

# THE CHURCH BELL



I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED  
YOU, YOU ALSO SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER.  
JOHN 13:34



One of the most fascinating settings of my childhood story was my grandfather's tool shed. It was filled with power tools, torches, hardware, various things that might be useful someday, and miscellaneous salvage items he had retrieved from the creek during high water.

In this wondershop, my grandfather could fix *anything*, or at least, so it seemed to his grandchildren. As my cousin Toby once said, "If Payton Jonas can't fix it, it's not worth fixing."

Beyond repairing, it also seemed that Granddaddy could *make* almost anything. He built us a clubhouse, converted an old riding mower into a go-cart, designed rolling carts for our video game consoles, and made a cedar chest for each of us. One of my prized possessions is a grandfather clock that my grandfather assembled in his shed of amazement.

Of course, we grandkids loved to play in his shed. We could burn things, saw things, solder things - all the things that our parents didn't let us do at home. One day, as I was using a nail driver, I didn't use it correctly, and it broke. My grandfather, a man of very few words, set it aside and told me not to worry about it.

A little later, my dad noticed the broken driver and said, "Dad, what happened to your nail driver?" My grandfather very innocently said, "Oh, it broke when J.B. (that's me) was using it." My dad's a patient, loving dad, but he looked at me with a frown that communicated loudly in its silence that he was disappointed.

Granddaddy must've seen that frown too, because when my dad left the shed, he said, "J.B., I shouldn't have told him you broke it. I apologize, and I ask your forgiveness."

I used his nail driver incorrectly and broke it. I was wrong. Yet, my grandfather, the man of few words, spoke up to apologize to *me* and to ask my forgiveness.

I will never forget that moment, and I will never forget that man. My experience of Payton Jonas was that he not only modeled but absolutely embodied humility. He passed that family trait on to my dad.

I've spent most of my life trying to be more like them.

My greatest struggle is with pride. I like to be right, and I hate to be wrong. I like to win, and I hate to lose. I struggle to apologize and ask for forgiveness even when I know I'm wrong.

Jesus used several words that describe the faith of my fathers in his sermon on the mount. Blessed are the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart. This Father's Day, as always, I am grateful for their legacy and memory. I am grateful for their patience as mine grows.

When my pride gets in the way of my love, Dad and Granddaddy, I apologize and I ask your forgiveness.

## Together at Annual Conference



This year the Holston Conference celebrates its bicentennial. Annual Conference happens at Lake Junaluska, NC from June 9th through June 12th. Sticking with the “together” themes of the past few years, this year the focus is on ways we “Serve Together.”

Delegates from 1st United Methodist Church include our clergy, Rev. Jonathan Jonas and Rev. Sarah Slack. Deacons represented are Rev. Nathan Irwin, Rev. Brye Rop and Rev. Greta Smith.

Julie George is the 1st UMC Lay Leader. Owen Ragland, Pat Scruggs and Sylvia Waters are also delegates representing 1st UMC.

Russell George, Kathryn King, Phil Large, Brad Lunde and Emmitt Rawls will all represent the Smoky Mountain District.

Even if you aren't attending Annual Conference you have made an impact on things happening there.

Back in December, you supported the New Voices initiative by contributing to the Christmas Offering. This money goes toward a wider Conference offering for New Voices. All the money will help out the Holston camping ministries, campus ministries, and two Conference Universities (Emory & Henry and Tennessee Wesleyan). Serving together you are helping equip faithful young leaders.

Another big part of Annual Conference is the sending forth of the Mission Buckets. In April and May you helped supply items through our Go.Do. Collection for the food buckets for Ishe Anesu in Zimbabwe.

Next month we'll bring you a report about what happened at Annual Conference. Learn more about this event and watch the live streams at [ac.holston.org](http://ac.holston.org).



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## Extending the REACH of ministry

Deacons serve as a unique bridge for the church and the community. The Holston Conference has deacons serving churches, hospitals, camps, mental health providers, Wesley Foundations, and in many other settings.

Our own Rev. Nathan Irwin will be extending the reach of 1st UMC Maryville by serving our community in a new way as he has accepted a role as a Chaplain PRN at Blount Memorial Hospital. In addition to his role at 1st UMC, Rev. Irwin will serve on-call one week per month, ministering to those in our hospital who seek the aid of a chaplain, particularly after hours or in the case of an emergency.



Rev. Irwin will also continue his summer tradition of serving as Minister in Residence at Camp Wesley Woods during session 5, July 7th - 19th.

Nathan will also serve as Director of Senior High Assembly (this year at Emory & Henry) from June 24th - June 28th.

If your student wants to join Rev. Irwin at camp, there are still spots open for campers in session 5. You can also sign up students for Junior/Senior High Assembly at [1stchurch.org/assembly](http://1stchurch.org/assembly).

## Pentecost Celebrations and Confirmation

At the beginning of the 10:30 Traditional Service on Pentecost Sunday (May 19th), a white dove with ribbon appeared high above the congregation as the choir entered from the back of the Sanctuary singing about the Holy Spirit. This celebration followed a multi-week focus on how the Holy Spirit has appeared throughout time and how it works within us today. (You can watch the entire service on our [YouTube Channel](#).)



*2024 Confirmands  
Ian Hall, Houston Painter  
& Elliott Rose*



During the service the Lord's Prayer was recited in multiple languages and the voices of our Youth Choir joined the Chancel Choir in the Anthem and Benediction Response. But perhaps the most uplifting moment came as this year's confirmands took a big step in their faith journey by entering into full membership of 1st United Methodist Church. (Elliott was also baptized and his family joined the church.)

It was certainly a day for experiencing the Holy Spirit.

## Welcome to the church family!

**2024  
Confirmation  
Class**



**Houston Painter**



**Ian Hall**



**Elliott Rose**



**Josh, Dana & Elliott Rose  
(and Emerson)**



**Jackie & Joe  
Sprigg**

## Congratulations to the Class of 2024



Coston Autry graduated from Maryville High School. He plans on attending Dartmouth in the fall studying Economics.



Lila Miller graduated from Alcoa High School. She plans on attending University of Tennessee, Knoxville studying Kinesiology & Psychology.



Micah Jonas graduated from Maryville High School. He plans on attending the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga in the fall studying Nursing and Anesthesiology.



Mason Nocton graduated from Maryville Christian Home School. In the fall he plans on attending University of Tennessee, Martin studying Veterinarian Sciences.



Eamonn Lawhern graduated from Berean Christian Home School. He plans on attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in the fall studying Industrial Engineering.

### Other High School Graduates

Sidney Daves, Elizabeth Giffin, Lincoln Larson, Luke Roberts, Lauren Schrock, Reid Waters, Whitley Whitehead and Hannah Smith

### College Graduates

Grace Jonas (Emory & Henry College)  
Kelton Bloxham & Elizabeth Brenneise (Maryville College)

EVERY TUESDAY  
Except July 2nd

# SUMMER SERVICE & SURPRISES

JUNE 4TH - JULY 23RD  
9:00am - 1:00pm

FOR CHILDREN 2ND GRADE-5TH GRADE  
Register and complete permission form  
[1stchurch.org/summer-service](http://1stchurch.org/summer-service)  
WILLING TO HELP SERVE LUNCH OR SHARE YOUR HOBBIES?  
EMAIL [KALTON@1STCHURCH.ORG](mailto:KALTON@1STCHURCH.ORG)

During the summer, 1st Kids will be combining age groups during Sunday school to learn about God, like the 12 tribes of Israel.

During Bible times, all ages learned together and supported one another; we want the same experience for our kids this summer.

Each week, children will be placed in a new mixed-age tribe to get to know different people. We will do lots of outside learning activities with large group and small group opportunities.



On June 2nd and July 7th, 1st Kids will join First Future in Wesley Hall for breakfast with the youth plus Tribe Time Bible learning for Preschool thru 12th grade. For the rest of the June and July Sundays, kids will check in downstairs, then go to C2.

Kid's Own Worship  
June Theme

# RECESS

Learning from the Books of Judges, Ruth, & 1 Samuel

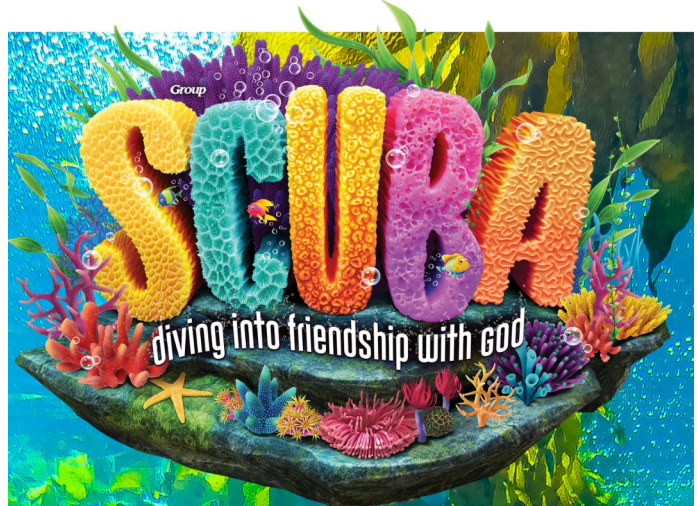
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT 1ST KIDS



Contact the 1st Kids Director  
Kristi Alton

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# JUNE 23-JUNE 26

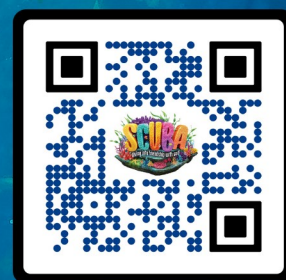


## 5:30 DINNER 6:00-8:00 VBS

DON'T MISS THE DIVE OF A LIFETIME!



## SIGN UP YOUR CHILD OR SIGN UP TO SERVE



CAN'T SERVE THAT WEEK? NO PROBLEM WE NEED PEOPLE TO SERVE BEFORE AND AFTER THE EVENT AS WELL. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL [KALTON@1STCHURCH.ORG](mailto:KALTON@1STCHURCH.ORG)



Chris Jacobs - [cjacobs@1stchurch.org](mailto:cjacobs@1stchurch.org)

School is out for summer and First Future Students have plenty of opportunities to have fun, build their faith and put their faith in action. (Regular First Future programming returns in August.) See Chris for a SMMR'24 calendar magnet and scan the QR code for more details on what's happening over the next couple of months.

**SMMR'24**  
Student opportunities to Go.Do., Gather and Get Going on their journey with God.

1stchurch.org/students

### Building rock solid foundations of faith

As we work to REACH, CONNECT, and EQUIP students to be disciples of Christ, we also work to SEND them into the community to help others. Building faith through service is the cornerstone of Rock Week, a time when students Go.Do. to help make a positive impact and change lives.



Students (and parents) are encouraged to participate in some or ALL of the activities. You'll find more details in the events section of [1stchurch.org/students](http://1stchurch.org/students), but here's an overview of the schedule.

- Monday, June 10th** - Remote Area Medical
- Tuesday, June 11th** - Beardsley Farms
- Wednesday, June 12th** - Second Harvest of East TN
- Thursday, June 13th** - Ijams Nature Center
- Friday, June 14th** - Knox Area Rescue Ministries



We are thankful to the City of Maryville for approving the use of the 1st UMC at Sycamore Tree property as an emergency shelter. Clearing this major hurdle puts us one

step closer to utilizing the space for this part of the Family Promise mission.

We want to thank 1st UMC Maryville for all you do to support the Family Promise mission. Because of your support and that of Clayton Homes, one family was just approved for home ownership. Mom and Dad along with their 11-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter are moving from Transitional Housing to their forever home.

For those who want to help right now, we have an opportunity to help that could also save you some money at Belk Stores. All you need to do is buy a special coupon for \$5 (which goes directly to Family Promise.) In return for your coupon purchase you get store coupons for \$5 off any purchase and another coupon for an extra 25% off valid from **June 7th - 9th.**

### You can buy coupons in 4 different ways.

- 1.** Visit the Second Chance Family Promise Thrift Store, 705 E Lincoln Rd., Alcoa, TN. While you are there you can make an even bigger difference by donating no longer wanted items and check out what is for sale.
- 2.** Meet Mavis Ziegler on Sunday, June 2nd in the lobby by the church office following the 8:15 service or before or after the 10:30 services. She may also be contacted at [ziegler.fumc@gmail.com](mailto:ziegler.fumc@gmail.com).
- 3.** Contact April Smith, Executive Director for Family Promise of Blount County at [asmith@blountfamilypromise.org](mailto:asmith@blountfamilypromise.org) or call (865) 233-4737 ext. 2 to determine where she can meet you.
- 4.** There will possibly be volunteers selling coupons at Belk June 7th - 9th. At the time of this writing, the day(s), hours, and entrance(s) have not been determined.

Blessings,  
Mavis Ziegler and Amy Large  
Co-Coordinator of Family Promise at 1stUMC



**Memorial Fund**

*In honor of:* Ralphine Hood      *Given by:* Charlie & Barbara Barton

*In memory of:* Lee North      *Given by:* UTK "T" Club  
Mary Alice Hart      Brad & Patsy Lunde  
Taylor Sykes      Larry & Mary Beth Towles  
Tom Click      Herb Dixon  
Ed Green      Herb Dixon

**Music Ministry & Choir**

*In honor of:* Dwain Pesterfield      *Given by:* Herb Dixon

*In memory of:* Taylor Sikes      *Given by:* Jim & Susie Curtiss

**Welcome Table**

*In memory of:* Jack Geis      *Given by:* Ralphine Hood  
Louise Wright      Ralphine Hood  
Pete Pedersen      Betsy Halliday  
Judy Ballard      Leland & Lisa Blackwood

**HEROES OF THE FAITH**  
SUNDAYS THROUGH JUNE 30TH

Heroes do not just belong in comic books and blockbuster movies. We have them in real life too. These are people whose courage, strength, and resilience we can look up to as models for our own lives.

From now through the end of June we meet different Heroes of the Faith.

Check out [1stchurch.org/worship](http://1stchurch.org/worship) for a closer look at who we focus on each week.

Taylor Baxton Sykes  
**Entered the Church Triumphant:**  
May 5, 2024

Judith (Judy) Ann Jones Ballard  
**Entered the Church Triumphant:**  
May 3, 2024

**Christian sympathy extended to:**  
Mark & Nelda Blodgett (and family) in the death of Mark's mother, Sandy Blodgett on May 14th.

Tom Morgan in the death of his mother, Pauline Morgan on May 11th.

Patsy Lunde in the death of her uncle, Cortland Moore.

Linda Sykes in the death of her husband, Taylor on May 5th.

Susan Best (and family) in the death of her sister, Judith Jones Brownlie Ballard on May 3rd

Mark & Jenny Anderson and family in the death of Mark's grandmother, LaVerne Hale.

**Staff Contacts** 

You can find staff and ministry contacts under the "Reach" tab on the church website:  
**[1stchurch.org](http://1stchurch.org)**

The church phone number is 865-982-1273.

A Christ-centered recovery program

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  
[CRMaryvilleTN.com](http://CRMaryvilleTN.com)

**EACH WEDNESDAY**  
5:30 PM - DINNER  
6:30 PM - MUSIC & MESSAGE  
7:40 PM - SHARE GROUPS

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**SCUBA**  
diving into friendship with god

**1st Kids**

Vacation Bible School  
June 23rd - June 26th



Mark your calendars and watch  
for more details!



**BBQ & BLUEGRASS**  
June 30th



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