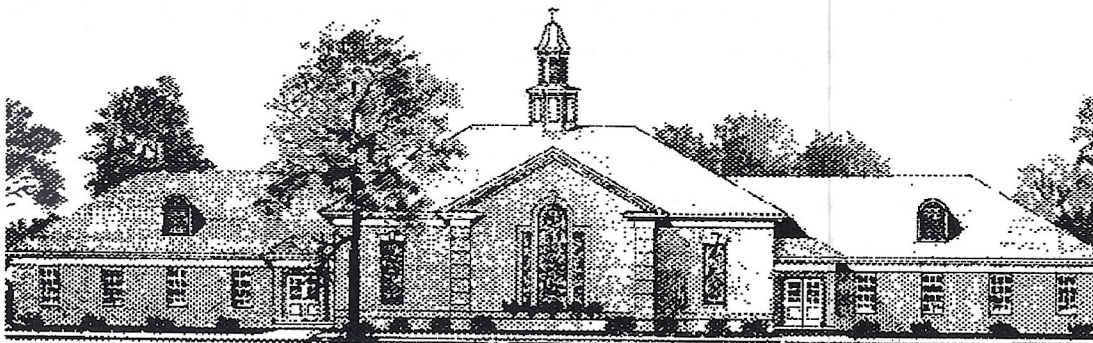


# VOICES OF HARMONY

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## HARMONY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS



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## From The Pastor's Desk.....

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### God Can

Dear Harmony Grove Family,

Thank you for being such a wonderful congregation to serve. As I returned from this year's annual conference, I found myself reflecting on the past three years while looking ahead to year four. Together we have walked through both loss and growth—mourning loved ones who have gone home to the Lord, celebrating new faces welcomed into our church family, and giving thanks for the long-awaited completion of our renovated fellowship hall.

After more than 15 years of fundraising and nearly two years of planning and construction, the doors of our new fellowship hall will soon open to everyone. I am reminded of the photo of John Craft holding a shovel at the groundbreaking. That image captures the beginning of a remarkable journey—one that actually began long before that day—and now brings us to this moment of completion and the start of a new chapter of God's ministry at Harmony Grove.

During this season of reflection, Philippians 4:13 has been especially meaningful to me: *"I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."* This verse has served as a steady anchor in my life. It speaks of the deep trust God forms with us as He shapes us into the image of Christ. As Jon Gordon writes in his book *The Garden*, many people say, "Show me God and I will trust You." But it works the other way around—when we trust, God shows Himself to us.

I have lived out this truth through both high mountains and deep valleys. There have been moments when God nudged me far beyond my comfort zone. Yet through every challenge and every blessing, I have never doubted that **God can**, that **I can**, and that **we can**—when we place our trust fully in Him.

As we step into this new season together, I am excited about the journey ahead and the ministry opportunities God has prepared for us. Let us join hands and hearts to share the transforming love of Christ with our community and beyond, so that many more may experience what God can do in their own lives.

**Blessings,**

**Pastor Ryan Mendenhall**

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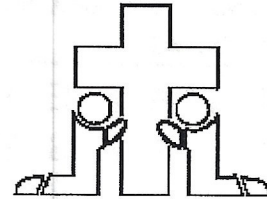
# THIS 'N THAT.....

## **PRAYER LIST**

Family of Arlene Jaynes  
Myra Williams  
Walt Liebscher  
Brenda Stanley  
Bill & Callie Nugent  
Jennifer Nugent  
John Craft  
Gena Howard  
Lenny McLaughlin  
Loretta McClain  
Rev. Ken Eller  
Robin Barefoot  
Bob & Linda Ellerbe

Peggy Brookshire  
Paul Thompson  
Bill Williams  
Wendy Armstrong  
Karen & Norris Griffin  
Allene Gaither  
Trudy Jones  
JoeAnn Ogburn  
Sandra Miles  
Scott Todd  
Jason Jones  
Larry Tate  
Cole Stephens  
Our Youth  
Our church

Our community  
Our Nation & World



## HARMONY GROVE FINANCIAL RECAP

Truist Checking \$13,216

Truist Building Fund Checking \$23,865

Truist Designated Savings \$21,102

UMF Building \$41.63

UMF Parsonage \$77,038

# FUN & GAMES.....

## Wordsearch G48 - Sermons of Jesus 3

### Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch G48

Matt. 16: 19-34

### Sermons of Jesus 3

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AWAY	BARN
FAITH	BIRDS
FEEDS	DRINK
FIELD	EARTH
FIRE	CLOTHE
FOOD	DEVOTED
GIVEN	DRESSED
GOD	ENOUGH
GOOD	FATHER
GRASS	HEART
GROW	HEAVEN
LABOR	KINGDOM
LAMP	LILIES
LIGHT	MASTERS
MOTH	MONEY
REAP	SINGLE
RUST	SOLOMON
SERVE	THIEVES
STEAL	THROWN
STORE	TREASURE
WEAR	VALUABLE

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

July 5 Carolyn Perdue  
July 6 Paul & JoeAnn Ogburn  
July 6 Susan Ireland  
July 10 Chad & Tammy Jones  
July 11 Greg Freeman  
July 11 Peggy Willard  
July 14 Piper Ogburn  
July 23 Dwayne Ogburn  
July 24 Karen Griffin  
July 25 Allen & Gena Surratt  
July 26 Austin Ogburn  
July 27 Barbara Wilmoth  
July 28 Walt Liebscher  
July 29 JoeAnn Ogburn  
July 30 Andy Russell  
July 31 Bob & Linda Ellerbe

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## EVENTS

July 5 Hymn Sing  
July 7 1:00pm Bible Study  
July 8 6:00pm Evening Bible Study  
July 11 9:00am – 1:30pm Lewisville  
Community Blood Drive at New Hope  
AME Zion  
July 14 1:00pm Bible Study  
July 15 3:00pm Drive Thru Prayer  
July 15 6:00pm Evening Bible Study

July 21 1:00pm Bible Study  
July 22 6:00pm Evening Bible Study  
July 28 1:00pm Bible Study  
July 29 6:00pm Evening Bible Study  
Aug 1 10am – 2pm Back to School Bash

**NOTE: No choir practice during July  
No UMM / UWF meetings**

**Harmony Grove UMC  
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**Address Service Requested**

**Ministry and Staff  
of the Church**

*Rev. Conforti*  
District Superintendent  
*Rev. Ryan Mendenhall*  
Pastor  
*Kim Marpoe*  
Sunday School Superintendent  
*Chris Center*  
Music Director  
*George Powers*  
Chairperson of Trustees  
*Jennifer Nugent*  
Chairperson of Administrative Board  
*Eric Hurd*  
Chairperson of Vision Quest Team  
*John Craft*  
Lay Leader  
*Norris Griffin*  
Chairperson of Evangelism  
*Carole Rosenbaum*  
Chairperson of Outreach  
*Donna Ireland*  
Administrative Assistant

**July Outreach Needs**

**Prison Ministries** - bar soap, non-aerosol deodorant, 3 oz or smaller toothpaste, and travel-sized shampoo

**Samaritan Ministries** – Soap bars, Men’s deodorant, laundry pods, tooth paste, tooth brushes

**Church- School partnership** – Underwear (children’s sizes), sweat pants (children’s sizes)

**LCAP**–Dishwasher soap, white rice, spaghetti sauce, ranch dressing, fruit cocktail

**Bethlehem Center**—Clorox

**August Newsletter Deadline:  
Friday, July 31**