

Fulton First Newsletter

October 6, 2017



Communion Elements at Brooks Chapel Wed. Noon Service

Important Dates

Church-wide

Hayride & Hot Dogs

Sunday, October 22

4-6 p.m.

Cannon Farm

4822 Charles Cannon Rd.

South Fulton, TN 38257

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy
fun for all!

Call to 40 Days of Prayer

starting Monday,

October 9 and going

until Friday, November

17. Details on page 2.

I am humbled every week by the people of First Fulton UMC. You all are showing up and moving in Christ-like ways in our community. And I give thanks. This week alone I was able to see first hand the personal ministry of one of our members. It will not surprise anyone that I am writing about John Ragsdale or Dr. John to most of us. (Let us be clear, he would not want me to write about him—so maybe don't tell him!) Wednesdays you can find Dr. John attending the Wednesday Bible Study and Communion Service with Brooks Chapel at their annex location downtown. (continued on page 2)



**“But Jesus often
withdrew to lonely
places and prayed” -
Luke 5:16**

ATTENTION: We are in need of individual wrapped Halloween Candy for the parsonage candy handout. We will again be setting up a tent and distributing Hot Dogs as a neighborhood outreach. Please help by donating candy. The Youth are helping with the endeavor and we would love to have plenty of candy for the kids! See Kat to give a donation.

He has invited me for months to come be part of the fellowship but it was not until this week I could find the time. And then we made plans to go visit the next day one of our other members, James Hooper. John visits James every two weeks and we were pleased to find him well and in good spirits. How thankful I was to spend time with James and John. James telling me about his years of study and Sunday leadership, and John talking about how he is younger! (James will turn 90 on October 26 and Dr. John doesn't reach his 9th decade until next year.) And this is only one example of the ways you all have been present to neighbors and friends. I rejoice in our lives together and am thankful that you all let me tag along sometimes! (Also, do not tell Dr. John I took his picture—I don't think he saw me do it!)

-Pastor Nancy

40 Days of Prayer: Preparing Ourselves for God's Calling

Many people are aware of the Biblical significance of a term of 40 days or years as a period of testing and preparation: Moses' repentance and prayer for the Hebrews before they entered the Holy Land (Deuteronomy 9:18-29), Elijah's spiritual preparation on the road to Mt. Horeb to meet God (1 Kings 19:7-18), Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness before launching His ministry (Matthew 4:1-17) are a few examples.

In November we will be coming to a time of Congregational Visioning. But before we can take that step of discerning and dreaming

about what God is calling us to do we need to pray. And we need *everyone* to pray!

During the 40 days, pray as you feel lead: rise early in the morning, pray at the noonday hour, or pray before you go to sleep. However is must comfortable for you. But pray! Pray for our deepening devotion to God's mission, pray for more people to come to know the love and grace of God, and pray for a clear vision for our community.

To help us center ourselves and our prayers together we will be sending out electronic daily reminders via E-mail with scripture, reflection, and prayer thoughts. If you currently get church-wide E-mails you are already set up to receive the reminder. If you know someone or want to submit a different address please contact the church office.

Prayer Requests

Mike Bransford Family
Jim Ketterman
Jimmy Brasure
Kristi Rezabek
Susan Parr
Kim Murray
Nancy Puckett
Steve & Peggy Cruce
Steve & Janis Mooney
Mary Mooney
Disaster Recovery
Lyda Rice
Michelle Richter
Greg & Debbie Williams
Carolyn Dodd
Hudson Hayes
Sara Laganelli
Military Men & Women
First Responders
Gordon Wade
Teresa McFadden
Larry Harper
Horace Dean
Roger Jackson
Ken Wade
Carolyn Ward Wiman
Pastor & Church
Ronnie
The Sierra Family
The Carmen Family
Puerto Rico
Leslie Marcum
Cynthia Smith
Bro. David Bayer
Buddy McCloud
Michael Mulhearn
Ray Madding
Turner McFarland
Debra Dunn
Joyce Tibbs
Peggy Crews Family
Bob Bush
Brent Cobb Family
Las Vegas
Randy Stanfill
Billy Wayne Liliker

Happy 90th Birthday to Rebecca Fry Join us to celebrate on Sunday, 2-4 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall

Youth News

This Halloween, the youth will be gathering at Pastor Nancy's house (304 3rd Street) at 5 PM to help cook and serve hot dogs, as well as to pass out candy to Trick-Or-Treaters. Come stop by with your best costume and help us reach out to our community! The youth will also begin their study of Ephesians this month and will be attending the Fields of Faith event in Union City on Wednesday, October, 18th!

United Methodist Women

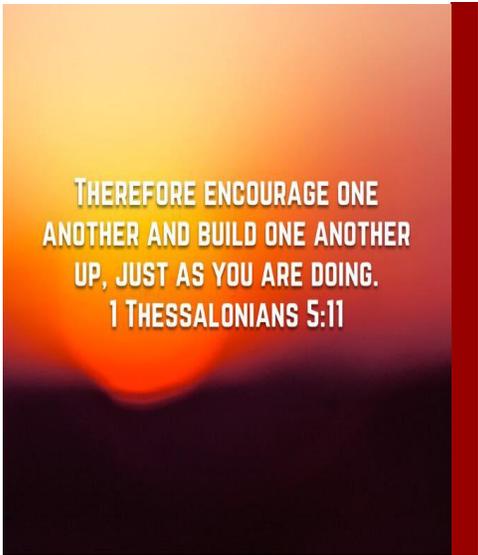
The Day Circle will meet on Wed., Oct. 11, 10 a.m. at Park Terrace Assisted Living. We will meet with residents for fellowship and prayer.

Thanksgiving Meal Planning

Join us Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. to begin planning for our annual Community Thanksgiving Meal.

Christmas Cantata

You're invited to join the choir for our annual Christmas Cantata. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings 7:00-7:45.



THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE
ANOTHER AND BUILD ONE ANOTHER
UP, JUST AS YOU ARE DOING.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:11