

The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade

Sanctifying Grace

In my opinion, all the forms of God’s grace do not get equal billing, and I think they should. As should be noted, God’s grace is not divided; grace is grace. However, we do experience the grace of God in different ways. To this end, we place a great emphasis on the experience of justifying grace, and pay little attention to sanctifying grace. As mentioned last week, justifying grace is that grace of God which makes us just or right before God – we are all too comfortable to leave it at that.

Sanctifying grace involves the work of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit the sanctifying grace of God continuously transforms a believer. The Holy Spirit nudges us, encourages us, and empowers us to change. This change is not some form of works righteousness, because we do not change ourselves; we submit to the Spirit at work in us. It is grace because God offers this work of the Spirit to all without cost.

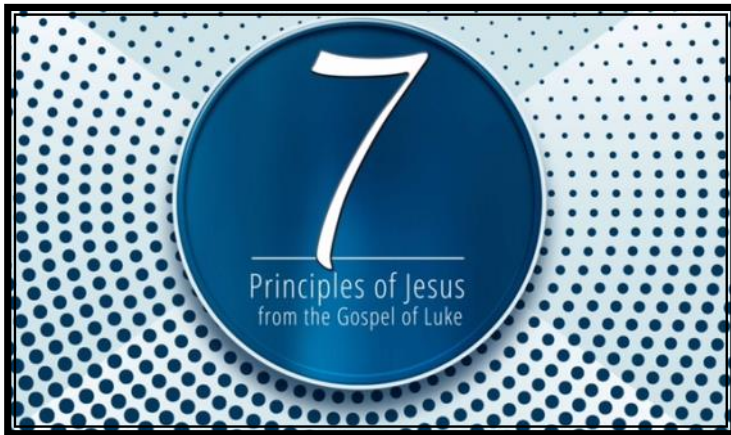
However, we often resist this grace – we do not want to change! We want God to save us and leave us as we are. Scripture shouts with a multitude of voices that God saves us to change us, transform us, and make us anew. We are saved so that we may be remade like Christ! For this to happen we must all change, and the agent of that change is God’s sanctifying grace through an empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Not only do we as individuals dislike the change connected to God’s grace, churches resist it as well. Churches are all too happy to lead a person to Christ, baptize them and get them on the roll, but then leave them at the altar! Sanctifying grace is the power of discipleship. As the church is making disciples we act as instruments of God’s grace to teach, lead, and guide others into a deeper relationship with Christ. Churches must take up the challenge to channel the grace of God such that disciples are made of others, and of us all.

Therefore, I encourage you (and myself) to give in to God. Say yes to the sanctifying grace of God, and allow God to renew you and remake you. This work is never finished, no matter how old you may be, how smart you may be, or how long you have been a follower of Christ. We always have room to grow; we always have a need to change.

Remember, by yielding to the Spirit in this way, you are not working your way to heaven; the Spirit is at work in you because you are on your way to heaven!

*God bless,
Brother Rickey*



Current Sermon series (through August 20th)

Pastor Rickey’s sermons are posted on our website every Sunday, right after the conclusion of the 11 a.m. service. Go to www.fumctullahoma.com, select “sermons” and “view media player.” From there you may select the sermon you want to listen to.

If you need to get in touch with Pastor Rickey, you may reach him by email, pastorfumc@lighttube.net or by cell phone, 931-222-0314.

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, and 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.

Senior VIBES

Ongoing Events...

Adult Art Group

Will not meet
this summer



Knitting Group

Will not meet
this summer

Happy Birthday!!!

July 14 Dale Hunter, Jr.
15 Helen McClure
16 Shirley Moore
21 Charlotte Hatheway

Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: *“As hard as they try, no one can prevent God from fulfilling his purpose for you.” (Psalms to Soothe a Woman’s Heart)*

Our committee to narrow the list of names for our Senior Adult Program did not have a chance to meet last week. We will try to meet this week. 25 new names were suggested, and we will try to narrow this down to five. Twelve people responded to this contest. I appreciate your participation.

This Week’s Events...

Thursday-Saturday, July 13th-15th - UMW Mission “U” at St. Marks in Murfreesboro
Tuesday, July 18th - Encourager’s Luncheon at Patch Manor in Manchester; lunch time is 11:30 a.m.; if anyone wants to carpool, please be in FAC parking lot by 11 a.m.; Cost is \$10.00 plus tip

Coming Events...

Saturday, July 22nd - Ragtime Play and Dinner in Murfreesboro (registration closed); leaving Family Activity center at 4 p.m.
Tuesday, August 1st - Golden Circle; Jon Bell program; board meeting afterwards
Monday-Thursday, August 7th-10th - Wisdom and Grace Conference at Lake Junaluska (registration closed)
Thursday, November 30th—Christmas at Beersheba—You don’t want to miss this!

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



SUMMER EVENTS

Do Nothing Retreat (HS) - July 21st-23rd
Youth Lake Party - Sunday, July 30th 12-5 p.m.
All Church @ Splash Island - July 30th 6-8 p.m.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Sundays

Worship 8, 9, & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
HS Youth 5 p.m.

Wednesdays

MS Youth 6:30-8 p.m. (August only),
6-8 p.m., beginning in September
Disciple Bible Study 6-8 p.m. (Start date TBD)

School Year Youth and Parent Meeting - Join us Wednesday, August 9th at 6:30 p.m. for our annual start of the school year meeting. Important information will be shared and a time of Q & A with the youth ministry director and staff will be held.

HS @ Nashville Sounds Baseball (Conference event) - Sunday, August 20th

We will begin registration for our home group ministry in August. Each Sunday you will have the opportunity to sign up to be a part of a ministry that is truly changing lives in our congregation! Our launch night will be held on Sunday, August 27th at 6p.m. in the FAC. Join us that evening for dinner and vision casting for the year!



Back to the Table, a Wednesday Night Meal & Message Disciple Series, will begin August 9th from 5—6 p.m., in Davidson Hall; open to adults, youth, and children grades 3 and up; nursery available

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 is not be available for these evening sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Harrison @ 931-434-2425.

There will be a luncheon on Sunday, August 6th at 12:15 p.m. in Davidson Hall for anyone interested in attending the upcoming **Emmaus Walks**. We will need a headcount by Friday, July 28th to plan for food. Please contact Terry Rayfield at 931-581-7804 or Dian Rayfield at 931-212-6623.

Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein



Sunday School resumed this past Sunday and it was so good to see all of our kiddos! A big thank you to all who serve during the Sunday School hour; I hope you enjoyed the break. Our Promotion Sunday is July 30th at 10 a.m. Rising kindergarten and middle school parents should have received an email with info; if not please let me know.



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

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



August

6th Children's Ministry parent meeting for all age groups, 10 a.m. – Art Room

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*



Sunday, July 16th
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

First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey Everyone,

I know this is in the First Light sections, but as the Director of the *Henry Center*, I am putting out the call to anyone who feels called to minister with us down the hill. Right now, for the month of July we are only open on Thursdays but soon we will need people on both Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. until around 2 p.m. This doesn't mean that you have to stay the whole time, or work both days; any help that you can give will be put to great use. I will be honest, it can be spiritually tiring, but we also have a lot of fun and experience God in mighty ways every week. Come and join us!

*In Christ,
 Jeff*

Missions Moment—Holt Cason



As you read this article, the VIM team is in Latvia working at the HOPE CENTER in Liepa. Our first task was to assemble the new baby furniture we purchased to replace the old, broken and worn out furniture. The old furniture will be donated as fire wood to those that cannot afford to buy wood. The next task on our agenda is to repair the fence surrounding the church property. As always, your thoughts and prayers are needed as we serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

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 9

8 a.m.	67
First Light	135
11 a.m.	151
Total	353
Sunday School	113

Sunday, July 16th

Offering Counters

George & Kathy Jensen
Mike & Jan Dent

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m.	Ross Roepke
9:00 a.m.	Shanna Brooks Scott Jones
11:00 a.m.	Jean Baker Mary Etta Ward Ruth Wilson

Keeping In Prayers

Gloria Pless	Forrest Frame
Melba Mahrenholz	Brooke Mendenhall (cousin of Michelle Anderson)
Caroline McPherson (great niece of Nancy Lawrence)	Billy Roy Murray (Nancy Wright's family)
Judy Fitch	
Leon Smith	

Helen Smith
Carolyn Graham (sister of
Bob Prater)
Anthony Robinson, Scott
Dowling & Mary Lundy
(family of Wilma Finchum)



The members of our
Latvia Mission Team:
Holt & Lynn Cason
and Craig, Cathy, &
Rebekah Diller.
The team arrived safely
Saturday night and will
return home July 19th.

Please remember **Dawn
Hankins**, former
Administrative Assistant
here at Tullahoma
FUMC, and her family
in the passing of her
mother-in-law **Jesse
Hankins**, on July 10th.

The **Encouragers** will meet next Tuesday, July 18th, at Patch Manor in Manchester. Lunch time is 11:30 a.m. so if anyone wants to carpool, please be in FAC parking lot and ready to leave at 11 a.m. **We are opening this luncheon to anyone in the church who would like to attend.** If you want to go, please call Linda Roberts at 455-4688, or Kay Crosswy at 581-0317, so we can turn in a count on the 17th. Cost of meal is \$10 plus tip, which includes their famous chicken casserole, green beans, a fruit salad or other, homemade roll, drink, and a choice of their delicious desserts. We are looking forward to a great time together. —Linda Roberts

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.



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