

Hiawassee United Methodist Church



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SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Prayer
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

WEDNESDAY:

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Our Mission:

*Worship Jesus Christ;
Grow as Disciples;
Serve Others*

HUMC Mountain Messenger



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Gather The Family



Families are important! They are not only important to life as we know it, they are special to God. After God created Adam and Eve, He commanded them to be fruitful and multiply. They were the first human beings, the first marriage, and therefore, the first family. As biblical history goes, after God established Israel as his chosen people to bring salvation to the world, he commanded them in Deuteronomy 6 to teach their children his command continually. Verses 4-9 says, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” These instructions were given to the people of Israel, meaning the parents of the children.

Today, thousands of years since these commands were originally given by God, they still apply. God instituted the family to fulfil his purposes and for his glory. Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” It is clear from the bible that the primary teachers and trainers in a child’s life are the parents, whether biological or appointed. Somehow, we have lost these commands, even in the church today and do not teach them as God commanded. Our modern day church movement heavily promotes the institution of the Church to be the primary trainers of our children in faith matters and many parents have abdicated their responsibility to the institution. Many parents, especially fathers, have not picked up the mantle and passed on a biblical worldview to their children. Instead, they have dropped their kids off to children’s and youth aged church programs, hoping their kids would get it from the professionals. This plan has not worked out well.

A number of studies have shown that families and children today are very broken and in need of a return to the commands that God gave us long ago. The majority of children today are steeped in a secular humanist worldview rather than a biblical worldview. In fact, studies show that less than 1% of American young people 18-23 have a truly biblical worldview. Most believe the bible is not completely inerrant. Most believe Satan is not real, but symbolic. Many believe that “good works” is the way to heaven. Many believe that Jesus Christ did not live a sinless life. Many also believe that God is not the supreme Creator of the heavens and earth nor does he reign over the whole universe today.

Christian parents cannot abdicate their responsibility to “train up their children” to the school house and the church house. We must take God’s commands seriously! We must know God, know his Word, and teach our children from it continually!

Be Blessed,

Sam

Pastor Sam



From Our Director of Music & Worship: Hope Horkavy



Most of us are familiar with the idea of praise as *worship*. Some of us are comfortable with the concept of praise as a *witness*. But few of us have tapped the surprising power of praise as a **weapon of warfare**. In confrontation, our first impulse is to become defensive. But here is one way we can seize the offensive: Simply lift up and exalt the name of the Lord God.



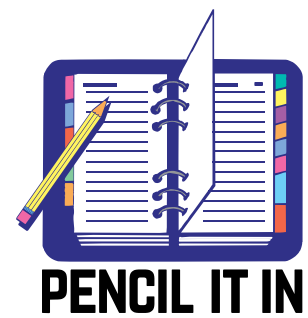
Worship and warfare? Perhaps you might have identified those as enemies rather than comrades. But I didn't invent this idea; the Bible has been filled with it all along. Skim your Old Testament—start with the Book of Joshua—and you'll find the people of God constantly riding into battle, praising God's name as they go. You'll also find the times when they fought with no hearts for worship, and on those occasions they were routed. Victorious warfare always required victorious worship. And my question is, Why should things be any different today?

We modern believers are quick to discuss warfare (spiritual or otherwise), and we have strong opinions about worship. But we seldom make the crucial connection between the two. We will never go into battle without the proper worship of God's name. Our failure to grasp that idea may account for more problems in

modern Christianity than we're ready to consider. The fact is that praise and worship are *refining* processes. We can't be in God's presence without a deep awareness of our sin and without confessing and allowing the purification that only He can provide. Worship cleanses our hands and hearts, and then we can see how to fight. Then we can clear the sinful mists form our eyes and do things God's way.

Some have said that Satan has an allergic reaction whenever there is true worship. That's an interesting way of visualizing it; perhaps when we break out in praise, the devil breaks out in hives. I don't know whether he itches, sneezes, or coughs, but I do know he becomes very uncomfortable on those occasions when we take our eyes off ourselves and place them squarely and worshipfully on the Lord of grace. That's when God's mighty works finally come to pass. That's when we take powerful weapons in hand, crying, "Onward, Christian soldiers!" and advancing on the enemy's holdings. The forces of hell cannot prevail against the uplifted name of Christ.

- From *My Heart's Desire* by David Jeremiah, ©2002 Integrity Publishers, pp 123-124.



JUNE 10: OUR MISSIONARY ROBIN BROOM WILL BE WITH US!
JUNE 24: LAITY SUNDAY—OUR OWN PEOPLE TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE!



THANKS FOR STEPPING UP

Thank you, **Going Solo Ladies**, for the Guest Bags that we are handing out to our First Time Guests every Sunday. They are a great gift of HUMC hospitality!

HUMC PART-TIMERS

We are always happy to have our **summer friends** return to worship with us! Whether you are here for a few weeks or a few months, we encourage you to participate as much as you can. Join the choir, praise band, usher, greet, pray with one of our prayer teams ... whatever the Lord lays on your heart to do, we will do our best to honor!



Going Solo Ladies Supper
June 1st 6 pm to 8 pm
 All single ladies plan to attend and bring a SALAD or DESSERT to share! We meet on the first Friday of every month at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall for food, fellowship, and growing in Christ.

Happenings on the Hill



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We are on Facebook as Hiawassee United Methodist Church.



- 6/1 @ 6 pm Going Solo
 - 6/16 @ 9 am HUMM Breakfast
 - 6/18 @ 10 am Planning Meeting
 - 6/20 @ 2 pm Finance Meeting
 - 6/21 @ 2 pm Admin Council Meeting
 - 6/24 Laity Sunday
- Pastor Sam and his family will be on vacation from 6/24 through 7/7.

4th of July BBQ
11:30—2:30
 HUMM will be grilling burgers & hot dogs
 Bring a side dish or dessert
 Special Entertainment!



Our fun Fund Raiser for Red Bird Mission will be to vote for your favorite desserts—\$1 per vote. Vote as many times as you want!!!



Are you using our new Online Church Directory?

- You can access the directory through our Website, or by using a Mobile App (free at your Ap Store) on your Smartphone or Tablet.
- If you have a favorite photo, just email it to the office and it will be uploaded to the directory. Send one photo for the family and one for each individual. Update your picture whenever you want.
- Anytime your information changes, notify the office so the directory can be updated.
- We hope you will use, learn from, and enjoy this new Directory!



We continue to receive many requests for assistance and there is very little money in the Benevolence Fund. Please consider a donation to this very important ministry. In May, we paid \$1,025 for assistance with electric bills.

Trustees: Conley Carter

Our custodial contractors, A-Team, will be on vacation the first full week of June. They will clean the church before the first Sunday, 6/3, but will not clean before Sunday 6/10. All members are requested to be mindful of this and give a little extra effort to keep our facilities neat in the absence of Tina and Aaron.

Thank you, from your Trustees

SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

If you would like to donate a flower arrangement for a Worship Service, sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Desk. Please add if it is in memory or honor of someone special and it will be announced in the bulletin. Call Carol's Florist or Young Harris Florist to order an arrangement between \$45 - \$65 for HUMC. To keep costs at a minimum, plan to pick up the arrangement yourself and deliver it or bring it with you into the sanctuary before service on your Sunday. Help make our worship space beautiful!



We are receiving Donations for Red Bird Missions to provide dental care in Central Appalachia. Please make all checks payable to HUMC, with designation for Red Bird Missions.

Thank you for your support!





Finance: Joan Whitaker



**Financial Report as of
May 16, 2018
Year to Date Figures**

	<u>General Budget</u>	<u>Debt Retirement</u>
Beginning Balances as of 1/1/18	\$ 25,544	\$ 26,932
Total Income from Tithes & Offerings	63,775	40,508
Total Expenses as of 4/18/18	74,178	40,393
Account Balances as of 4/18/18	\$ 15,141	\$ 12,472

We still have \$2,720 in General expense bills due this month and our mortgage payment of \$3,851 due May 31th. We do have two more Sundays of tithes this month.

****This figure does not include the \$14,575 applied to the principal of our mortgage loan in January of this year. While it was an expense, the funds came from a balance in our Debt Retirement/Mortgage account as of December 2017.**

Financial Highlights for May 2018

The current balance in our Checking account is \$54,936. This includes \$14,080 for our General expenses and \$40,855 for expenses which are designated for specific use including Debt Retirement/Mortgage expenses. The Debt Retirement/Mortgage account still has a little more than three months Mortgage payments.

The only noted expense incurred this month was our quarterly property insurance payment of \$1,053.

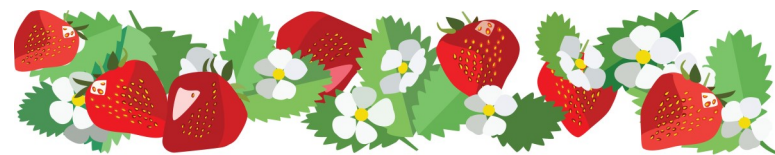
We are now in a Net Loss position year to date by \$10,288.



Online Giving now available at HUMC

On our website: www.hiawasseumc.org is an icon for online giving. This allows you to give via credit card, debit card or ACH. You must set up an account so that this information can be recorded on your HUMC giving statement at the end of the year. Once that account is set up, you will not have to do so again. Your personal information is private and not available to anyone else.

You choose where you want your money to go at the church. There are currently three categories available: General budget, Debt reduction, Miscellaneous. For Miscellaneous, you designate the area for which you want the money used, whether local missions, Altar fund, Food Pantry, etc., by entering the information in the box next to the Miscellaneous category.



Answers: 1. All of them; 2. eight; 3. True; 4. Timothy; 5. Turkey
Super Bonus: The ant Christ.

Support the Towns County Food Pantry when shopping at Amazon. Once you sign into Amazon with the following link, Amazon will donate a percentage of your sale to the Food Pantry. This is no additional cost to you. Shop for great deals at smile.amazon.com/ch/80-0206686



Library News: Dawn Lamade



New in the HUMC library:

Books –

- ♦ Billy Graham, *The Journey*; how to live by faith in an uncertain world. (Inspirational)
- ♦ Jan Karon, *Shepherds Abiding*. (Book 8 in Mitford Series). (Fiction)

DVDs –

- ♦ *How Great is Our God*, from Louis Giglio
- ♦ *The Isaiah 9:10 Judgment*, from Rabbi Jonathan Cahn.
- ♦ *The Harbinger Decoded*, from Rabbi Jonathan Cahn.
- ♦ *The Boy Who Came Back From Heaven*, based on the best-selling book of the same name.

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. Go to our website for a direct link under "News."

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

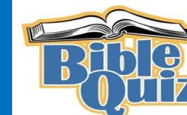
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Administrative Council ...Tom Ramsey

I Believe...That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a Virgin, suffered, died, was Buried, rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven to be with His Father - and He died for my sins.
I Believe... That just because two people argue, It doesn't mean they don't love each other.
And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do love each other.

I Believe...That we don't have to change friends if, We understand that friends change.
I Believe...That even a good friend is going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.
I Believe...That you can do something in an instant That will give you heartache for life.
I Believe...That it's taking me a long time To become the person I want to be.
I Believe...That you should always leave loved ones with Loving words. It may be the last time you see them.
I Believe...That you can keep going long after you think you can't.
I Believe...That we are responsible for what We do, no matter how we feel.
I Believe...That either you control your attitude or it controls you.
I Believe...That heroes do what has to be done, when it needs to be done, Regardless of the consequences.
I Believe...That sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down are the ones that help you back up.
I Believe...That sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, But not the right to be cruel.
I Believe...That maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.
I Believe...That it isn't always enough, to be forgiven by others. Sometimes, you need to learn to forgive yourself.
I Believe...That no matter how bad your heart is broken the world doesn't stop for your grief.
I Believe...That background and circumstances influenced who we are, But we are responsible for who we become.
I Believe...That you shouldn't be so eager to find Out a secret. It could change your life Forever.
I Believe...Two people can look at the exact same Thing and see something totally different.
I Believe...That when you think you have no more to give, When a friend cries out - you'll find strength to help.
I Believe...That credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.
I Believe...That the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.
The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything;
They just make the most of everything they have.



This month our quiz is on 1 and 2 Thessalonians. Both of these letters have basically the same theme; the return of Christ and how believers should live until that day. Like believers today, the Thessalonians were vulnerable to false doctrine and sometimes wavered because of various trials and persecutions. Let us begin:

1. Who wrote these two letters: Paul, Silas (Silvanus), Timothy or all of them?
2. How many chapters are in both books combined: five, eight, ten, thirteen?
3. The "man of lawlessness" is mentioned in 2 Thessalonians - true or false.
4. Which book follows 2 Thessalonians?
5. Thessalonica is in what modern day country: Italy, Greece, Turkey, Saudi Arabia?

Bonus: The idle are to be warned in which chapter: 1 Thessalonians 5, or 2 Thessalonian 3?
Super Bonus: Who was/is this "man of lawlessness"?

... source unknown



Missions MinistryRobin Broom

I awake most mornings (after a few cups of coffee) to realize just how extremely blessed I am to live in this place, to get to live my life doing exactly what God created me to do. I don't take that lightly! I know many people search their whole lives to find what I enjoy every day. I looked far and wide for a long time to find life, and then His perfect love came in and absolutely ravished me! And then He began leading me along His path for my life. God's plans for our lives are so much greater than our own. **Isaiah 55:8-9, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, " says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."**

I am writing this on Mother's Day. I pondered all my moms as I drifted off to sleep last night. God blessed me with the **BEST** momma on the planet. Her selfless love throughout my whole life has helped me to become who I am today. And then God gave me even more amazing moms. (I know many of you are reading this!) God knew that I would be here in the small village of Namuwombi surrounded by thousands of children who just need a "Mama". They love hugs, smiles, tickles, high fives, etc. They love for someone to just stop and give them some time, some attention, to receive them with a genuine, open heart. And the youth need someone to come and stand in their corner, to know that they are not alone, for someone to point them to Christ who gives them hope and strength. I am privileged to get to do just that!

Later in my life I learned another valuable lesson from my momma. It never shocked me to come home to the supper table to see a stranger sitting at our table. Or to find a child who needed a safe place to call home now living with us. Our doors were open. And one of my other "moms" reminded me recently about a conversation where she once said I would be a "mom to many". I chuckled this morning as I read this scripture and looked around at my life. **Isaiah 54:1-2, "...For more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman," says the LORD. "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes."** This is my heart's desire and it is my delight—a place for the children and youth to come and feel home. I pray that God will continue to bring them home. I pray that my heart and my surroundings always allow me to receive them, love them, and share the hope within me. God is so good. He knows what will satisfy our souls, and that is Him, His plan, His will. ...my cup runneth over!!



Thank you ... for all of your love, encouragement, prayers, and support! I am so blessed!

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From Our Lay Leader: Dale Gardner



During the month of May we celebrated Mother's Day and in June we celebrate Father's Day. Both are joyous family events. We celebrate in various ways; cards, brunch, restaurant meals etc. All are family events. Sadly, however, the modern world seems to be intent on doing away with family. Even sadder, if we look back over the last fifty years or so we find that this attack on family values is **not** new. I remember my aunt getting a divorce and the family was embarrassed; now we say, "well if it doesn't work out you can always get a divorce." It used to be that "shacking up" was frowned upon - today, it is almost obligatory. One parent "families" are common place. Roughly 2.7 million children have at least one parent (usually the father) in jail. Other stuff that bothers me and maybe you is the school drop out rates, teen pregnancy, widespread STD's, HIV and more. Where are the fathers. The fact is **we need FATHERS.**

My Dad was a railway clerk for 49 years and except for the two years he spent in the Navy he was always available. He came to my football and baseball games and we even played on the same softball team for a number of years. We also were on the same church bowling team. He was good with numbers and was a fair mechanic and he was a pretty good farmer - especially strawberries and potatoes. He had me work the garden with him side by side. I always knew that Dad was there for me. While Dad's are different the key ingredient is presence.

Being a Dad is not easy and all too many men end their parental responsibilities after conception. They don't stick around and don't come around; they don't even provide child support, and while many women do an outstanding job as a single parent and the kids turn out to be good citizens, something is missing - a Father.

Oh, I know we all have a heavenly Father but even God arranged for His Son to have an earthly father. It is not easy, a father needs the **strength** of Samson, the **wisdom** of Solomon, the **patience** of Job, the **faith** of Abraham, the **insight** of Daniel and the **courage** of David. The good news is - there are a lot of men that meet this criteria. Happy Fathers Day!

Jail/Prison MinistryElaine McEver



This was a ministry that was started at HUMC by Bob Kirchner who visited with the men at Towns County Jail and had a prison ministry. Irene Kirchner joined with Malinda Gray from McConnell Baptist to visit the women at Towns and Union County jails. When Irene stepped away, I took her place. We continue to visit the women every Thursday. I also join with Rayette Ross, from Shiloh Baptist in Hayesville, to visit with the women in Clay County Jail every 2 weeks on Tuesday evening. A Life Recovery Bible is given to each female inmate so that they can write in it, keep it and take it with them when they leave. Some will go home, some to prison, some to rehab or hospitals. They wait at the jail until they go to court. They could be there from days to months to years. One woman was in Clay County Jail for 2 years and when she went to court all charges were dropped. She is now in college studying to be a minister of the gospel.

All of the women who stay at Ms. Elaine's House are participants in the Family and/or Drug Court Program where they are under surveillance for testing, curfews, classes, etc. If they complete all of the requirements, we are told they will have the equivalent of an associates degree. Each participant in the Drug Court program must stand before Judge Stanley Gunter every 2 weeks and give an account of their activities. It is interesting to hear each one tell about housing, family life, classes, recovery programs and general health. Any infraction of rules will result in a sanction and could cause them to go to jail/prison. This court is generally held every 2 weeks at the Union County Court House. During the May 3rd court session, we were presented a certificate of appreciation for housing the displaced participants of the Women's Accountability courts. The Freedom Ministries of North Ga. Inc., a Transitional Home for displaced men was also recognized with a certificate of appreciation. Court Coordinator, Barbara Honaker explained how much prayer was lifted up for the ministry of safe homes for participants. She said, "stable housing provides the foundation upon which people build their lives. Without a safe, affordable place to live, it is almost impossible to achieve good health or to achieve one's full potential."

We are in need of a House Mother and continue to need support for the upkeep of the house. This month we were given a car that is in much need of repairs. Thank you to all of the individuals who have already volunteered and helped. There are so many that I hesitate to name because I might miss someone.

In Christ's love and mine, *Ms. Elaine*

