

The Steeple: March 2021

Prayer Requests

Lois Stephens
Susan Baker
Billy Wayne Skelton
Joe Pete Hayes
Minnie Coates
Alton Hardin
Jay Rice
Diron Reynolds
Janice Garrison
Hayden Mac Ingram
Charlotte Robinson
Pam Wilson
Catharine Matthews
David Savage
Luke Savage
Olivia Savage
Diane Simpson
Amanda Mauter
Barry Mauter
Jo Thompson
Addie Johnson
Tim Key
Mary Walker
Keith Stephens
Brenda Fraim
Mary Alice Usery
Doris Gray
Rayburn Gray
Mary Ann Logan
Remington Waters
Thomas Waters
Barkley family
Shelia Herdon
Irene Hubbud

Please help us pray for those on the prayer list, and for our congregation, local, state, and federal governments, US military their families, and our church staff and leadership.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Taylorville family,

It's funny how quickly things can change. Just look outside – we had ice and snow and temperatures in the teens, and then less than a week later it was sunny and in the seventies! Winter left with a vengeance, and we've gotten our very first taste of spring for the year.

We're quickly approaching another time of change, and one that we are beginning to prepare for. After a year of adapting to a world in turmoil, of social distancing and working from home, there is light at the end of the tunnel. I know many of you have received one or both doses of the COVID vaccine, and more still will have theirs within a few short months. Finally, we can begin thinking about "getting back to normal."

I have a few encouragements for you as we look toward those much-wanted changes. First, I encourage you to continue being patient. I have been blessed by the flexibility and willingness of our church to do what we must to meet in person, and I truly believe that our ability to weather this storm as well as we have is because of each one of you. The fact is, there will be an adjustment period as we create our timeline for things like returning to two services and moving back into our old spaces, and things may even feel different when we are "back to normal." But that's to be expected – it's been a year, after all. But if we can hold onto the patience that has helped us through the past year, then I truly believe we will be able to transition into the next phase faithfully.

My second encouragement is, be excited! After a year of uncertainty, we are going to be able to safely come together with our friends and families again before much longer. That's so wonderful! And it will be wonderful for us to return to the worship services, projects, and ministry work that we have loved for so many years. The best thing we can do is to hit the ground running, and be ready to get back to work for the Kingdom. For now, think about who you will bring with you as we move forward. Think about who you'll be able to reach, and prepare yourself to do exactly that. And then, when the day comes that you can do it safely, start inviting!

The final encouragement I have is probably the most direct. We have been blessed to be able to stream our worship services online for the past year, and we will continue to do so as we move forward. It's a wonderful way to reach people who are unable to come or who are just testing the waters, and it's a faithful and good use of our time and energy to ensure it happens each week. But the truth is, watching worship is not quite the same as being present in a worshipping community, and it is ideal that we do whatever we can to worship together. So as soon as you're safely able, especially once you have been fully vaccinated, I would encourage you to make every effort to come back to worship in person.

The day has not quite arrived that we can start moving back towards normalcy, but we can see it on the horizon. We'll keep you fully updated as we plan and prepare, and we'll let you know once we have a date to return to two services and our old spaces. But for now, get ready! God has great things in store!

Blessings,
Zac Langer

Sermon Series: Rescue Story

This Lenten season, we are looking at the stories of the Bible with a focus on the cross – each step through its history proves our fallen nature and our need for grace, and the better we understand that, the more we can appreciate the work of Jesus Christ. We will be looking at the ways that temptation and sin impacted people's relationships with God all throughout Scripture, and then looking at how our lives are full of the same sorts of problems. We look forward to worshipping with you!

TUMC Quilters News

In February the TUMC quilters donated 21 quilts to Turning Point! Thank you to all those who spent time sewing or who have supported this ministry in any way. We are exploring the idea of making lap quilts for nursing home or assisted living residents. If you have any contact information, we would love to hear from you! Please see Diane Allen, Peggy Snider, or Cheryl Hines to share your information. If you would like to join us for a fun morning of sewing and fellowship, we meet the first Saturday of every month, 9:00-11:00, in The Grove. Our next meeting is March 6th. You do not have to be a quilter to join in the fun. We also need people to iron, knit, laugh, and craft!

UMW News

The UMW ladies sent out several cards to homebound church members. They also blessed seven prayer shawls and will deliver them to Hospice of West Alabama. During the monthly meeting this month, they watched a program by Dr. Tony Evans, based on Sarah. The UMW would like to thank everyone that baked, helped packaged, and delivered the cookies to the police departments. If you would like more information on UMW contact Joan Hannah at 205-242-4444.

Memorial Gifts

A memorial donation was given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pete Hayes in memory of Mrs. O.S. (Booty) Markham, Mrs. Margaret Rice, Mrs. Margie Burnette, and Rev. Alvis W. Taylor.

A memorial gift was given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Graves Watkins Jr in memory of Rev. Alvis W. Taylor.

A memorial gift was given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McKinney in memory of Rev. Alvis W. Taylor.

A memorial gift was given to The Grove by Mr. and Mrs. Terry Smith in memory of Mr. Burge (Mr. Wally Burge's father).

A memorial gift was given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Spiller in memory of Mr. Burge and Rev. Alvis W. Taylor.

March Calendar of Events

03/05	All Day	World Day of Prayer
03/06	9:00 AM	TUMC Quilter's meeting
03/14	3:00 AM	Day Light Savings Time
03/22	10:00 AM	UMW Meeting
03/28	All Day	Palm Sunday
03/28 - 04/03		Holy Week

Online Giving

It's now possible to set up your giving online! Simply go to <https://taylorville-umc.churchcenter.com/giving>, select whether you want to give a one-time gift or a recurring donation, enter the info, and click submit. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Zac!

Quilting

TUMC Quilters will meet on March 6, 2021. The meeting will be in The Grove from 9:00-11:00 AM. If you would like more information contact Cheryl Hines at 205.799.0035.

Weekly Activities

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Youth Sunday School
11:00 AM Parent's Sunday School
5:30 PM Youth Weekly Meeting

Wednesday

6:00 PM Adult Zoom Bible Study

UMW

UMW will meet on March 22, 2021. The meeting will be in The Grove starting at 10:00 AM. If you would like more information contact Joan Hannah at 205-242-4444.

February Average Attendance

In-Person- 45
Online - 46

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