

# THE CIRCUIT WRITER

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## MEETING CHRIST IN COMMUNITY

We are called to build one another up and to "... consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

(Hebrews 10:24-25)

Biblically speaking Apostle Paul tells us that we are transformed through the renewal of our minds (Romans 12:2). In truth, our minds are renewed by applying it to those things that have a transforming effect. Though we are no longer required to attend school, hopefully we have not lost sight of the importance of study.

If we would view study as conversation that increases our understanding and in turn our faith, perhaps we would hold a greater enthusiasm for participating in Bible Study. Perhaps if we considered 'study' as experiencing the Bible in community it would simply sound less threatening, less tedious. If we recognized tripping through the Bible as a humbling but helpful adventure in which we would encounter greater freedom, joy, and the genuine means to meet many of life's storms, perhaps we would be more willing to invest our time and ourselves.

Growing in understanding is crucial as it catapults us into a higher level of discerning, perceiving, and recognizing our true reality. The key in engaging in study is not so much in just the reading we might do but in actually living out and experiencing what we read and discuss. Reflection aids us in seeing things from God's perspective. What better view of life is there than that of Jesus Christ?

Check out the remaining study opportunities and mark these dates on your calendars:

1. **Women of Faith:** 10a.m. to Noon  
Fridays - June 19<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>
2. **The Culture of Poverty:** 6:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Thursdays - Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> - register by Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>
3. **Methodism 101:** 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
Sundays- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – register by Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>
4. **If You Want To Walk On Water You Have Got To Get Out of the Boat:** Daytime sessions - 12:30p.m to 2:00p.m.  
Evening sessions - 6:00p.m. to 7:30p.m.  
Tuesdays Feb. 16 – March 15<sup>th</sup> - register by Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>

To register call the Church Office: 931-839-2597 --- need study information speak to Connie

It is our hope that these offerings will move you beyond the pew into community to engage in fun and fellowship while growing together in Christ.

Rev. Connie Hall

## MONTHLY & WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULING

Pastor Tom's Scheduled Day off	Fridays
Rev. Connie's Scheduled Day off	Thursdays
Sunday School	Sundays at 10:00am
Staff Meeting	Mondays at 9:15am – 10:30am
Monterey Hilltop Chorale	not meeting in July
Civitan Club	3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
Standing Stone	4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
AGAPE Chapel	Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am
<i>(School will return on Wednesday, July 29th)</i>	
Girl Scouts #1581	Not meeting in July
Choir Rehearsal	No practice in July
Cub Scouts #15	Fridays at 6:00pm
Cottage Ministry	Friday & Saturday, 9am - Noon

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Women of Faith Bible Study	Fridays, June 19 <sup>th</sup> – July 17 <sup>th</sup> from 10:00am - Noon <i>(Sally Eby's home in Hanging Limb, directions available at church office)</i>
AGAPE on vacation	returns Wednesday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>
Vacation Bible School-Wednesday, July 15 <sup>th</sup> –Friday, July 17 <sup>th</sup>	from 5:30pm – 8:00pm

## JULY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist	Ken Wiggins
Ushers	Clayton & Penny Pepper
Acolytes	<i>if interested please see Rev. Connie</i>

## A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 2015

<u>By Our Gifts</u>	
2015 Budget income needed/week	\$3,057.75
2015 Budget income received last week	\$1,661.35
2015 Budget income this week (under)	\$1,396.40
2015 Budget income year to date (under)	\$12,144.72

## JOIN US FOR G-FORCE VBS:

Experience God's love in action at G-Force Vacation Bible School, Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 5:30 p.m. with a snack supper, V.B.S. classes are from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. There will be Bible storytelling, puppets, magic, crafts, music, and science experiments. Pastor Tom will lead an adult class also. Please use the insert in this newsletter to invite your friends and neighbors as we learn and grow in Christ.

Vickie Gibson

**MONTEREY'S JULY BIRTHDAYS**

In an effort to update our records and to include your information in the newsletter, please send the church your birthdays and anniversaries. *(Please list the name(s) and date(s) of all in your family who are connected to the church. Thank you!)*

Marcy Milligan	(7/7)
Donna Ray	(7/8)
Cole McCormick	(7/10)
Wallace Smith	(7/10)
Michael Denton	(7/12)
Amanda Herrell	(7/18)
Grace Johnson	(7/18)
Stephen McKethan	(7/19)
Asher Wiggins	(7/19)
Frances Eldridge	(7/20)
John Looper	(7/20)
Franny Ray	(7/20)
Byrnie Hicks	(7/23)
Victoria Williamson	(7/24)
Stan Balsley	(7/28)
Linda Jensen	(7/28)
Kip Kniep	(7/29)
Scott Wakefield	(7/29)

***(Open Letter To Congregation)***

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Monterey United Methodist, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all who have welcomed me and held me up as I journeyed toward ordination as a Deacon in the Tennessee Conference. On June 8<sup>th</sup> we arrived at a high point in our journey together, but I trust we have "... miles to go before we sleep." Your kind words, notes, cards, emails and your very presence have consistently proved a blessing. Your gift of stoles and the glorious reception we celebrated were acts of grace and affection which I hope to truly deserve.

I pray that we might dig deep to help one another over the hurdles and challenges we face in our body of Christ to create vital ministry in this community as I look forward to glorifying God alongside you. One thing my husband would tell you if he were here today is that his wife has 'sticktoitiveness.' Though that may sound like a deadly disease, it is a contagion I hope to spread among us as we work hand in hand and side by side in carrying Christ into the world and growing together in our understanding and love for Him. Again – my thanks, my loyalty and affections,  
 Connie

**NOTE FOR THOUGHT**

"The nicest place to be...is in someone's thoughts. The safest place to be...is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is.....in the hands of GOD"



CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. CONNIE HALL



REV. LANITA MONROE, REV. CONNIE HALL, & REV. MAX MAYO



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO HAVE CHOSEN A LIFE OF MINISTRY

**AGAPE NEWS**

**FAIRFIELD GLADE SUPPORTS AGAPE** - Servant Ministry of F.F.G.U.M.C. chaired by Bob Garwood presented the opportunity for Monterey to speak to our financial needs in keeping the doors of our Agape Pre-School open. Dr. Williamson and Treasurer, Nick Axen, worked overtime to accurately present the background, history, and numbers needed to prep one to represent the true financial challenge ahead and what we as a church body need to do for AGAPE to continue in ministry to the indigent families in our community. After hearing our plight, members of that committee, people who are very much child advocates, voted to donate \$5000 to our cause. Thank you Servant Ministry of Fairfield Glade!

Committee members, understanding they are part of a connectional church, also noted they will continue to pray alongside us in extending hope that we will secure the needed funding. With Fairfield's contribution, the pledges procured, and expenses absorbed by the church we are still in need of approximately \$18,355.

Anyone wishing to make additional contributions or having ideas of grant opportunities or persons that we should contact, please speak with Dr. Vikki Williamson.

**WALKING THE STREETS**

In the spirit of moving beyond the walls of the church we are seeking the 'street walkers' among us. Attempting to give new meaning to that term, our first trek into the community with our invitational door hangers will be Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> though we hardly expect to hang some 500 in one jaunt around town. If you are willing to risk walking the streets in the a.m. on Wed., July 1<sup>st</sup> or Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> ... please contact Connie. We would meet at the church and begin our march at 9 a.m. We would drive to different areas of town and begin to walk the walk.

If you simply have doors beckoning to you in areas outside of town where you may live, please notify Connie just how many door hangers you would like. Door hangers invite persons whether members or not to register for our Bible Studies, give them contact information regarding Youth Ministry and Sunday School and Worship schedules.

Let's hang out while hanging our door hangers all over town for the glory of God and in fellowship with one another, even the stranger who may lie in wait for us call upon him or her.

**THE COTTAGE MINISTRY** reports they have received lots of donations and thank folks for their contributions. Although summer hours are in force shoppers continue to visit. Approximately 70 plus persons have found their way to the Cottage so far in June. Summer hours are: Fridays & Saturdays 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

**YOUTH NEWS:**

Youth will not meet in July due to the summer break and vacation schedules.

**STRATEGIC MEETINGS TO STRENGTHEN MUMC MINISTRIES**

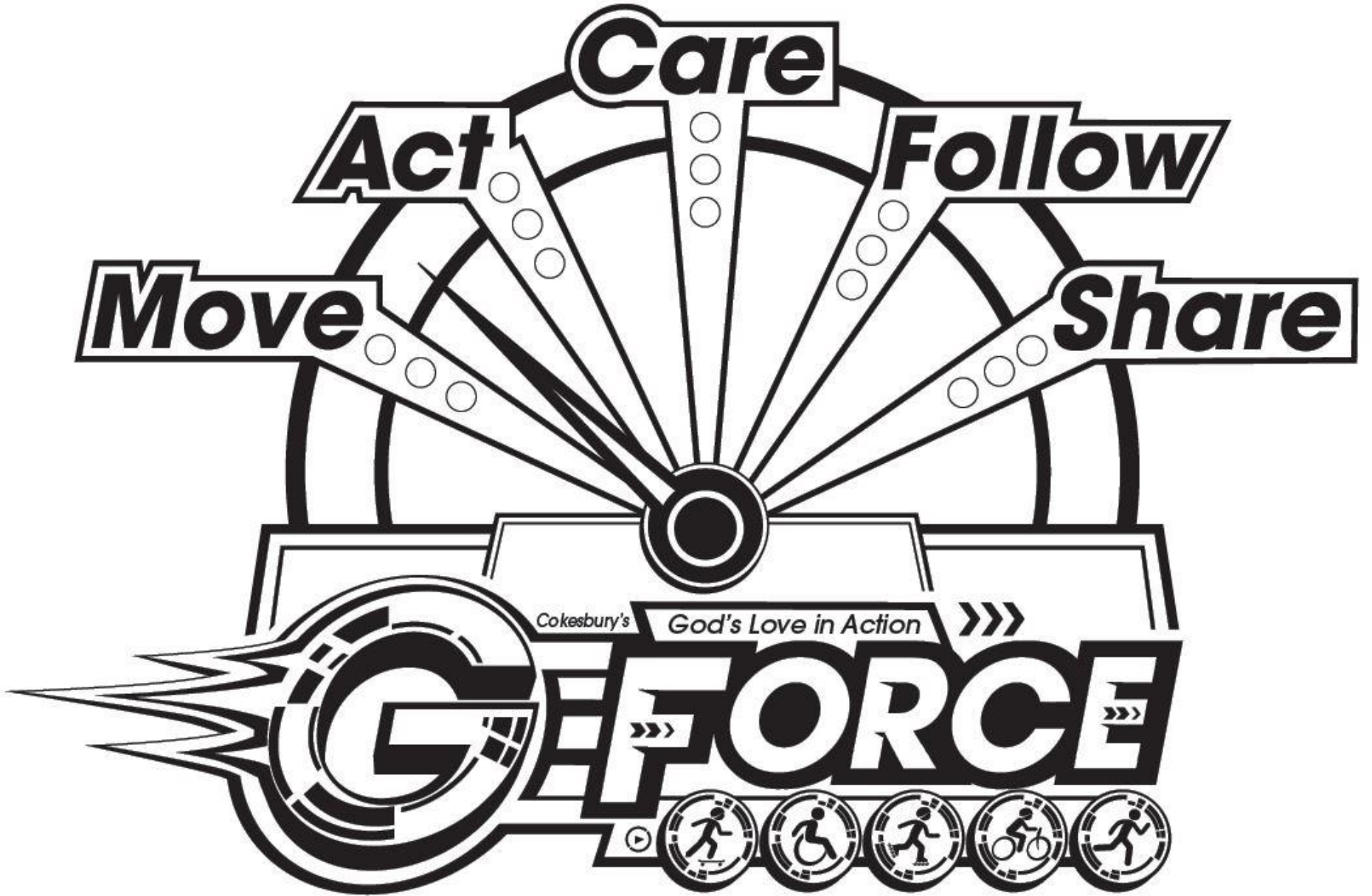
Our District Superintendent, Max Mayo, responded quickly when we called for help in soliciting the names of those who might aid us in reviewing how we could improve how it is we conduct vital ministry here at Monterey. Now that Annual Conference is behind us all, we will be scheduling meetings with Dr. Philip Jamieson to discuss how we might go about improving stewardship and addressing our financial concerns. Patty Smith from the Conference Office was tagged to aid us in developing a strategic plan or approach regarding ministry possibilities. Developing a plan and the means to live into that plan will be the goal we share with this support person.

Hopefully you are interested in being part of this process as we look at infusing a new spirit and energy into how we do church. Each and every person in this church is called to have a part in this process. It is hoped you will see the importance of this time together and make every effort to participate in the upcoming strategic planning meetings. Once meeting times are finalized we will confirm them with all in the body of Christ – namely you, every person God has entrusted to aid in bringing health and wholeness to our church community.

**AGAPE NEWS****Tennessee Star Quality Report Card**

AGAPE Preschool is a licensed child care facility and therefore monitored by the Department of Children's Services to maintain that license. AGAPE, however, also participates in the Tennessee Star – Quality Child Care Program and is assessed each year. For each level that a center goes above and beyond the minimum licensing requirements, they will receive a star. The highest possible rating is a 3 star rating. AGAPE Preschool, has been rated with **3 Stars**, four years in a row. In addition, our scores were the highest the evaluator has ever seen. This was Great News for us because we only had two days to prepare. Usually it takes months to get ready. We have been and will continue to be diligent with health and safety matters, recordkeeping, parent communication, children's activities, interaction with the children and the overall structure of our program. We thank everyone for all your prayer's, contributions, and love for the Agape Preschool. Feel free to visit and play anytime. We are making a difference in God's world.

With God's Love, Vikki Williamson



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But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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