



First United Methodist Church

From the Pastor's Desk

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200 South Court St
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Worship Hours

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Service 10:30am
UMYF/Children 3:00-4:00 p.m. with optional choir practice afterwards from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Pastor

Tom Gibson



"A Good Name"

I marched in the Heritage Festival/October Fest parade. In Hohenwald, the predominant historical families are Swiss and German, and those were represented well. The County Librarian lead the way in her beautifully embroidered Swiss style outfit. The Little Bell Ringer who would declare the festival open was a direct descendant of one of the founding German settlers and dressed in her German culture costume. There was Lewis' expedition guide. In the opening ceremony, it was noted that Lewis County had four primary root stock ancestries, German and Swiss colonizers, the Appalachian folks who welcomed them, and the Native folks who did not much welcome any of the others.

My Gibson father's father's fathers were all Gibsons by name dating back to, if I am right, one of the sons of Gilbert, Eight Laird (lord) of Buchanan, around the 1200's in the district in Scotland surrounding the "bonny, bonny, banks of Lock Lomand." Gilbert was the first to take the place name Buchanan as a surname and handed it down to his eldest son and heir, the next laird. Other sons would have to take other names to denote lineage, such as Gilbertson, Gill, Gibbs, and Gibson (son of Gib [short for Gilbert]).

Some of the mothers up that line had Scot names as well, such as



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Meet And Greet

Here are a few pictures taken from the meet and greet where church members welcomed Tom and Vickie Gibson to our church family.



McCaleb and Cash (I am some kind of distant cousin to the man in black through her). My mother's mother's mothers had names like Calhoun and Galloway, all with Scot ancestry. Go far enough back several branches, and there are one or two German and French forebears, but mostly I feel drawn to claim the highlands as my home.

The name I most cherish, handed down through many generations, across many borders, a heritage my ancestors held dear, is the name Christian. The apostle Paul bragged on his inherited faith, the matter decided centuries before, when Joshua said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Paul recommended to Timothy to hang on to that which his mother and grandmother handed down, faith in the same God, but now realized in the words, acts, and very person of Jesus Christ. Proverbs 22:1, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."

I am thankful to have had that godly heritage shown me by my family. Not all have it as an inheritance. Some come to rest in it anew every generation, being welcomed into the faith by an extended family who adopts them and calls them their own. My daughter was gifted with the Gibson name at age 16, and we have a grandson who also became a Gibson as a teen. Both we and they were blessed by the inclusion as family. So, too, when we welcome a new member into the family called Christian, they and we are blessed with a wider circle of love and support. Who are the orphans outside our faith family who need what we have inherited by Grace? Can you bring one home with you to meet the family, to share our table, to come to want our name as their own? It is a Good Name precisely because it is one generously shared.

I'm glad to live in a community that holds with reverence an honorable heritage and passes it on to future generations. Hohenwald is such a place. The Church of Jesus Christ and the

UMC Youth Choir

Members of the FUMC Youth Choir came together in fun and song for the first time on 8/11/19 following the After School Ministry Program. Their first meeting was more of a “get-acquainted” time and a music review, plus they happily took time out to give a big welcome to four new members. These enthusiastic kids, with only three meetings under their belt at this point, are giving their all and sounding great. This writer is very proud of them for their dedication and commitment to being the best they can be in using their voices to serve our Lord and Savior.

Picture: Front row, L-R: Xavier Shook, Rhayliee Collins, Birdie Collins, Gabriel Shook. 2nd row: Destiny Guthrie, Starr Holms, Emily Rasbury, and Rebecca Robbins. Top Row: Hadley Spitzer, Lorrel Sood, and Christopher Spitzer.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Graves, Director



Psalm 71:23

My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you – I whom you
Have delivered

United Methodist Men



Jambalaya crew, making cool days warmer, one plate at a time. Thanks for your service.

The United Methodist Men met on September 5, 2019, and on October 3, 2019, which was the first new meeting day for the group since it voted to start meeting on Thursday nights each month.

The men have had a busy summer and early fall, working on the “Walking Taco” Project at the fair and the selling of Jambalaya at Oktober Fest. This is being donated by Steve Kent from Belle Rose, Louisiana. He was kind enough to make and donate this treat for the men’s group to sell for profit to use for future projects of helping others in the community. The men’s group would like to thank Steve for his generosity.

Recently on September 29th, the Men’s group cooked and furnished a fish dinner and many of the trimmings for the Fifth Sunday Meal. Everyone enjoyed the meal and the fellowship.

If you are new to the church and would like to join the group each month, they meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. A meal is provided with the meeting to follow. They would love to have you.

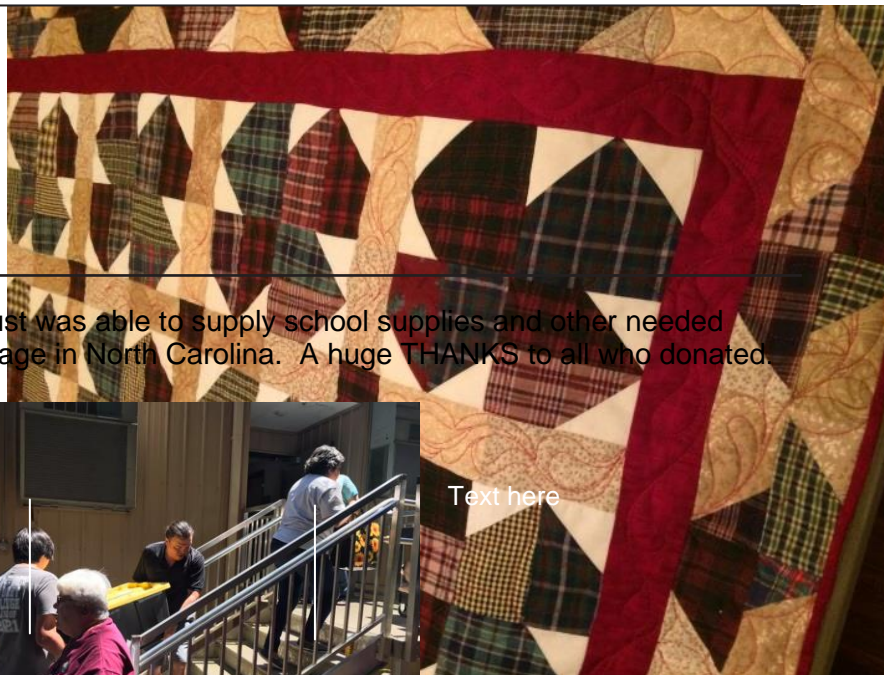
Remembering In Prayer

Our families, Schools, Community, Nation, & our leaders, Military, Storm and Flood Victims, Prayer/Comfort Ministry, Persons Unnamed.

Continuing Prayers: John Beard, Sue Bouldin, Doris Cartwright, Hayden Criss, Randall Dabbs, Elizabeth & Greg Fecteau, Carolyn Gafford, Jason Gateley, Brian Graves, Kenny Graves, Freddie Holt, Camille Kelley, Suzy Brown Miller, Bert Moore IV, Rita Perny, Sonja & Jimmy Reeves, Mildred Rittman, David Roberts, Brandon Steward, Ken Stratton, Willie & Anna Terry, Bill Tharp

Updated monthly on the website

“Everyman’s shirt” by Gloria Jones – chances will be sold at \$2.00 each



The Outreach Committee in August was able to supply school supplies and other needed supplies to the Cherokee Orphanage in North Carolina. A huge THANKS to all who donated.

Outreach Committee



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United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met on September 9, 2019, and on October 14, 2019. Both meetings began with a reading of the group's purpose.

President Debby Durham called each meeting to order.

Several upcoming events for United Methodist Women were discussed including the Harpeth River District UMW Annual Meeting titled "Sisterhood of Grace – Celebrating Our Heritage" on September 28th in Nolensville, TN. This was attended by members Vickie Gibson, Barbara Lewis, and Betty Stilts.

The group is presently gearing up for the annual bazaar to be held November 9, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The usual homemade chili and broccoli and cheddar soup will be served with sandwiches and a dessert. Chances will be sold by UMW members on a beautiful quilt made and donated by Gloria Jones called "The Everyman's Shirt." There are also plans in the works for a second quilt to be sold at silent auction created by Cora Criss. This year there will be several homemade crafts and items for sale and some Christmas items. Your participation in this even would be greatly appreciated by the group.

The group continues to support The Shelter, located in

Lawrenceburg, TN, a shelter for victims of domestic violence. Each monthly meeting members are encouraged to bring an item needed by the shelter. The group also supports the Nashville Rescue Mission. Fifteen bags of clothing and other needed items were delivered during the month of

September. We are calling the month of October "Socktober" and collecting socks in particular but always all other clothes, especially those needed as we approach the winter months would be appreciated. If you have anything you wish to donate, see Debby Campbell or one of the Methodist women.

On behalf of the United Methodist Women, President Debby Durham attended an event hosted by Lewis County Public Schools thanking those groups who sponsor classroom teachers each school year. The group was given a Certificate of Appreciation; it presently sponsors Tina Walton's 4th grade class. The UMW gives a monetary donation to the class as well as providing snack and party treats during certain holidays.

Due to the UMW' November Bazaar, there will be no meeting for this month. Look for details about the Christmas party in December.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Thorton

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See a member of the UMW before Nov 9.



Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Advent Devotional

I have been privileged to be a part of Advent Devotionals in other churches. Advent itself was a new word to me since having Christmas in church was not to be. I was told if we sang “carols,” we would be like the world, and we didn’t want to do that!!

My first Christmas in church was the most glorious experience I can remember.

Christmas is special to me, and I know that all of us have our special memories and plans related to the Holy Birth.

When I was presented an Advent Devotional from members of the congregation, it helped me to get to know my church family members in a special way.

Many will cherish the Holy Scriptures read during Advent. Others enjoy the old familiar carols heard everywhere. Whatever your thoughts, we are asking you to share with each other.

Don’t think that yours will not be as good as someone else’s because the Father made you with great love, and sharing that love is what Christmas was all about.

Gloria Jones

UMW Bazaar

November 9th 2019

10:00am – 2:00pm



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