

The First-Centurian

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Vision Statement of First-Centenary United Methodist Church: *Build a healthy and diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ.*

The Wheels on the Bus



CEC recently received our Bye-Bye Buses, and we would like to thank the Permanent Endowment Committee for their approval of the funds to purchase them. The children are loving their new rides!



An Opportunity to Serve Children



Brown Academy
A SCHOOL OF INNOVATION

As part of FCUMC's outreach programs and in accordance with our core values, we are re-establishing our relationship with Tommie Brown Academy this fall. The program will enable kindergarten and first-grade teachers at Brown to improve their students' literacy levels prior to entering second grade. Reading is fundamental and this initiative can make a significant difference in the children's future academic success. We need First-Centenary Volunteers as follows:

2 volunteers for each of three kindergarten classes, one on MWF and one on T/Th @ 8:30-9:40 each day

2 volunteers for each of four first-grade classes. Also, one on MWF and the other on T/Th @ 9:00-10:05 each day.

Literacy instruction requires slightly over a one-hour commitment on the designated days.

This commitment will include the entire 2022-2023 school year beginning in mid-September.

No prior training in literacy instruction will be necessary.

We hope you will join us in this opportunity to serve some terrific kids and their teachers.

For additional information, please contact brownacademy@fcumc.org

Volunteers needed for July 30

First-Centenary is collaborating with other downtown churches to provide 400 book bags for students at Brown Academy. We will be packing the bags on July 30.

Contact Terri Holley tmholley1962@gmail.com if you can help.

Youth Week with Mustard Tree Ministries

Last week our youth group worked with Brother Barry at the Mustard Tree Farm!

On Monday and Tuesday we worked at the farm and helped pick vegetables and worked on the chicken coop. On Wednesday and Thursday afternoon we helped pack lunches to give out to people in the community. On Friday we went back to the farm! It was a great week!



CLERGY CORNER

A young man that was involved in the many ministries we do at Mustard Tree unexpectedly stopped by to see me this week. I had not seen him in 18 months. He had been in a rehab program in Ohio. He is now working for the rehab program that he went through and is working towards becoming an ordained pastor.



Rev. Barry Kidwell

Struggles with meth and a constant barrage of people telling him he would never amount to anything made life difficult for him. I wish I could tell you of all the conversations we have had. He really wanted to “be a good Christian,” but he “kept on messing up.” I would tell him over and over again, you have to stop living for yourself and live for Jesus. Surrender yourself to Jesus, go to rehab and just live for Him.

He told me that in their Bible reading one night they read 2 Corinthians 5:15. “He (Jesus) died for everyone so that those who receive His new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.”

This verse is not often used for the purpose of Jesus dying, but it is the very heart of the whole Bible. We are all called to live our lives for God.

I don’t know what living for yourself looks like for you. But I do ask this question: In your day to day living are you really focused on living for Jesus? Being a “good Christian” is more than going to church or

Prime Time Wednesday will resume August 17



Please remember our Mission Partners in your prayers

Costa Rica Methodist Children’s Home – Ray Zirkel, missionary

Guatemala ACD Guatemala – Ministry to children and women

Virginia Harry Howe

Lebanon Words of Issa
Ministry to Syrian Refugees

Romania UMC Romania
(Pastors Rares, Christian, & Samuel)
ALFA Group Ministry to Orphans

Guatemala Mission Opportunity

Pastor Will is leading a mission trip to Guatemala October 8-15 during Hamilton County’s Fall Break. We will work on finishing the sports field that our Christmas Eve Offering supported, assist with the after school program, and provide community support and outreach through clean water and eco-friendly stoves.

This is going to be an intergenerational trip (elementary-aged children are welcome and all minors must be accompanied by a guardian) which can build some important relationships between the young people of our church community and our Guatemalan mission partner, ACD.

If you have any questions about this trip or would like to sign up, please email Pastor Will at wlauderback@gmail.com

Interested in visiting the Holy Land?

I am considering a trip to the Holy Land January 24 through February 2, 2023. There is also a possibility of a four day extension to Petra.

If you are interested, call the church office, 756-2021, ext. 3112 and speak with Lisa Phillips. – Dr. C. Mark Gooden

CLERGY CORNER (cont’d)

saying we believe in Jesus. He died so that we would stop living for ourselves and live for Him. Just think about what that would really look like and what a difference there would be in the world if we Christians just lived for Jesus.

Geaux Tigers, Barry

It's SUMMER and the First Kids are ready to make some waves! What you do today can change the world around you!

The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace.

It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.

~ Galatians 5:22-23a, NIV

• Love others because God loves you. • Choose joy no matter what's going on. • You can help others make peace. • Be patient with each other.



JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!

Want to hear more about how to make waves in your life for Jesus? Join us in person on Sundays for one or all of these times!

Early Service Childcare: 8:30-9:30 A.M.

Sunday School: 9:45-10:30 A.M.

Pre-K Worship: 11:00-11:45 A.M.

Elem First Kids LIVE Worship: 11:00-11:45 A.M.

It's almost AUGUST... can you believe it!?

God made us to be amazing people. He loves us so much! LOVE IS SHOWING OTHERS HOW MUCH THEY MATTER!

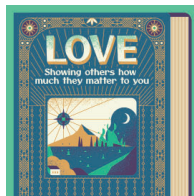
Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that He loves us and sent His Son to give his life to pay for our sins. ~1 John 4:10

Love God by loving others.

God made us to take care of each other.

God loves us no matter what.

God has a plan to show love to the world.



Meet Our New Members



Julia Lawrence transferred July 10 from Auburn UMC in Auburn, Alabama.



Summer Newsletter Schedule

During the months of July and August, *The First-Centurian* will be distributed bi-weekly:

August 5 August 19

Beginning September 2, *The First-Centurian* will go back to its weekly distribution.

WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE



GIVING KIDS



MAIL



SUNDAY OFFERING



BANK DRAFT

Check out our website

www.firstcentenary.com

Summer Choir!



It's time again for the Summer Choir!

Our rehearsals are on Sunday morning at 10:15.

You bring your voice, and we'll provide you with the music and the robe. What a fun and joyful way to volunteer your time and talent to the church!

Please let me know if you want to sing on any or all of these Sundays so I can be ready for you:

July 24, 31, August 7 and 14.

— Jan McNair (jmcmcnair@firstcentenary.com or 423-756-2021)

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Centenary Summer Program Classes from National Medal of Honor Heritage Center

Over the month of June, Centenary students in first through sixth grades participated in a series of presentations, led by staff from Chattanooga's National Medal of Honor Heritage Center. They learned about The Medal of Honor, the highest personal military award

given to a member of our Armed Forces who shows courage above and beyond the call of duty. Students quickly became curious to learn more about the recipients' acts of patriotism, citizenship, courage, integrity, sacrifice and commitment. Our visit to the National Medal of Honor Heritage Center at the conclusion of the classes instantly had us in awe of all the information and artifacts from the families of the recipients.

The following day we concluded our lessons on the Medal of Honor by visiting the Chattanooga National Cemetery. We met with the office staff who were very helpful with overall cemetery information and other historical information that helped us explore the beautiful and sacred grounds. We were proud of the students' initiative and the respectful way they toured the cemetery, working together to locate each of the burial plots. We located and visited the burial plots of Medal of Honor recipient's Charles H. Coolidge, Desmond T. Doss, Ray Duke and The Andrews Raiders. It was an especially significant day for both staff and students because Ivy Carter, Site Director of The Centenary at White Oak, was recently selected as an Officer in the U.S. Army and will be leaving The Centenary staff on August 8 for Officer Candidate School.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 24, 20122

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Sanctuary at 8:30 & 10:45

Let Me Remind You

Hosea 1:1-10

Dr. C. Mark Gooden

The Vine at 10:45 a.m.

Let Me Remind You

Hosea 1:1-10

Dr. Will Lauderback

Reading from the Lectionary

Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13

Televised sermon by Dr. Gooden
God is Always on a Mission to Help
Televised on Channel 12, WDEF-TV
at 6 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Mustard Tree Worship at 5 p.m.
in The Vine – Rev. Barry Kidwell

July 31, 2022

8th Sunday After Pentecost

Sanctuary at 8:30 & 10:45

God Loves You Even if...

Hosea 11:1-11

Dr. C. Mark Gooden

The Vine at 10:45 a.m.

God Loves You Even if...

Hosea 11:1-11

Rev. Michelle Hunter

Reading from the Lectionary

Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

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