

### LIFE BY THE BOOK

Calling all college students! Got something on your mind? Stressed? Worried? Overwhelmed? Come to a “laid back” Bible Study that focuses on your life *today!* Together, we’ll explore what God has to say about the stuff going on in your life right now. Meets at the Quillin home on Tuesdays 7-9:30pm beginning August 18th through December 8<sup>th</sup> during the fall semester and resumes in the Spring Semester January 19th through May 4th. Email [tee@teequillin.com](mailto:tee@teequillin.com) and/or [bekah@bekahquillin.com](mailto:bekah@bekahquillin.com) for more information.

### HELP WANTED

Help is needed with the video portion of the contemporary worship service. The church uses the Pro Presenter (not PowerPoint) software which is specifically designed for worship services. Further, the church uses an Apple computer so familiarity with an Apple is helpful, but not necessary. If you have any interest at all in being a part of the video portion of the contemporary worship service, please contact Jay Jackson at 394-6486.

### AUGUST ROOF PROJECT

On Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> we are tearing off a roof and putting on a new one and replacing a front picture window. The cost of this project is around three thousand dollars and we are asking for donations. Please make your check out to the church and at the bottom of check write Fosterville Family. This family is in need of love and support of our church family. The father of this family had an accident and was disabled and has type 1 diabetes and can’t work. The mother has a part time job and two children at home to care for. We need volunteers to do this work. The Carpenters Sunday School class is heading up this project but need at least 10 more people to do the job. Please call the church office and talk to me so I can get a head count. We will supply lunch and drinks at the home so we can eat with the family.

Dewey Smith, Missions Director

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### PREACHING SCHEDULE

#### August 16

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Virginia Yeargins
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O’Bannon
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Virginia Yeargins
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O’Bannon

#### August 23

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Tommy Perkins
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O’Bannon
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Tommy Perkins
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O’Bannon

#### August 30

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Miriam Seyler
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O’Bannon
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Tommy Perkins
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O’Bannon

### MORNING PRAYER

The Morning Prayer (7:00 am in the sanctuary) will be temporarily suspended for a few weeks. We will resume on Monday, September 14th.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS BEGIN AUGUST 19TH

On Wednesday, August 19th, the entire church is having a Tailgate party as part of our Wednesday Night Program “Kick-off”. There will be fun activities for the children. The adults will have class registration and opportunity to purchase books for various classes. Children’s choirs and programs and Youth programs will meet that evening. Come enjoy the festivities and fellowship for an evening that is sure to be a TOUCHDOWN!

### REMINDER FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Just a reminder that the article deadline for the bulletin and newsletter is on Wednesday of each week. You may either drop articles by the office, fax it to us at 893-1314 or email to [office@fumcm.org](mailto:office@fumcm.org).

### IMPORTANT STATISTICS FOR LOCAL CHURCH DISCUSSION

*The following are highlights of the 2009 Annual Conference report by Jim Allen, Conference Treasurer and Statistician.*

- As a percentage of the total population there are twice as many United Methodists in our 42 Tennessee Conference counties as in the remainder of the United States [5% verses 2.5%]
- The total Tennessee Conference membership as of 12/31/08 was 118,492—we have had increases in membership during 15 of the last 20 years.
- Over the past 8 years the Tennessee Conference has grown about ½% per year; the State of Tennessee has grown 2 ½% per year.
- In the year 2000 there were 13,091 children and 7,223 youth within the Tennessee Annual Conference. By 2008 the numbers had increased to 18,767 children and 10,493 youth.
- The total Tennessee Annual Conference budget for 2010 is \$13,890,282 which is down 3.14% from the 2009 budget.
- Among active clergy in 2008:
  - 49% were Elders
  - 45% were Local Preachers
  - 4% were Deacons
  - And 3% were Associate Members of the annual conference
- Pension reserves for retired clergy:
  - As of December, 2007, were 139% of the amount needed
  - As of February, 2009, were 81% of the amount needed
- Average worship attendance for 2007 was 48,533 and it was up 1,347 (2.8%) in 2008 for a total of 49,880.
- Total Apportionment payments for all churches in the Tennessee Conference was \$12,522,542.30 in 2007 (Apportionment percentage of 89.16%); in 2008 the total was \$12,403,151.23 (Apportionment percentage of 85.66%, down 3.5% of \$119,393.10).
- Benevolences paid directly by the local church and NOT through the Conference Treasurer: In 2007 the total was \$4,160,626; In 2008 the total was \$4,625,272.

