

# Hiawassee United Methodist Church



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**SUNDAY:**  
9:00am Prayer  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:45am Worship Service

**WEDNESDAY:**  
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

## Our Mission:

**Worship** Jesus Christ;  
**Share** the Gospel;  
**Lead** the Lost to Christ;  
**Grow** as Disciples;  
Be a Godly **influence** in our Community.



# HUMC Mountain Messenger



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## The Holy Spirit Moves

Last year our congregation was visited by missionaries serving on the Navajo Reservation in Gallup, NM. Elston and Renee Bingham attended one of our worship services and shared with us about the ministry that is being accomplished out west on the Reservation. While Renee was sharing about what the Lord is doing through their ministry, she proclaimed that the Holy Spirit was definitely upon our congregation and she could feel the Lord's presence in a mighty way during the worship service. Recently, one of our ushers delivered an offertory prayer reminding us of her words. He called for us to join in and be led by the Holy Spirit to really do the Lord's work. It is definitely apparent that the Spirit of the Lord visits His people here each Sunday and stirs our hearts with a holy passion. The question is; what do we do each week after we depart from a time of corporate worship and enter into the mission field? Do we carry a good feeling with us for the rest of the day and simply return to business as usual by Monday morning? Or, are we truly allowing the Holy Spirit to move us to be laborers in the mission field between Sundays knowing that God will use us to accomplish His will?

If you want to read a good Christian adventure story in the Bible, look no further than the Book of Acts. The adventures of these early Christian believers will make you say, Wow! While the Book of Acts is often called "Acts of the Apostles" it is more accurately called "Acts of the Spirit." In the beginning of the story, Jesus' disciples were waiting in Jerusalem to receive the gift He promised would come. In Acts 2:1-4 we read, "On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability." This was a big day in the lives of these believers and all the believers that would come after them. However, the story doesn't end there. Being filled with the Holy Spirit was only the beginning. The Holy Spirit moved these believers out into the streets and they began proclaiming the Good News about Jesus Christ. They did not stay in their place of worship, they moved out into the mission field with fresh power and boldness from the Holy Spirit.

I believe churches today need to learn from these early Christian believers. Perhaps our congregation can learn from the stories of these believers as well. The Holy Spirit visits us every Sunday when we get together for worship, but do we move outside the walls of our worship space under the Spirit's power to labor in God's mission field? We must remember that when we worship, it is all for God's glory and not for our own pleasure. The early Christians in the Book of Acts gave their lives for the God who gave them eternal life, to whom or to what will you give your life?

Blessings,

*Sam*

Pastor Sam





I've been reading recently about *prayer in worship*. It's an interesting topic of discussion. Ancient believers understood prayer is key to healthy worship. The book of Psalms was not only the hymnbook of our ancient faith; it was also the prayer book. In Acts 2 we see the church at worship in an upper room in Jerusalem, actively waiting and praying together for the promise of God. When the Holy Spirit overcame the church in Jerusalem, it didn't just land at random on people in the street. The Holy Spirit fell "like tongues of fire" on those believers who were praying and waiting in worship.

The missionary Hudson Taylor once said, "I have seen many men work without praying, though I have never seen any good come out of it, but have never seen a man pray without working." When we study the great revivals of history we can see that prayer has been at the center of them all. While revival may not always be the result of our prayers, we do know that revival has never come without prayer.

According to the *Book of Common Prayer*, "Prayer is responding to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words."

## PRAYER IN WORSHIP

**Psalm 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker ...**

The principal kinds of prayer are adoration, praise, thanksgiving, penitence, oblation (offering), intercession, and petition.

Think about our worship services. If prayer is the key to healthy worship, is everything we do in worship a form of prayer or does it lead us into prayer?

**What if** we become intentional about making every part of the service an opportunity to pray?

**What if** we use the time before the service begins to prepare our hearts for worshipping God?

**What if** our greeting times become opportunities to pass the Peace of God to each other?

**What if** all the words spoken and sung to God in our worship services were intentionally words of prayer?

**What if** we use our quiet moments during worship to listen to God?

What would happen if prayer saturated our services?

Don't come on Sunday to put in an hour of time.

Come looking to actively worship God.

Excerpted from *Worship Leader as Prayer Leader* by Rick Lee James, *Worship Leader Magazine*, January/February 2017.



**AUGUST 13TH**  
at 6:30 pm

Once again HUMC hosts our 8 connectional churches in Towns and Union Counties!

Plan to come help us greet our guests, help with parking and finding seats (and adding seats as necessary)! We always have a really big crowd, so plan to carpool, and park in the back parking area so that our guests can park up close to the building. You may even be asked to sit in the choir loft or watch from the fellowship hall to accommodate our guests.

Thanks for actively participating by making our guests feel welcome!



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## Happenings on the Hill

### Dates to Remember:

- 8/1 School Box Bash
- 8/9 Worship Meeting
- 8/13 Great Night of Music
- 8/16 Finance Meeting
- 8/17 Admin Council Meeting
- 8/19 UMM Breakfast
- 8/21—The Great Eclipse



Several members of our church are homebound, in Assisted Living or in the Nursing Home. They would love to receive your phone calls, cards and visits.

- Ann Adams
- Orene Adams
- Lorraine Anderson
- Darlene DeVore
- Elizabeth Edge
- Sharon Hooper
- Mae Lamade
- Delores Lawrence
- Pat Ohlmstead
- Margaret Sawada
- Kathryn Stewart
- Connie Wilson
- Val Waldrop

## WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD? BE A MENTOR

Towns County Mentor Program is looking for volunteers.

Be a friend & a role model; Influence a child to stay in school and plan for the future; Help a child with school work

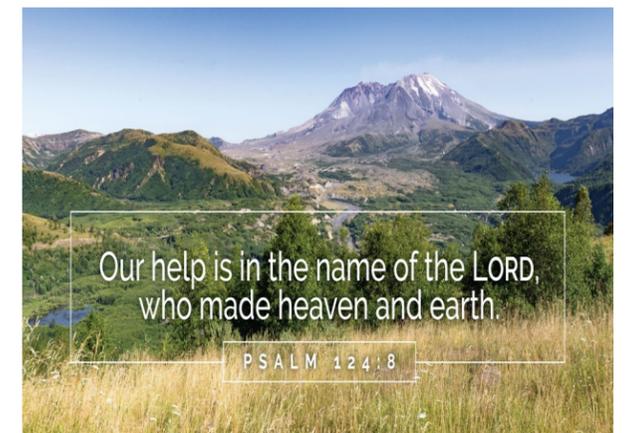
Requirements include:

- Complete an application
- Allow a fingerprint & background check
- Attend an orientation session



For more information contact:

Lynne Abernathy, Mentor Coordinator  
Towns County Mentor Program  
706-896-4131 x 1235  
[labernathy@townscountyschools.org](mailto:labernathy@townscountyschools.org)



A new series of GriefShare will begin at McConnell Memorial Baptist Church on Thursday, August 24 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

### AUDIO-VISUAL Team

**AUGUST SCHEDULE:**

Aug 6	COMPUTER	MIXER
Aug 13	John Whitaker	Mike Henderson
Aug 13 PM	Peg Jones	Mike Jones
Aug 20	Preston Perren	James & Tommy
Aug 27	Preston Perren	Tommy Kirchner
	Aaron Hamby	James Fagin

Answers: 1. The OT book of Malachi 2. Chapter 1 3. True 4. False, it is found in all 3 Synoptic gospels 5. 28 Bonus: Matthew's conversion can be found in chapter 9.

**Church Member Services Directory**

Massage	Contact: Geri Baker	706-896-6108
Coin Collecting Club and Stamp Collecting	Contact: Tayo Ledue	706-896-6001
8 Rivers Fly Rod Co.	Contact: Matt & April Holtsclaw	706-896-1527

**HUMC and Hospitality**- hos•pi•tal•i•ty, noun. the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.

**UMM Breakfast** is the 3rd Saturday of the month. All men are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a 9:00 a.m. breakfast and business meeting.



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## Tips for Growing Generosity

**TIP #1:** Benefits of donating your home to the church. Gifts of real estate with a life interest can offer multiple benefits for you and your church. Members frequently leave the family residence to the church in a will, not realizing the tax and estate advantages of donating their home while still living. By making a Gift With Life Interest, the donor receives a tax deduction for much of the market value of the home while retaining the rights to live in the home for the life of the occupants. The donor would continue to pay insurance and taxes on the property while living in the house, and then the church would receive the proceeds from the sale as a charitable gift to further its ministries after the house is sold. For more information, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or info@gumf.org.

**TIP #2:** Beneficiary giving. Did you know that you can support your church and favorite charities with a beneficiary gift? Insurance policies, retirement plans, IRA's and other accounts will have a beneficiary designation. You choose the persons or institutions to receive a percentage of the account value or payout. In addition to any person you might name, you can include the church to receive a gift by way of beneficiary distribution. For more information about beneficiary giving contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or info@gumf.org.

**TIP #3:** Does your will reflect your wishes? Remember if you have no will or estate plan in place, such as a testamentary trust, the state has one for you. This "generic" operation of law distributes a person's assets and possessions strictly on "next of kin" and gives no consideration for your specific wishes or charitable intentions. Since we are called to be good stewards of our possessions, we encourage you to spend some time thinking about the kind of charitable legacy you'd like to leave. An attorney can help you craft a will/estate plan that will carry out your wishes and charitable goals. For more information contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or info@gumf.org.

## Finance: Ed Halderman and Joan Whitaker



### Financial Report as of July 19, 2017 Year to Date Figures

General Budget Income	\$ 120,853
Debt Retirement/Mortgage Income	54,562
<b>Total Budget Income</b>	<b>\$ 175,415</b>
General Budget Expenses	\$ 109,647
Debt Retirement/Mortgage Expense	48,653
<b>Total Budget Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 158,300</b>
<b>Present Net Gain</b>	<b>\$ 17,115</b>

Outstanding bills to pay in July:  
(General Expenses) \$ 10,310

Still in a Positive/Net Gain status as of 7/19 (year to date) with two more Sundays of tithes and offerings.

Even though we are still in a net gain position year to date, our expenses are going up and our overall donations from tithes and offerings have decreased. For the month of June, our General Operating expenses were \$3,200 more than we received in donations. The good news is that \$4,763 if these expenses were paid out of our Yard Sales proceeds.



We are planning our next Fund Raiser at this time.

Tentatively we're looking at a dinner with a price of \$7.00 per ticket. Our target date is Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. We thank you for your prayers and participation as we consider this and other future fund raisers for our church.



## Library News: Dawn Lamade



There are a number of Reference books available in the HUMC library. These may be checked out or used in the library.

The New Strong's Expanded Exhaustive Concordance Of The Bible. The best Bible study tool available. This one concordance includes the best of Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words.

The Eerdmans Companion To The Bible. This guide to the Bible will help readers navigate unfamiliar biblical terrain and deepen their knowledge of already familiar areas.

Halley's Bible Handbook with The New International Version. This world-renowned Bible handbook is updated and revised to provide even greater clarity, insight, and usefulness. Now with NIV text!

Josephus: Thrones Of Blood. History of the Jews.

Please check out your book or movie and leave the card, found in the back of the book or movie, in the box in the library on the shelf near the return box. This gives us an opportunity to find out what is being used and we can send you a gentle reminder if you have forgotten to return a book or movie.

*A listing of titles in the library is now available online.*

Book listings can be found at <http://cloud.collectorz.com/HUMC/books>

DVD and video listings can be found at <http://cloud.collectorz.com/HUMC/movies>

## From Our Lay Leader: Dale Gardner



This month I will be discussing the spiritual significance of the number 7. It is the second of four numbers considered by biblical scholars as the most spiritually significant; the remaining two (10 and 12) I will discuss in subsequent articles.

The number 7 is the foundation of God's word. It is used 735 times in the Bible and if we include sevenfold (6) and seventh (119) the number jumps to 860 times. If we pause for a moment and consider that we often make the point that when a word is repeated it is significant and deserves our attention, we might understand why seven is considered a biblically significant number.

Seven is the number of completeness and perfection (both physical and spiritual). It derives much of its meaning from being tied directly to God's creation of all things. Jewish tradition places the creation of Adam on October 7, 3761 B.C. (or the first day of Tishri which is the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar). The word "created" is used 7 times in the first four chapters of Genesis (which also has 7 letters). There are seven days in a week and God's Sabbath is the seventh day.

The Bible, in its entirety was originally divided into seven divisions: 1) The Law; 2) The Prophets; 3) Psalms, or the Writings; 4)The Gospels and Acts; 5)The General Epistles; 6) The Epistles of Paul and 7) The book of Revelation. Some of the books as we know them were combined; i.e. Kings and Chronicles) so originally the number of inspired books was forty-nine; which is 7 X 7.

The significance of 7 is apparent in many places and while I can not list them all, here are a few: In Hebrews, Paul uses 7 titles in describing Christ including "Author and Finisher of our faith; In chapter 13, Matthew quotes Jesus as giving 7 parables; Seven Psalms are ascribed to David; and in the Book of Revelation we find reference to seven lampstands, seven churches, seven angels to the seven churches, seven seals, seven trumpet plagues, seven thunders and several last plagues. The first resurrection of the church appears at the seventh trumpet completing the salvation for the church.

There are numerous other instance where the number 7 has significant meaning, such as a direct connection with God's annual feast days; the command for a seventh year Sabbath; a Tribulation period of seven years; forgiving 70 X 7 times; and the seven miracles Jesus performed on God's Sabbath.

Reference source for this article and additional information may be found at <http://www.biblestudies.org>



## Answer God's Call Ministries.....Robin Broom

*Greetings from Namuwombi!!!* The past few months I have spent a lot of time with the family of the late Mayende Frederick. He left behind a huge family with many, many children and grandchildren. They have grieved and they have struggled, but they have hope. I am so astounded by the strength that this family has shown in their time of loss. I know their strength can only come from one place, the joy of the Lord (Nehemiah 8:10).



One evening I walked over to visit Catherine, Frederick's widow. I found her busy with much to do, she even said, "Mama, the work is too much!" But as I looked around, what I saw were signs of life, signs of pieces being molded, mended and put back together again. Geoffrey, one of her sons, was constructing a new home, I saw some goats, even some new baby goats, some crops of millet that had just been harvested, a large garden that was being tended to, etc. This was not a family who was giving in, or giving up, it was not an option.

Then Catherine told me to go and look at the "work project". So the younger children took me by the hand, led me down a narrow dirt path behind their home. We walked for quite a ways passing by many neighbor's homes and different paths. When we finally arrived, one of the boys, Geoffrey was there busily working (after school) to make bricks. He began to explain the process to me. He dug the dirt from an ant hill nearby. (African ant hills are huge!) He would mix a large mound of mud on the ground next to him and then he had a wooden mold for forming the bricks, two at a time. Next he would bust out the bricks onto the ground and let the bricks dry a while. I asked for how long and I got "the look". "Until you are finished making the rest of the bricks." Like I should have known that! And then the next step is to form the bricks into a tall fireplace arrangement to burn or cure them. I asked, "When do you burn them?" And the older brother replied, "When you have enough firewood". Such simple answers to mindless questions ... Maybe one day I'll learn. Then you sort through and hope that most of the bricks are in good enough shape to sell.

Geoffrey told me that night that his mom and dad had bought iron sheets for their roof before their father passed away. They had not finished paying for them and the debt had to be paid. That night at dusk I sat and watched as Geoffrey made bricks to help keep his family, some of the younger siblings were running around, getting in the way and throwing mud at each other. Geoffrey looks over at me and says, "Mom, my father taught me this work." Geoffrey was so proud, and I was so honored, so proud to know such a fine young man. His determination and perseverance is such a testimony to me. As he molded those bricks, it was if God was molding things back together again, bringing hope to this family.

God has not only been working in the children's hearts, He had been working for some time in the hearts of Frederick and Catherine. And this past Sunday we had another baptism service at our church. Catherine, followed in the footsteps of her two sons and made a public proclamation of her faith, the new life she has in our Lord! She walks with such joy, the joy that comes from the assurance she has found in Jesus. HIS steadfast love for this family is amazing, inspiring. He is molding this family, shaping their lives into such a beautiful masterpiece for all in our village to see. HE is so good!!!

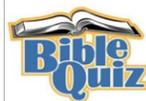
With Much Love, *Robin*



*But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus— the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God. Acts 20:24*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT AND FOR BEING SUCH A HUGE PART OF MY TEAM!!!

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 215 W. Mesa Avenue - Gallup, NM 87301  
 (Please include a note for Robin Broom-Africa)



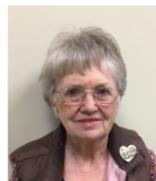
This month's quiz and all others are mostly quoted or adapted from Douglas A. Jacoby's book "The Ultimate Bible Quiz Book". This month we will be starting on the New Testament and we will generally be addressing one book at a time. We begin with Matthew.

Questions:

1. What book immediately precedes Matthew?
2. In what chapter of Matthew do we find the genealogy of Jesus?
3. True or False: The Sermon on the Mount and the Great Commission are both found in Matthew.
4. True or False: The Great Commission is not found in Mark but is found in Luke.
5. How many chapters are contained in Matthew?

Bonus: The Golden Rule is mentioned in the book of Matthew but is his conversion also included and if so, in what chapter?

## Jail/Prison Ministry .....Elaine McEver



When I was young, a woman at church gave me a book entitled In His Steps, by Charles Sheldon. It was subtitled "What would Jesus do?" It was written in 1896 but the theory was not new. Preachers and theologians like John Wesley and Charles Spurgeon preached on the



subject. When faced with decisions of importance it is a very good idea to ask ourselves that question and wait for an answer. In the 1990s, it became popular with Christian youth to wear bracelets with the letters W.W.J.D. So today we are facing multiple decisions of great importance to the church and Christian community similar to the ones needed in the jail/prison ministry. What would Jesus do with an economically stressed area, like Appalachia, where 70% of the households are headed by women? What would Jesus do with the number of children with a mother in prison which has increased by 131% since 1991? It seems to me that much of Jesus' ministry was with women and children. What would Jesus do with the overcrowded prison system? With the war on drugs? With all modern technology? The number of people arrested this month in Union County took up more than one column in the local newspaper. We had up to 20 women in church every Thursday at the jail. All of them were offered bibles that they could keep and take home or to prison. Thank you for your support and donations to this ministry where we can also take care of a few women at Ms. Elaine's House when they get out of jail/prison. Sometimes just a little time away from their present environment will help them stay clean and sober. Let's ask ourselves "What would Jesus do?" He said go ye therefore into the world.

In His name and service, *Ms. Elaine*

## Administrative Council ...Tom Ramsey



As our featured speaker, **Wayne Buchanan**, President of the HUMC's Men's Ministry shared a little about himself and his vision to work with other church's in the area. A key work he repeated was "Involved". We all need to become involved in serving in various areas of ministry. The opportunities are out there for us. **January 27, 1973** was mentioned as a reminder of something important that happened on that day – do you know the importance

of that date?

**Communications:** We have a lot going on within our various committees. At times it's important to get this information in the local newspaper. It was decided that the **Chairperson** of our committees would be the person responsible for any articles and/or photo's to be submitted to Betty for the newspaper.

**Connectional Church Group Sing:** We are hosting this special event on **August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** We had a full house last year with great singing and entertainment. Let's remember to **car pool** so we have extra parking for all of our visiting church friends. Our new TV is set up in the Fellowship hall. This is a great time to **Praise the Lord** in song.

**Finance:** The **Fundraising Dinner** is scheduled for **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. More complete information will be presented soon and we will need your support and assistance to make this a success. A big **Thank You** to everyone for being **Faithful** in your giving – we are still in good shape and **you are appreciated**. The **Halderman's** have sold their home in Young Harris and will be moving to Florida soon. **Ed and Kay**, we **Thank You** for all you have done these many years and we wish you God's blessings as you make this transition – you will be missed!

**Scouting:** Pastor Sam made the announcement and we offer our congratulations to **Matthew Spellman** who will be recognized for completing all of the necessary requirements for becoming our newest **Eagle Scout**.

**Trustees:** We will be scheduling another **CPR Course in September on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>**. Certification is for 5 years, so if you were at our last one, your certification has expired. The fee is \$15. This is something we all need to consider taking, especially since we never know when we could help someone in need. If interested, **contact Bill Scoggins**.

**Total Eclipse Event:** The Chamber of Commerce is expecting a number of buses with kids during this event on Monday August 21<sup>st</sup>. We discussed having a booth offering kids activities, but decided not to participate.

Our next council meeting will be **August 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** and our guest speakers will be **Mark and Leigh Adams** as they share with us about the ministry of **Young Life** and the potential opportunities through this ministry.

### REMEMBER

In life, sometimes we get our feelings hurt or we hurt the feelings of someone else. In both cases it affects our attitude.

**"When you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."** Mark 11:25 NLT

**Love One Another – Find Us Faithful – Use Our Gift**

