



Liz Hull and I would have been working together as co-youth directors for 10 years, this upcoming November. Liz grew up in Plano, Texas, and then attended college at the University of the Ozarks. After college, she married

her college sweetheart Brian Hull. As a teen in the Dallas area, Liz worked as a counselor as a summer camp. So, when the youth director position opened up, she was feeling that God was leading her to apply for the position. During a Wednesday Night Live (WNL) meal, I told Liz that God was also directing me to apply for the position. As friends, we decided not to compete for the position but to work as a team in the youth director position. We were turned down for the youth director position at that time. We decided that it was not meant to be and that we would pray about it. If God really wanted us to work together with the youth of FUMC Clarksville, He would open up the position in the future, and He did about 1 1/2 years later. We applied again and were hired as co-youth directors. Anyone who knows Liz, knows that she is a friendly, quirky, fun-loving, conversation-starting, schedule-keeping morning person. Liz's characteristics compliment my personality traits (night-owl, studious, reserved, easy-going), making us a good team. We will never forget those silly songs you taught us about "mail time," the "wienie man," and "like totally for sure, I just got a manicure." We will also remember to never go into IHOP at 2 a.m. alone after Wild River Country Youth Service Fund (USF) lock-ins, even if the kittens found in the church bus need a bottle and formula. We will cherish the rap serenades that you blessed upon us. When we zone out and our fingers make their way to our lips, we will think of you. If we ever are in need of a water taster, we know we can call on you to correctly identify brands of bottled water. We will also always remember to never take bacon from a pregnant woman. Liz, you will forever be in our hearts and we longingly look forward to our next meeting. May God bless you and keep you and your family on this new adventure to Maine.

Ramanda Chappell

## June Birthdays



6/1 Eddie Brinks  
 6/2 Bob Hurley  
 6/2 Neal Jones  
 6/4 Michael Ballew  
 6/4 Austin Nelson  
 6/11 Linda Byrd  
 6/11 Jillian Jane Nelson  
 6/12 Charles Sikes  
 6/17 Delta Jacobs  
 6/18 Caitie Krohn  
 6/19 Sandra Gray  
 6/19 Ellen Wade  
 6/20 Anita Cooper  
 6/21 Guice Howell  
 6/22 Bill Porter  
 6/25 Anna Collins  
 6/25 Chris Allen  
 6/28 Jane Richaradson  
 6/28 Jane Richardson  
 6/28 Amy White  
 6/30 Dan Chapman



Please mark your calendars for  
**Vacation Bible School**

at FUMC on  
 July 23-27, Shipwrecked:  
 Rescued by Jesus! Get ready  
 to venture onto an  
 uncharted island where kids  
 survive and thrive and will be  
 anchored in the truth that  
 Jesus carries them through  
 life's storms! We're  
 searching for some amazing  
 volunteers to help make our  
 VBS a huge success! If you  
 have any questions (or if you  
 already know you would like to  
 volunteer to help), please contact  
 Amy Pennington at 479-264-0250.

Thank you!

Kid's Club  
 Summer



\$8 Per Child  
 9:00am-4:00pm  
 Entering 1st Grade -6th Grade

June 6...Haw Creek Falls

For more information and  
 reservations, Contact  
 Ramanda Chappell  
 754-8404

## JUNE

<b>*SUNDAY, JUNE 3</b>	
Worship Service (Sanct)	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct)	11:00 AM
United Methodist Youth	5:00 PM
<b>*TUESDAY, JUNE 5</b>	
UMW Executive Meeting	11:30 AM
Scout Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>*WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6</b>	
Kids Club Summer (Haw Creek Falls)	9:00 AM
Prayer & Communion	6:00 PM
Joyful Sound Practice	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM
<b>*SUNDAY, JUNE 10</b>	
Worship Service (Sanct)	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct)	11:00 AM
SPRC	1:00 PM
AD Council	2:00 PM
United Methodist Youth	5:00 PM
<b>*WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13</b>	
Prayer & Communion	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM
<b>*THURSDAY, JUNE 14</b>	
Finance Meeting	5:00 PM
Glory Circle	6:00 PM
<b>*SATURDAY, JUNE 16</b>	
M.O.F.	8:00 AM
<b>*SUNDAY, JUNE 17</b>	
Worship Service (Sanct)	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct)	11:00 AM
<b>*TUESDAY, JUNE 19</b>	
PrimeTimers (Lake Dardanelle)	7:45 AM
<b>*WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20</b>	
Prayer & Communion	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM
<b>*THURSDAY, JUNE 21</b>	
Grace Circle	10:00 AM
Power Circle	2:00 PM
<b>*SATURDAY, JUNE 23</b>	
Honor Event of Grand Ruth EOS	10:00-4:00PM
<b>*SUNDAY, JUNE 24</b>	
Worship Service (Sanct)	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct)	11:00 AM
United Methodist Youth	5:00 PM
<b>*TUESDAY, JUNE 26</b>	
Scout Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>*WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27</b>	
Prayer & Communion	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM



MUSTARD SEED

Teachers and teenagers,  
 we would love to have you  
 spend some time  
 volunteering at the  
 Mustard Seed this  
 summer! You could come  
 in weekly, or just once,  
 or anything in between!  
 Please contact Karen at  
 479-647-9451 if you  
 are interested.



# The Focus

## Clarksville FUMC Newsletter

*Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*  
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### **On Track With Bro.Larry...**

*...Pastor Larry Kelso*

*Summertime! We've been charging along, managing problems, meeting deadlines, handling what comes up, nourishing ourselves on stress and getting things done. Then comes the family vacation, where suddenly there's nothing we have to do, or must do, and we find ourselves either bored or antsy or both. We might verbalize it as "having trouble slowing down," but it's a full-stop crash with no air bags deploying, and we can end up bruised.*

*Depending on your personal makeup, you may read this in one of two different ways. For some of us, it is confirmation that we should intentionally slow down the pace of our entire lives so that we don't crash. We're the people who "stop and smell the coffee." We might even say that the only way to keep up is to slow down.*

*Some of us, however, will hear "slow down" advice as an invitation to boredom. Do we "have trouble" slowing down, or is it the case that our demanding pace suits us and leaves us with no need to slow down?*

*Whichever response is yours, I just want to remind you that periods of deceleration are points of enhanced vulnerability, times when we need to be especially attentive to our spiritual commitments so that we don't ram through the barriers, go off the rails, kick over the traces or park ourselves somewhere we shouldn't be. Slow or fast, let summertime be your best time with the Lord! See you in church!*

*Grace and peace – Bro. Larry*