

The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade

Justifying Grace

To speak of justifying grace is also to explain some of what justification means. Justification is a legal term meaning to be made just. To explain a bit further, to be just means to be right, fair, true, correct, or exact. Therefore, to speak of justifying grace is to say that one is made right before God, by God.

In one sense justifying grace can be complicated, while in another sense it can be quite simple. We will try to stay with the simple. To be made right (or just) before God means that a person who has sinned and is deserving of punishment for that sin is acquitted of the sin as if it never happened, and a right relationship between the person and God remains intact. We consider such an act grace because the sin is against God, but it is God who forgives, not because of what we have done but because of what God has done. Because God has sent his only Son to be the sacrifice for our sin, that sacrifice becomes the means of our acquittal.

The Apostle Paul describes the justifying grace of God in this way, "But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith" (Romans 3:21-25). That is, all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are made right (or just) before God. This is a gift of God, available to all.

To this point then, as we look at grace, we find the following attributes of God. When we sin and walk away from God, it is God who comes looking for us – this we know to be the prevenient grace of God. When God finds us in a state of sin God offers Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for our sin, and in so doing removes our sin and restores us to a right relationship with God – this we know as the justifying grace of God.

Even at this point it is not hard to see why God's grace is called "Amazing." When lost, God looks for us. Upon finding us, God restores us and makes us right. To this point, all we need do is say yes to God and accept this free gift. However, God is not finished at this point, and neither are we. Next week we will look at God's sanctifying grace, and then perfecting grace.

*God bless,
Brother Rickey*

First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey Everyone,

Last week on our Facebook Live Devotional, Kris and George spoke about serving the church as a lay person. While I was watching, it got me thinking and I commented, "Imagine if ever person in our church was serving?" We have about 350 attend on Sunday mornings and that's not everyone in our church, but let's start with that number. If every person served for one hour a week, that would be 350 hours in a week. If you hired a staff person to do that service, it would be almost 9 full time staff people! That's just one hour!! We want you to get involved! If you are already, we appreciate you! If you are not, please contact me and we can connect you to the needs we have and the areas where you will serve best.

*In Christ,
Jeff*

The **Young Moms Group** is meeting during the month of July on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. They are reading and discussing, *"Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World"* by Kristen Welch. All ladies welcome. Childcare will not be available for these evening sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Harrison @ 931-434-2425

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.



Senior VIBES

Ongoing Events...

Adult Art Group

Will not meet this summer



Knitting Group

Will not meet this summer

Happy Birthday!!!

- July 6 Sam DiNicola
- 6 Ruby Hobbs
- 14 Dale Hunter, Jr.
- 15 Helen McClure
- 16 Shirley Moore

Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: *“Where liberty dwells, there is my country.” Benjamin Franklin*



Our Mystery Trip took us to Cullman, Alabama where we toured *Ave Maria Grotto*. The stone and concrete models are the work of Brother Joseph Zoettl, a Benedictine monk of St. Bernard Abbey, who devoted some 50 years to the project. A picnic lunch was had at *Clarkson overed Bridge*. The purpose of the covering is to protect the wooden structural members from the weather. Bridges having covers for reasons other than protecting wood trusses, such as for protecting pedestrians and keeping livestock from shying away from water. Many thanks to Holt Cason for a safe trip.

Our Senior Adult Ministry *“New Name Contest”* ended Friday, June 30th. Next week, I will post the names suggested and give details for voting. Remember, the one getting the most votes will be the new name of our ministry.

Coming Events...

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)

The Coffee County Lannom Library has several adult activities for the month of July on Tuesday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. (Book Art & Movie, Scrapbooking and Stress Management). For more details check our Senior Adult board or call Lannom Library. They also have an adult reading program that started June 29th. You can win prizes for reading or listening to books on tape checked out from Lannom Library.

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



Events 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 you read this Missions Moment, we asked that you pray for our VIM team going to Latvia from July 7th-July 19th. The most important aspect of this trip is to discard worn out furniture at the HOPE CENTER. We will purchase new furniture for the infants and their mothers. The initial plans are to give the discarded furniture to the people of Sarkanie (poorest of the poor area) to use as firewood to help them through the cold winters. Again, we give thanks to all those that gave money in support of this project.

At FUMC there are many ways to give:

Electronic: Visit our website, www.fumctullahoma.com, and click the online giving link. **Bank drafts & automatic payments** can be set up with Renee in the finance office. **Text:** If you would like to use your phone to give, simply text “Give2fumc” to 732-56 and follow the prompts. **Weekly envelopes** can be requested from Renee.

For more information, please contact Renee Evans in the Finance Office at 455-7127 or financefumc@lighttube.net. Thank you for giving!

Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

Sunday School Resumes this Sunday!!!!!!!

While sleeping late can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child? Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family.

1. **Age Targeted Teaching:** Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that's focused toward their developmental abilities?
2. **Friends:** In Sunday School, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.
3. **It's Fun:** Sunday School is not Disney World, but our teachers do work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.
4. **Spiritual Mentors:** A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.
5. **Systematic Bible Learning:** Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.
6. **Praying Teachers:** Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.
7. **Big Reward for a Small Investment:** If you're already coming to church, come on to Sunday School! That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates.
8. **Send the Right Message:** Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.
9. **Adult Bible Fellowship:** While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults in your own Bible study group.
10. **You'll Be Setting a Strong Christian Foundation for Your Child:** This foundation will carry them through their life.

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

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



Sunday, July 9th
Nursery Hours

7:45 a.m. - 12 noon

Sunday School

10:00 a.m. (Main
 bldg., 2nd floor)

Children's Church

11:00 a.m. service

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

July

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

*Partnering WITH You,
 Miss Julie*

Trustees—Bill Bates

Thanks to Joan Swann for donating flags to display around our campus during special holidays. Rework of the front doors to the sanctuary is complete. They now open/close easier and we can actually lock them with ease. We are in the process of repairs to the front parking lot to even out a few unsafe spots. Restriping will take place this month. Discussions are ongoing to improve security of the Nursery. A "buzz-in" enhancement to our present security system and a transparent lockable door are two alternatives. We have a new mowing service to perform our landscaping needs. Painting of the Pastor's office is complete. Sidewalk is repaired next to the Jackson Street parking lot walk-in gate. Floors in the kitchen area of the FAC Bldg. are being stripped and waxed this week. Thanks to all who assisted with the campaign to eliminate rodent "friends" in the FAC Bldg.

THE HENRY CENTER

Hours
Food Pantry, Financial Assistance, & Clothes Closet
 Thursdays 12-2 p.m.

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



Worship Attendance—July 2

Unified Service 254

Sunday, July 9th

Offering Counters

Steve & Julia Mayes
Terry & Dian Rayfield

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m. Joan Everetts
Margaret Maddox
9:00 a.m. Michelle & Aaron
Carmack
11:00 a.m. Jean Baker
Cathy Diller
Marissa McKay

TEXT IN CHURCH

To receive text messages & emails from the church to keep you in the loop about everything that is going on, just text the word CHURCH to 931-452-4747 and click on the response. Once your form is filled out, we will begin sending you all the info you'll need.

Keeping In Prayers

Melba Mahrenholz	Forrest Frame	Helen Smith
Caroline McPherson (great niece of Nancy Lawrence)	Brooke Mendenhall (cousin of Michelle Anderson)	Carolyn Graham (sister of Bob Prater)
Judy Fitch	Billy Roy Murray	Anthony Robinson, Scott Dowling & Mary Lundy
Leon Smith	(Nancy Wright's family)	(family of Wilma Finchum)

The members of our Latvia Mission Team: Holt & Lynn Cason
and Craig, Cathy, & Rebekah Diller.

Dossett Chapel 50th Anniversary Reception

Fifty years ago, some ladies from our church started a "sack Sunday School" program in the Dossett apartment maintenance building, and the Dossett ministry was started. A couple years later the church acquired a small house next to the apartments and the program grew and expanded. It was named Dossett Chapel.

Over the years, many varied programs have taken place there. Several other churches have helped support these programs at different times. The Chapel has also had changes take place with additions and improvements over the years. The latest is to add an additional bathroom and upgrade the kitchen cabinets.

Time to celebrate these fifty years! On July 23rd from 2-4 p.m. there will be an open house for present and former volunteers, students, and their families to come see the changes and share memories. Finger food will be available in the front room, with pictures, videos, etc. in the back room. If you have any to share, please bring them.

All are welcome to attend. If you are not familiar with this ministry, this will be a great opportunity to learn about it and talk to those who have been involved. If you are able to help in the front room or bring a finger food, contact Juanita Bair at 454-0834.

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