

**Sunday Morning**

10:00 a.m. Unified Services through July 2nd (no Sunday School)

10:30 a.m. Dossett Chapel Sunday School

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**The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade**

**Prevenient Grace**

In the third chapter of Genesis we find the story of sin. The humans God made did the very thing God told them not to do; they ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. After their sin they realized that they were naked so they hid themselves. Most of us realize that we cannot hide from God, but we try all the same. Adam and Eve hid from God.

As Adam and Eve hide from God, we get our first glimpse of God’s Prevenient Grace. Also, in the third chapter of Genesis we find these words, “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’” (vv. 8-9). “Where are you?” God knew where they were; God did not need to ask. Therefore, the question was not meant to provide information to God; the question was meant to provide information to us. We are to realize that God is a searching God, a looking God, and a longing God. God longs to have a relationship with us and as such comes looking for us. God comes looking for us even when we sin and try to hide.

We may often say, or hear others say, “I have found the Lord!” The truth is the Lord finds us; we simply realize that we have been found. In the Gospel of Saint John, we hear Philip tell Nathanael, “We have found the Lord.” However, Nathanael (and the others) soon realize otherwise when Jesus says he saw Nathanael, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you” (v. 1:48). Before Nathanael was looking for Jesus, Jesus was looking for Nathanael. Before any one of us ever imagined to look for God, God was looking for us – this is Prevenient Grace. This action of God is beyond our control. We may choose to ignore God, abandon God, or even disown God, but we cannot stop God from loving us and looking for us.

When God looks for us the Spirit stirs in our soul. People have often referred to this stirring as conviction. In other words, we could feel God moving in our life, and there was nothing we could do about it. Some people answer the call of conviction and surrender to God, others resist. The Prodigal Son is a wonderful story of conviction, surrender, and resistance. However, one thing I would like to point out. Read the story, and take note, the Father sees his son coming from a distance, why? Because the Father was looking for his child! Have you yet realized that our Heavenly Father is looking for you – I can assure you that he is!



*Brother Rickey will preach his first sermon here at Tullahoma FUMC this Sunday, July 2nd, at 10 a.m.*

*God bless,  
Brother Rickey*

The **Young Moms Group** will be starting a new study in July. They will be reading and discussing, *"Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World"* by Kristen Welch. Meetings will be at 7 p.m. on July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Please read the introduction and chapters 1 and 2 for our first discussion. All ladies welcome. Childcare will not be available for these evening sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Harrison @ 931-434-2425

**Facebook Live Devotions**  
During our 6-week “United” series, we have a great opportunity for our church family to join our staff and special guests for some interactive devotionals broadcast live on Facebook! Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., we simply ask you to go to the church page and watch a live devotional, post your comments and questions and we will answer them live! In our digital culture, we thought this would be a fun change during our 6-weeks of unified services. We hope you will join in on the conversation!

**Home Communion Teams**  
We are in need of two more teams to serve Home Communion. These teams only serve two to three times a year, once a month. Those interested can call Susan Warwick (455-1996) for details. We need these teams filled by September.



**Please note:** The Family Activity Center will be completely closed from Friday, June 30th-Tuesday, July 4th. The floors are being stripped and waxed and must be free from foot traffic during that time.  
**Also note that the church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.**

# Senior VIBES

## Ongoing Events...

### Adult Art Group

Will not meet this summer



### Knitting Group

Will not meet this summer

## Happy Birthday!!!

**June 30** Vanessa Jackson  
**July 6** Sam DiNicola  
**6** Ruby Hobbs

## Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

**Thought of the Week:** "Let all who love your saving way say over and over, 'God is mighty!'" *Psalm 70:4 (MSG)*

Just as the entire church is pleased to welcome Pastor Rickey Wade and family into our church family, the Tullahoma Senior Adult Ministry is honored to have him be a part of our **Golden Circle Ministry**. Pastor Rickey will be our program in September. Please mark your calendar and plan to be with us to hear all about our new pastor.

### This Week's Events...

**Senior Adult Ministry Name Change Contest—ends June 30th**

**Wednesday, June 28th** - Mystery Trip; leaving FAC Building at 8 a.m., returning at approximately 5 p.m.

### Coming Events...

**Please note: There will be no Golden Circle Meeting on July 4th. The church is closed for the July 4th holiday.**

**Saturday, July 22nd** - Ragtime Play and Dinner in Murfreesboro

**Tuesday, August 1st** - Golden Circle; board meeting afterwards

**Monday-Thursday, August 7th-10th** - Wisdom and Grace Conference at Lake Junaluska (registration closed)

Our Senior Adult Ministry "**New Name Contest**" ends Friday, June 30th. This is your last opportunity to suggest a name change. In July we will vote on those names submitted. The one getting the most votes will be the new name of our ministry.

Please check our prayer list in the newsletter and on the church's white board outside the office. Help the staff stay in touch! If you have knowledge of any of our Senior Adult Members who would like to be remembered in prayer or would like a visit from our pastoral staff, please do not hesitate to let us know. Also, we acknowledge birthdays of Senior Adult Members weekly in the newsletter; if you would like to be added to the list give me a call (Esther: 455-5434).

## Youth & Discipleship Ministry—Kris Roberts



Our theme on our youth mission trip was **"Humble."** How often do we

think about being humble? During our evening discussions, we examined Deuteronomy 8:1-3 and found that true biblical humility can only come from obedience to God's word. But that's the important part...we have to KNOW God's word. I believe our group left with a renewed determination to dig a little deeper into the bible and find practical ways to serve in our community. I am super proud of our youth and the efforts in Nashville. We have a great group of leaders that show up and make ministry happen...super blessed!



### Events in June:

**Wednesday, June 28th**

Movie night at the Montana Drive-In

### Coming in July:

**Wednesday, July 5th**

High School Escape Room

**Wednesday, July 12th**

Middle School Escape Room

**Saturday, July 8th**

Saturday of Service

**Friday-Sunday, July 21-23rd**

Do Nothing Retreat (High School)

## Missions Moment—Holt Cason



As we approach Independence Day, we should remember that we are truly the most blessed among the children of

God. Our country was founded on the basis of freedom of religion. This freedom should not be treated lightly nor ignored. It is painful to see countries such as Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania struggling to regain what we often treat so lightly... freedom! With the help of VIM teams, the Global Board of Ministry, and other organizations, freedom of worship is being reborn in these countries, but it will take years to regain what was lost. The support of our church through our Missions budget and the Connecting Congregation ministry has been vital in helping those that have not enjoyed religious freedom.

## Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

Besides the regularly provided Sermon Notes, I am going to offer an activity book the children can work on over the summer and into the Fall. The activities include memory verses, outreach, challenges, etc. *WITH* incentives for completion. Let me know if your child is interested. Sunday School will resume on July 9th. On July 30th, we will have "Promotion Sunday." This is the day the children will move classes according to school age (upcoming kindergarteners will move to be with the K- 5th grades and 5th grade will move up to youth). Pre-K will meet in their classroom and then we will transition to the SOUL Lounge. K- 5th will start in the SOUL Lounge, then 5th will move on to Youth in the FAC Building with Kris. More details to come but it will be an exciting day!!



**Sunday, July 2nd**  
**Nursery Hours**  
 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Big shout out to Will Harrison for completing 5 Sermon Notes sheets and winning a prize! Also, I want to recognize Addie and Alex Colvin for their weekly progress on their teamKid activity books.

Want a Children's Ministry t shirt? We have sizes 12 months – adult XXL for \$5. Contact me if interested!

I would like to hear from you on our Fall programming with suggestions!!

**July**  
 9th Sunday School resumes  
 30th Sunday School Promotion Sunday  
 30th Church Wide Pool Party, Splash Island  
 (DW Wilson) 6-8 p.m.

Information relating to our Children's Ministry is available at the Information Station desk (at the top of the steps in the Children's Department). Any forms or info you need will be at this desk. All sign-up sheets (parents and children) will be located on the bulletin board that is between the bathroom doors in the Children's Department. All info pertaining to the nursery and nursery aged children will be kept in the nursery or on the bulletin board to the right of the nursery door.

*Jesus said, "Let the Little Children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"*  
**Mark 10:14-1**

*Partnering WITH You,*  
 Miss Julie

## First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey Everyone,

Last Sunday was Laity Sunday. We had so many people serving in many ways- Jeff Arnett preaching, our SPRC Chair, Kirk Butler and our Worship Chair, Susan Warwick reading during our Order of Welcome, and our worship team, who are mostly volunteers. It was great to see so many lay people involved in the worship of our church. Jeff spoke from Romans 12 and Paul instructs us that every believer has been gifted by God and regardless of what gifts you have, you must use them for the glory of God and the edification of the church. I would encourage you to use your gifts and help us with the work of loving neighbors and spreading the gospel. If you need help plugging in, please contact me and I would be glad to help you.

*In Christ,*  
 Jeff

### Hours

**Food Pantry & Financial Assistance**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 12-2 p.m.

**Clothes Closet** Thursdays 12-2 p.m.

*During the month of July, the Henry Center will be open on Thursdays only.*



### Clothes Closet Donations

Due to limited storage space, we are asking that the clothing you donate be seasonal and current. Thank you for your continued support of "The Closet."

### **Sunday School Challenge**

Our challenge for July is school supplies for elementary age children. All donations will go to our Henry Center Clothes Closet. They may be left in the back of the chapel of the main building. God Bless!

*-Terry Rayfield*



## Keeping In Prayers

Barbara Oakley  
Grace Caps  
Melba Mahrenholz  
Atticus Thurman  
Caroline McPherson  
(great niece of Nancy  
Lawrence)

Judy Fitch  
Helen Smith  
Leon Smith  
Forrest Frame  
Brooke Mendenhall  
(cousin of Michelle  
Anderson)

Billy Roy Murray  
(Nancy Wright's family)  
Carolyn Graham (sister of  
Bob Prater)  
Anthony Robinson, Scott  
Dowling & Mary Lundy  
(family of Wilma Finchum)

### **Sunday, July 2nd**

#### **Offering Counters**

Bob & Dianne Barksdale  
Susan Warwick  
Kay Crosswy

#### **Greeters/Welcome Teams**

Ruth Wilson  
Bill Bethmann  
Mary Etta Ward

#### **Home Communion Teams**

Cindy & Scott Young  
George & Kathy Jensen  
Barbara Buckner & Janna  
Washington  
Shirley Miller & Esther Sims  
Bill & Charlotte Bethmann  
Penny & Mike Barnes  
Clare Bates & Fuffy Bearden

#### *Sent to Serve God and Neighbor*

It was my honor to serve as your lay delegate to the 50th Session of the *TN Annual Conference* on June 11th-13th at Brentwood UMC. The conference opened with Bishop William McAlilly's address—Sent to Serve. He challenged United Methodists to get to know their neighbors and show God's love where they live, work, and play. In addition, there were business sessions, memorial and retirement services, and speakers reporting on many projects our conference supports. Finally, we had teaching sessions with Scott Chrostek, author of "The Misfit Mission" and pastor at Resurrection Downtown, a campus of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, MO, one of the fastest growing churches in the nation. His sessions also inspired us to take God's love outside the churches into the community.

—Dian Rayfield

*"As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." John 20:21*



*Scouts from Troop 158 helped clean up the yard of Eagle Scout and church representative Lowell Keel, who passed away last year. Lowell was a great supporter of our troop.*

*Pictured are Mrs. Posanka, Jay, Hayden, Benji, and Benson. Not pictured but also present were Dr. Steinle, Jim and Kim Burns, and Stuart Coulter.*

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