

## The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade

### Making Disciples

I have been thinking recently about what it means to “make disciples.” In Saint Matthew’s Gospel Jesus says, “And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age’” (vv. 28:18-20). It is interesting that Jesus says to us that we are to “make disciples.” What does it mean that you and I are to make disciples?

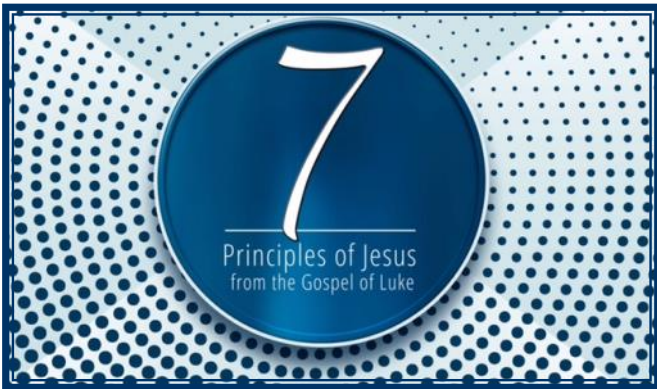
One of the things that complicates the notion of making disciples is that we confuse it with salvation. We know and believe that a person is saved by grace through faith, and that no amount of human effort can save us. However, Jesus tells us to take the person who has come to a saving faith and make a disciple of that person. The other way this works is to make a disciple of a person who can then profess Christ as Lord and Savior.

To this end, making a disciple is a process of teaching by word, deed, and sign. A disciple is a student, one who learns, and one who follows the teaching of another. Jesus is telling us to make students of others. They are not to be our students; they are to be Jesus’ students. To make someone a disciple is to teach them how to follow Jesus. To make a disciple is to teach someone about Jesus and give them the tools to live a Christian life.

This is where the Church comes in. The Church is not a collection of people who are without sin, without problems, or without issues. On the contrary, the Church is a group of people who are sinners, who have problems and issues. However, we are people on a journey with Christ. We don’t have all the answers, but we do have some answers. We do know that Christ has given us a joy and peace beyond compare. We also know that a Christian life strengthens marriages, families, friendships, and yes, all aspects of life. Furthermore, we know that God has ordained a particular way for human beings to live, and God’s way is the best way!

I am new to Tullahoma, and would like to say thanks for the warm hospitality. To acclimate myself a bit, I’ve been studying the demographics of the area. Did you know that Tullahoma is growing at a rate of about 5% and is expected to continue this growth through the next ten years? Did you also know that a reasonable part of that growth is middle-age folks retiring and choosing to remain here, while positions vacated by retirees are filled by young families. Over the next ten years, the number of children ages 0-4 in Tullahoma is expected to grow by about 2%. I believe we have something to offer - better community, better marriages, better friendships, and better life. I want to be a part of offering discipleship in this community, and from what I’ve seen, I believe you do to!

*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](http://www.fumctullahoma.com), select “sermons” and “view media player.” From there you may select the sermon you want to listen to.*



This Sunday, July 30th, we will take up our 5th Sunday offering for Partners for Healing. Partners provides primary health care for the working uninsured in Coffee, Moore and Franklin Counties and has had a long standing partnership with our church.



**Correction:** The Jackson Street parking lot will be closed for repairs *next* Monday & Tuesday, July 31st & August 1st. Also on these days, the parking spaces along Lauderdale Street will not be available for parking as the lines are being repainted. Please use the Family Activity Center parking lot during this time.

# Senior VIBES

## This Week's Events...

**Sunday, July 30th** - Church Wide Swim Party; 6-8 p.m. at Splash Island

**Tuesday, August 1st** - Golden Circle; Jon Bell program; board meeting afterwards. We will be planning 2018 activities and events. If you have ideas you want to share, let us know before the board meeting, if not attending.

## Coming Events...

**Monday-Thursday,**

**August 7th-10th** - Wisdom and Grace Conference at Lake Junaluska

**Thursday, August 17th** - Sister Act Play & Lunch in Crossville; \$30; 10 tickets left

**Thursday, August 24th** - Book Club, 6 p.m.; Sally Ride

**Thursday, November 30th**

Christmas at Beersheba - You don't want to miss this!

## Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

**Thought of the Week:** "Who is this great king? He is the LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, victorious in battle."

Time is running out to make reservations for the **Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee**. The tour date is Wednesday, September 13th, 2017. Pick up an application and more information in the church office or see Esther.



"Ragtime" play in Murfreesboro, TN

## Happy Birthday!!!

- July 26** Larry Warwick
- 29** Barbara Oakley
- 29** Dennis Hyde
- August 1** Gary Fergus
- 1** Ruth Wilson

Starting July 30th, senior adults can start voting on their favorite Senior Adult Ministry name change by calling Esther (455-5434; extension 110), emailing (ejsfumc@lighttube.net); texting (607-0752) or using the drop boxes at church. Voting will continue until Sunday, August 13th. You will be voting on the following names: a) Added Dimensions, b) WOW: Wonderful, Older, Wiser, c) Memory Makers, d) Keenagers and e) Sharing & Caring.

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

**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.:  
 Coffee/Topical Discussion/Dinner

#### Wednesdays

MS Youth 6:30-8 p.m. (August only);  
 6-8 p.m., beginning in September:  
 Snack Supper/Topical Discussion/Planned  
 Activities (Gym)  
 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

## Discipleship

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 6 p.m. in the Family Activity Center. Join us that evening for dinner and vision casting!



**Back to the Table**, a Wednesday Night Meal & Message Disciple Series, will begin August 9th from 5-6 p.m., in Davidson Hall. This series is open to adults, youth, and children grades 3 and up, and the nursery will be available. Our menu for the 9th is: Meatloaf meatballs, parmesan mashed potatoes, southern green beans, roll, and caramel cake for dessert. Please RSVP by Friday, August 4th with Mandy in the church office - 455-5434 or fumc@lighttube.net.

## Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

Promotion Sunday for Children's Ministry Sunday School classes is this Sunday at 10 a.m. Upcoming kindergarteners and those going in to 6th grade should have received an email discussing details. 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. in the Art Room. Please make plans to attend.



### Sunday, July 30th

**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

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 signup sheets (parents and children) will be located on the bulletin board that is located 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,

We have a discipleship opportunity coming up that we are calling Back To The Table. It starts August 9th and we will have a meal in Davidson Hall and then a learning time together. It will be a great time to reconnect with church friends you haven't seen in a while and hopefully make some new friends! It's a 4 week series and will focus on personal devotions as well as family devotions. We want everyone in our church to make a focused decision to be intentional about growing spiritually and helping our families grow spiritually. We hope you can join us August 9th. Please RSVP by calling or e-mailing the church office at [fumc@lighttube.net](mailto:fumc@lighttube.net).

*In Christ,  
Jeff*

## Missions Moment—Holt Cason



Our VIM team has had a week to rest from the trip to Latvia and to give thanks to God for a safe and rewarding trip. We were able to assemble all the furniture that was purchased for the HOPE Center, and to paint the room that is being used as a sanctuary in the Sarkani complex. We did have plans to work on the fence surrounding the church property, but weather and time did not allow us to complete this project. We give thanks to God for what was accomplished.

THE HENRY CENTER

### Hours

**Food Pantry & Financial Assistance** - Tuesdays & Thursdays 12-2 p.m.  
**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



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.

## Worship Attendance-July 23

8 a.m.	65
First Light	141
11 a.m.	123
<b>Total</b>	<b>329</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>114</b>

## Sunday, July 30th

### **Offering Counters**

Clay & Fuffy Bearden  
Barbara Buckner  
Janna Washington

### **Greeters/Welcome Teams**

8:00 a.m. Gail Dean  
Diane Chellstorp

9:00 a.m. Kathy Jensen  
Tina Bond

11:00 a.m. Beverly Lindsay  
Susie Miller  
Lou Ann Mitchell

## Keeping In Prayers

Juanita Bair	Gloria Pless	Brooke Mendenhall
Eddie Windsor (nephew of Bob Prater)	Helen Smith	(cousin of Michelle Anderson)
Nathan Adkins (brother of Michelle Carmack)	Melba Mahrenholz	Billy Roy Murray (Nancy Wright's family)
Summer Grace Andrews (granddaughter of Elsa Andrews)	Caroline McPherson (great niece of Nancy Lawrence)	Carolyn Graham (sister of Bob Prater)
Ron Harrison (cousin of Bryan Fogle)	Judy Fitch	Anthony Robinson, Scott Dowling & Mary Lundy (family of Wilma Finchum)
	Leon Smith	
	Forrest Frame	

### Memorials

#### **Elise Wright Walker**

from  
Jimmye Lou Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Mathis  
Charlotte Hatheway  
Bertha Bates  
Diane Herron  
Bill & Bunny Comer  
Gerald & Mary Ann Allen

#### **Bill Hobbs**

from  
Wilma Shasteen Family

#### **John Orr**

from  
Diane Herron  
Bill & Bunny Comer  
Betty Gail & Family

#### **Kathy Broyles**

from  
Jimmye Lou Smith

#### **Nancy Washburn**

from  
Barry & Louise Bishop  
Jimmye Lou Smith

### Home Communion Teams

We are still in need of one more team to serve Home Communion. You will only serve two to three times a year, once a month. Those interested can call Susan Warwick (455-1996) for details. We need this team filled by September.



## **Connect**

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