### Hammer Happenings



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Men's Breakfast 5th-7 AM @ Hammer UMC

Choir Practice
2nd & 16th @ 7 PM

Rachel Circle 9th @ 7 PM

Ruth Circle
24th @ noon

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#### **Choosing the Best for Our Youth**

As summer approaches, the calendar quickly fills up with events for the youth. Whether its family vacations, sports teams, or summer camps, youth are faced with choices on where they want to spend their time. As adults, we play a large part in their decision making. This brings us to the purpose of this letter: prioritizing church camp.

The statistics don't lie-most people's personal commitment to following Christ happens before age 18. This means that the youth are in a special season of life where we should be doing everything possible to support and lead them towards Christ. It is my belief that the best opportunity for youth to grow in their faith is in a church camp setting. At church camp, youth aren't being forced by parents to wake up for church or go to youth group. They are confronted with the knowledge that following Christ is a personal decision that no one else can make for you. Church camp is a retreat from the routines of everyday life and offers a chance to reflect on what one actually believes. Church camp is also a place where worries and the stress of life disappear so that a person can easily focus on Jesus and fellowshipping with friends. Basically, church camp can be a transformational and foundational part of a youth's faith in Christ and is IRREPLACEABLE.

Knowing how some adults prioritize secular events over church events for their youth is saddening. Whenever a church camp or youth group event is planned and parents choose playing another ballgame instead of allowing their kid to experience a spiritually-enriching Christian event is teaching kids the wrong priorities. It is good and God's will and desire for your child to go to church camp instead of missing church camp because of a ballgame or other event. Teaching kids that ballgames take priority over a once a year church camp is teaching kids idolatry. We should be clearing the youth's calendar so that they can attend church camp and do everything possible to encourage them to go. Let's make sure we are doing all we can to teach the next generation that Jesus comes first in all areas of life and provide opportunities for them to grow in their faith. Nothing matters more for all of eternity than what we do Christ. "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." For Christ.

Kolby Lewis

#### **Hammer Memorial United Methodist Church**

"With God's help, we will work to evangelize our community, disciple our Church family, and care for the needs of others."

A Word From The Pastor.....



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#### ANGELS PART I

In heaven we will associate with amazing creatures called angels. However, we must do away with angel myths like they are adorable chubby babies with wings and/or pale females. Every angel in the Bible is an awe-inducing adult male. See Dan.10:8, Luke 1:12-13,30 2:9-10; Matthew 28:2-5. When you hear of an angel appearing to a human, the first words out of the angel's mouth are "Fear not."Why? Because seeing a real angel would easily scare the wits out of you. (Daniel 10:8). When angels appeared to the shepherds, announcing the birth of the Messiah, the Bible says the shepherds were terrified.

Angels must earn their wings. The fact is that is never mentioned in the Bible. When God created them, they had their wings and seem able to hide them when they take human form. Sorry for "Clarence" in the movie It's a Wonderful Life!

A common myth is that when a nice person dies, he or she becomes an angel. According to the Bible, humans and angels are two entirely different classes of beings. Humans do not graduate to "angelhood" at death. Instead we receive heavenly human bodies similar to the one Jesus had after His resurrection.

Angels are spirit beings and they are sent to serve us. Human beings have a spirit, but we are dominated by our bodies. Angels are spirits who can take a bodily form, but most of the time they don't. Therefore, to us they are invisible. However, in Heaven angels will be visible. We will interact with them. When the apostle John looked into Heaven in the future, he repeatedly saw and spoke with angels (Rev.5:2, 7:2, 8:3-12, 9:1,13-14, 10:1,5-9 on and on in chapters 14,16,17,18,19,21 and 22. Hanging out with angels is a major attraction of Heaven.

For Jesus,

**Pastor Gene** 



Grades 3rd-6th-May 6th & 20th @ 6:00 PM
Grades 7th-12th- every Sunday @ 6:45 PM unless otherwise noted.
For more info call Kolby Lewis 660-483-0642.
6th & 20th a meal will be served @ 6:30 PM-May 20th will be the last day for the younger group until school resumes.



#### **Sermon Series**

<u>Sermon Title</u>		<u>Bible Verse</u>	
6th-	Extraordinary Things	Philippians 4:16-19	
13th-	A Successful Mother	1 Samuel 1:9-17	
20th-	The Fire of God	Acts 2:1-4	
27th-	The Voice of the Lord	Psalm 29:3-9	

#### Please Keep In Your Prayers

Roger Combs—Kelly Carlson-Trish Dierenfeldt-Sharon Gillespie Marsha Kemp-Alaina Higgins-Cathy Wilkinson Mary Lynne Redman-David Akens-Missy McCoy Madeline Fox-Bob Riddle -Silas Guess-Bob Beahler Bonnie Hinrichsen-Jonathan Garlock Sr.

## Residing at a Skilled Care Facility Anna May Gillespie ~ Dale Oliver ~Carmita Angle~Vernadene Steinman

~ Mary Lou Holeman

Our Soldiers Who Serve
Michael Poston-Tyler Tracy-Drew Potter
Tailor Galgano-Chase Gillip-Tyler RuizKendrick Ebersold

<u>Candle Lighters</u>	Children's Message	Children's Church
6th- Emberlyn & Graham Medske	r 'open'	Ailee Stapleton
13th- Cooper Tunks & Tucker Mo	ollus Bob Medsker	Ailee Stapleton
20th- Ty & Cooper Mooney	Ashley Medsker	Ailee Stapleton
27th- Kamdyn & Landon Carlson	Gloria Combs	Ailee Stapleton

Liturgist: Connie Lasher
Ushers: M.L. & Suzanne McCrea
Pianist/organist-6th & 13th-Jo Bryson & Mary Hill
20th & 27th-Maxie Tunks & Barbara Starr

# A Mother's Ove

There's no love like a mother's, Her heart is filled with care. With Christ as her example, Her Savior's love she'll share.

A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers, God bless them every one. For all their tears and heartaches, And special work they've done.

When days on earth are over, A mother's love lives on, Through many generations, God's blessings on each one.

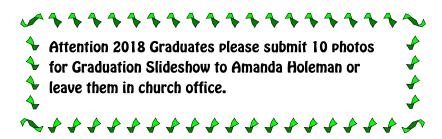
Be thankful for our mothers, Who love with higher love, From power God has given, And strength from up above.



Chris Evans~ Gillian Armfield~ River McCallon ~Kinser Herbert. We are very proud of you!



June 1st- 7:15 PM-Cost \$20-See Jeannia Law or Vickie Rainey to buy tickets...money must be in by 5/20.



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**08-Susan Combs** 

#### WE ARE THANKFUL FOR



02-Don Spickler 09-Cheyanne Stoll 16-Sherry Starnes 02-Venita Matthews 09-Jennifer Owens 22-Quinn Berry 05-A.C. Lasher 11-Jennifer Townsend 22-Wiley Berry **06-Derrick Deatherage** 12-Noel Fischer 23-Dallas Poling **07-Nicklas Herbert** 12-Kelly Carlson 25-Justin Roberts 08-Hallie Washburn 13-Alexandrea Herbert 27-Madison Potter 08-Hollie Washburn 28-Gloria Combs 13-Coleen Hodge **08-Jaston Tunks** 15-Susan Alumbaugh 31-Gerry Herbster **08-Kenton Freeman** 

#### **DEADLINES**

**BULLETIN: Please submit info by Tuesday** 

NEWSLETTER: Please submit article by the 3rd Thursday of the month