in Ephesians 6. Our neighbors are not our enemies. Our friends and our family are not our enemies. Our battle is a spiritual one. And it is not simply thus because the other person is operating in the wrong spirit, but often because we are as well. Are we so prideful to think that we must be right in every way? What if we were to humble ourselves and recognize that we have just as much potential to be wrong as the other person? What if we were to see the other person as deserving of our love and brotherhood simply because of their creator, not because of their stance? What if we were to recognize that our only enemy is Satan and not even the people that he may use - recognizing that sometimes we may even be that person?

If you feel yourself tempted in this area at times, I ask you to take a step back and pray for yourself and the other person. Pray that God help you be more passionate about your love for your neighbor than you are about your disdain for their opinion. Pray that God help you see their heart in the matter. And pray that God help you to see them as God sees them, worthy of love. Either Christianity is a hobby for you or a way of life. And if it is truly a way of life, evil will always be your enemy, but the people who sometimes embrace it will continue to be your brothers and sisters in this fallen world.



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ALWAYS THERE

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Long Beach, IN 46360

Katherine Johnson

Mabry Health Care
Room B-4
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Nancy Venable

820 Quarles Hollow Road
Gainesboro, TN 38562

Martha Moore

2105 Griffin Town Road
Sparta, TN 38583

BIRTHDAYS

September

7 John Willmore
9 Janet Quarles
12 Sheryle Bruno
14 Carolyn Bonds
17 Sandy Heinrich
18 Bonnie Heinrich
18 Peyton Sagely
21 Lucas Spivey
22 Betty Martin

October

6 Darrell Zion
9 Teresa Hunter
15 Rachel Neer
26 Nancy Venable
31 Harold Martin

ANNIVERSARIES

September

14 Ron & Maria Rakaska



Send a card to those who cannot be with us,
birthdays and anniversaries, thinking of
you cards!

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September Memorials

Memorial Fund

Jim Test

Frank & Terry Montgomery

UMCOR

Want to help the people effected by the flood?

The Conference Disaster Relief coordinator has sent word for churches to begin collecting the following items:

1) UMCOR cleaning kits (what we used to call flood buckets). Please, please COMPLETE THE ENTIRE BUCKET if these kits are what you seek to bring.

Please don't bring just parts of the kit. The directions on how to make cleaning kits are found here:

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/>

2) UMCOR hygiene kits. Again, please complete the entire kit the way the following link asks us to do

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit/>

3) Large Heavy duty garbage bags

4) Blowers or fans. These will not be returned

5) Rakes

6) Square shovels.

Please continue to stay in touch with the district regarding the collection of these items. We do not as of yet have a cut-off date by which to receive items. We may also need to send out a message saying that we have enough and don't need to receive any more.

WHERE TO TAKE THESE ITEMS:

Cookeville FUMC's Freeman Building, 165 E. Broad Street in Cookeville. We are asking people to bring these items Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On Friday, those hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Please call 931/526-2177 before you go.

September

*"The golden-rod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down. The gentian's
bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusty pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun. The sedges flaunt
their harvest,
In every meadow nook;
And asters by the brook-side
Make asters in the brook,
From dewy lanes at morning
The grapes' sweet odors rise;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.
By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.
But none of all this beauty
Which floods the earth and air
Is unto me the secret
Which makes September fair.
T'is a thing which I remember;
To name it thrills me yet:
One day of one September
I never can forget." ~ ~ Helen Hunt Jackson*

