

# Maryville Church of Christ

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**Tom Langley - Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, WEI, Romania**  
**Mark Aebi - Guyana & Honduras Medical Missions**  
**(Presented by Ethan Dudley)**  
**David Dudley - Korçë, Albania VBS**  
**Artan Xhaferaj - Albania Missions**  
**Travis Bookout - Youth Camp in Bunec, Albania**

The Bible, from the very beginning, envisions a future glorious day when the nations will be united under God's kingship. Abraham was called to bring blessings to all the families and nations of the earth (Genesis 12:3; 22:18). Prophets spoke of a day when all the nations would worship the God of Israel together in peace (Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:9-10; Daniel 7:14). Israel sang songs about unity with the nations (Deuteronomy 32:43; Psalm 18:49; 117:1). These hopes are realized in the universal kingdom of God proclaimed by Jesus!

In fulfillment of the promise to Abraham, Jesus commissioned his followers to make disciples of all the nations (Matthew 28:18-20). The mystery of the gospel is that Israel and the nations are united into one family (Ephesians 3:6). Our ultimate hope is that all people of every nation and language will worship and praise God together with one voice through Jesus (Revelation 7:9-10). When we, as a church, look beyond ourselves, our politics, our nation, our language, and our borders to others throughout the world, and we serve, teach, and partner in the gospel with them, we are honoring and living into the universal mission of God. We are proclaiming that God is king over all the world, and no matter what physical barriers separate us, we are united in God's family through the gospel. Through our mission work, we directly share in God's mission.

This Sunday, we are focusing on that mission. We will update the church on many of the mission trips, activities, and benevolence works that we have been involved in throughout the last year. There will be information, digital photo albums, and booths set up to help us learn more about our work throughout the world. We will be reminded of our fellowship with Christians in other nations in the name of Jesus. This is also a time of thanksgiving. We are so thankful for the generosity and commitment of this church family, which, through God's Spirit, makes all of this possible. At Maryville, we are actively and seriously engaged in missions, and your contributions, prayers, and encouragements have greatly impacted God's worldwide kingdom! ~Travis

## Prayers for Maryville Friends and Family

**Kenny Fisher**, the nephew of **Marilyn Fisher** and cousin of **Lisa Leslie**, has pancreatic cancer. He lives in Illinois.

### Please Continue to Pray for:

Levi Abbott, Carla Adams, Margaret Anderson, Eugenia Art, Jody Bails, Ian and Kim Baxter, Jane Beddingfield, Laura Beddingfield, Teresa Bounds, Libby Bowling, Susan Boyd, Ann Brannon, Dorothy Cavender, Susan Clifton, Janet Comer, Sharon Cox, Delois Cutshaw, Vilma Dallas, Mary Lou Daines, Joel Davenport, Brenda Dean, Cleo Dockery, An Dube, Mary Ann Edmonds, Mike & Pat Farmer, Rachel Farmer, Tom Fesmire, Gabriel Ford, Ken and Kathie Ford, Jan & Claude Gardner, Shannon Garner, Betty and Chet Gilbert, Chris & JoAnn Gosson, Amelia Hackler, Terry Hadden, Mike Head, Shirley Hedges, Sherry Hollomon, Laurie Holmes, Forrest Hudson, Joyce Humphries, Rodney Humphries, Lisa Kooley, Mark & Tammie Lewis, Joe Mantione, David Morris, Linda Ohgren, Fred & Monica Orr, Jeff Painter, Vickie Painter, Mike Parker, Porter Family, Larry Raulston, Sigilinde Reeves, Zac Reeves, Larry & Linda Samuels, C.J. Sanchez, Nancy Stevenson, LuAnn Stewart, Max Thomas, James Thompson, Michael Towe, Jim Wagner, Tony Wallace, Ellen Walker, Juanita Walt, Teresa Walt, Eva Williams, Katherine Williams, Rumira Xhaferaj.

### ♥Those being treated for or recovering from cancer:

Ernestine Badman, Abby Boruff, Kim Brown, Jenny Buckner, Janet Chadwick, Shawn Clevenger, Kasey Dudley, Pat Farmer, Susan Farmer, Mike Healy, Madison Heatherly, Teresa Henry, Joyce Huff, Denise Jackson, Teresa O'Mary, Kelly Pearmain, Cogi Sparkman, Dale Terry, Sr., Alyssa Tosado, Jean Towry, Paul Williams, Angelia Wright.

♥**Our missionaries:** Kent and Rachael O'Donnell, Albert and Lavinia Cook, Bledi and Valbona Valca, Ellen Walker, Albert and Jona Cepi, Harilla Mandro, Gezim Berdelima, Prabhu Kumar.

## Sympathy

**Amanda Dunbar Tortorici**, a former member here and the daughter of the late Steve and Donna Dunbar, passed away on Tuesday, August 5 at Fort Sanders Hospital. Please keep her son Jackson and her husband Nicholas in your prayers. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

**Linda Darnell** passed away on August 3 at her home. She was the sister of **Gwen Banks** and **Theresa Bounds**. The family will receive friends on Monday, August 11 at Smith Trinity Chapel from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. A private graveside service will be held at Grandview Cemetery.



## 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Please join us on Saturday, August 9, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall to celebrate Jan and Glen Hazel's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. No gifts necessary but your presence is welcome!

## Sunday Morning, August 10, 2025

Call to Worship	David Pittman
Opening Prayer	Larry Raulston
Communion	Mark Ostroff
Scripture Reading	Asher Hazel
<b>Missions Sunday Speakers</b>	
Tom Langley, Ethan Dudley, David Dudley, Artan Xhaferaj, Travis Bookout	
<b>Verse of the Week: Jeremiah 23:3</b>	
Nursery	Kim Clevenger, June Kidd, & Wendy Winstead
Children's Worship	Kristy Bird Family
TNT	Jennifer Houser & Genna Pence
Sunday Evening	Travis Bookout

### Our Record, August 3, 2025

Bible Class	156
Worship	318
Worship PM	98
Mid-Week	155
Contribution	\$20,785.00
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$19,516.00
Contribution through 8/3	\$516,411.56
Budgeted Yearly Need through 8/3	\$604,996.00
Special Contributions	\$43,600.00

**Our Mission Statement: To fulfill the Great Commission by teaching the Gospel to the lost, to encourage a never-ending spiritual growth in God's children, and to hold steadfastly to the Bible which we affirm is the inerrant and inspired word of God.**

Elders will be available in the library during the invitation song for anyone who would like to meet with them for personal prayer. Also, the elders desire to welcome all new members! If you would like to be identified with the Maryville Church of Christ, the elders would like to meet with you. Please call the church office (983-0370) to arrange an appointment.



### Preschool School Supply Drive

Stepping Stones Preschool will begin a new school year on August 11. Together, we can gift the preschool with a lot of the items that they use throughout the school year. You can help by donating any of the following items or gift cards:

- Ziplock Sandwich Bag
- Crayola Watercolor Paint Sets
- Kleenex
- Decorative Band-Aids
- Hand Soap (not anti-bacterial)
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Crayola Twistable Crayons
- Cardstock (White or Colored)
- Copy paper
- Stickers
- Scotch Tape
- Paper Plates

#### GIFT CARDS

- Hobby Lobby
- Target, Amazon
- Walmart

There will be a collection point in the lobby from August 3 - August 17. Thank you so much for supporting our school.



- Canned Beans
- Canned Corn
- Spaghetti Sauce

## Calendar

April 10

\*Missions Sunday

Potluck in Fellowship Hall following morning worship

April 12

\*Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

August 21

\*New Session of Grief Share Begins

10a.m. – 12:00p.m. in Room 205

September 3

\*Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Class

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

\*Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Room 202

### Verse of the Week (Jeremiah 23:3 NASB 1995)

*“Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply.”*

### Ladies' Bible Class

**Mark Your Calendars!** Ladies' Class will resume on Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The first class will be held on 9/3. We will begin this year with a study of the book of Job. The book we will be using is titled *“We Don't Have to Understand - Job Didn't”*, by Petrecia Williams. The first class will include an introduction to our book. We will then enjoy an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL with the Men's Bible Class**. All ladies are invited to this class! So...why not give it a try. Call or text Cathy Metzger (937-726-4552) with questions.

### Men's Wednesday Bible Study

On September 3, at 10:30 a.m., we will begin a new season of our Bible Study. Paul's Prison Epistles will be featured. This topic will be introduced and an Ice Cream Social with the Ladies will follow. We will initially meet in Room 202 and later on go to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy ice cream. You won't want to miss it. Mark your calendars! All men are welcome. Contact Bob Metzger if you have any questions.

### Boo-Hoo Breakfast

Women's Ministry is hosting a “Boo-Hoo Breakfast” in the Fellowship Hall for Stepping Stones Preschool parents on the first full day of preschool, August 13th from 8am-9am. This is to meet and encourage these families. If you are interested in helping with food and or welcoming the parents, please contact Susan Gallaher 865.755.6708 (call or text).

### Disaster Relief Update

Once again, our congregation stepped up and donated generously to help the families that suffered flooding, destruction of property, and loss of life in Texas. A total of \$2,350.00 was sent to Disaster Relief from the Maryville Church of Christ.

### Lost Gold Bracelet

The gold bracelet was found!

Please note - if you mail anything to the church, please use our post office box number, P.O. Box 5293, Maryville, TN 37802