



“ GOD LOVES
EACH OF US
AS IF THERE
WERE ONLY
ONE OF US ”
— AUGUSTINE —

WE ARE HIRING
nursery workers

Qualifications:

- +18 Years Old
- Sunday Mornings/Wednesday Nights
- Must be reliable and dependable
- CPR/First Aid Certified preferred

Contact Reagan with questions
423-328-6518

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

THOSE HOSPITALIZED • THOSE GRIEVING • THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY •
THOSE SERVING OUR COMMUNITY • THOSE WHO SUFFER AND THOSE IN ANY TROUBLE

Family of Dan Alexander	Dwain Ealy	Patti Moessinger
Cody Arbuthnot	Holly Enten	Jane Mucklow
Graham & Audrey Archer	Bob & Linda Foster	Jace Pratt
Helen Bender	Sam Goodin	Paul & Patricia Pratt
Savannah Passmore Blair	Doug & Margie Jones	Johnny Price
Christy & Robby Brisbane	Terry Keeble	David Reese
Nettie Brown	Ken Kelly	Craig Riley
Larry Brusseau	Polly Liner	Judy Sullins
Tony Cardin	Janet Lyon	Amy Sumrall
Brenda Clanton	Alesia McNeely	Patricia Trotter
Jeff Clark	Joe Meade	Mark Wescott
Don Cowart	Family of Kay Melton	Nate Wood



THIS WEEK AT KEITH

SEPTEMBER 17 — SEPTEMBER 24

Sunday	9am	Traditional Worship Service (The Sanctuary)
	10am	Sunday School Hour
	11am	Contemporary Worship Service (The Gathering)
	11am	Children's Church (Youth Chapel)
Monday	6pm	Church Council Meeting (Ensminger Hall)
	7pm	Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)
Tuesday	8am	Yoga (Gym)
	7pm	District Worship with the Bishop (The Gathering)
Wednesday	7pm	Al-Anon
	6pm	Choir Practice
	6pm	Gospel of Luke Study (Ensminger Hall)
	6pm	Children's Activities
Thursday	6pm	Youth Group (Youth Chapel)
	8am	Seniors-on-the-Go Depart for Parrot Mountain
	9:30am	Thursday Prayer Group (Conference Room)
	10:30am	Small Group (Conference Room)
Sunday	9am	Traditional Worship Service (The Sanctuary)
	10am	Sunday School Hour
	11am	Contemporary Worship Service (The Gathering)
	11am	Children's Church (Youth Chapel)
	12:30pm	Rethink Keith Committee Meeting (Ensminger Hall)
	5pm	Free Sound of Freedom Screening (Movie Palace)

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



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Senior Pastor: Melissa Smith
Associate Pastor: Mark Reedy
Directors of Music: Andrew & Abbie Headrick
Contemporary Worship Leader: Josh Stephens
Organist: Tristen Rowland
Director of Children's & Family Ministries: Reagan Kelly

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday in the Sanctuary (Traditional Service) • 9am

As we gather to worship in reverence, please silence all electronic devices prior to the beginning of the service.

Welcome

Prelude "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" arr. Hayes

Bringing of the Light Into the Sanctuary

Opening Prayer

Yet while we are still far off, the Father sees us and is filled with compassion. He runs toward us to put his arms around us and give us the kiss of welcome and grace.

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

†**Opening Hymn** "Amazing Grace" #378

†**Affirmation of Faith** A Modern Affirmation #885

Scripture Luke 15:11-32 NT78

†**Hymn** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" #340

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Upon This Rock" arr. Gaither

†**Doxology** #95

Message "Remembrances of Home" Rev. Melissa Smith

†**Closing Hymn** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #121

†Benediction

†Carrying of the Light Into the World

†**Postlude** "Prelude in Classic Style" arr. Young

† Please stand as you are able.

Please remain in place until the Postlude is finished.

BY OUR SERVICE

Lay Liturgist: Jerri Bryant

Acolytes: Caroline Schreck & Cannon Sliger

Greeters: Chan Patrick (9am);
Katie Sumner (11am)

Offering Counters: Carter Runyan (9am);
Marcus Guinn (11am)

Ushers: David Pierce, Rob Davis,
Johnnie Carter, Terry Ulm, Ben Wilson

Pew Keepers: Dana Higgins Circle

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. W.D. Sullins, Sr. and Dr. W. David Sullins, Jr. by Stuart, Amy, George, Andy and Spencer.

All adults are welcome to join as we study the Gospel of Luke on Wednesdays at 6pm in Ensminger Hall. Come learn why it's called *the loveliest book in the world!*

Church Council will meet on Monday, September 18, at 6pm in Ensminger Hall.

District Day is approaching! Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett will lead worship on Tuesday, September 19, at 7pm here at Keith. All are welcome to join us in worship.

Seniors-on-the-Go will depart for a hike up Parrot Mountain in Sevierville on Thursday, September 21 at 8am. The cost for adults is \$28 (\$25 for seniors) plus a \$5 gas contribution and lunch at everyone's own expense. For more information, contact Cindy Mishtal.

The Rethink Keith Committee will meet at 12:30pm on Sunday, September 24 in Ensminger Hall. The ministry of Keith will be discussed to help form a vision for our future as we move into the Bicentennial Year.

All are invited to a screening of *Sound of Freedom* at the Athens Movie Palace on Sunday, September 24, at 5pm. Admission is free (paid for by Keith) but seats are limited. We will also sponsor a speaker on human trafficking the following Sunday, October 1, at 6pm in the Gathering. This is our chance to learn more about this difficult topic and find ways to respond as individuals and as the Church.

The Sisterhood Circle is meeting at a new time starting Wednesday, September 27! The circle will meet on the last Wednesday of every month from 6-7:30pm during Wednesday night activities. Existing members and anyone without a circle is welcome to join. Please call or text Katie Belk with any questions.

The Dana Higgins Circle will meet Monday, October 2, at 5:30pm to prepare cards for our graduated seniors. Please bring a \$10 bill to share a little love with them.

Our Middle School Retreat will be at Camp Lookout on October 27-29 (Friday-Sunday). The total cost of registration is \$150 and a \$50 fee is due with paperwork by Wednesday, October 4. Contact Pastor Mark for more information.

Today's bulletin art is a detail from *Forgiving Father* by Frank Wesley (1923-2002). Wesley, an Indian-Australian artist, was born into a fifth-generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. He became known for painting Christian scenes and symbols in a uniquely Indian style.

INFORMATION & RESPONSE CARD

WELCOME!

ARE YOU VISITING WITH US TODAY?

Tell us about your visit by completing this card and placing it in the offering plate. For additional information about Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, visit us online at keithumc.org or on social media.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

I am a...

VISITOR

FIRST TIME GUEST

I would like to be contacted by...

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EMAIL

MAIL

PRAYER REQUESTS

To share prayer concerns with the pastor or the Prayer Group, please complete this card and place it in the offering plate.

REQUEST: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

Please share this information...

_____ in the church bulletin

_____ with the pastor only

_____ with the Prayer Group only