

The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade

Faith I

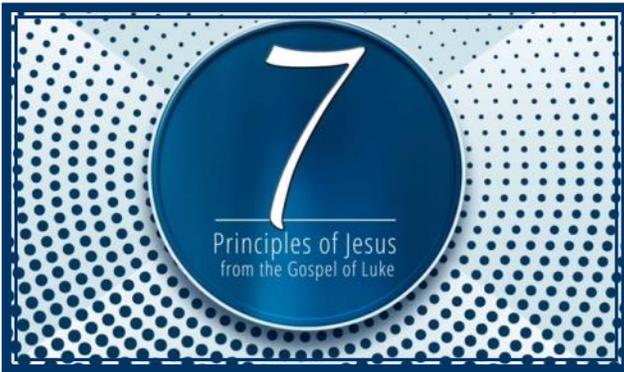
Faith is an interesting concept. Is it something that resides only in the mind and heart, or does it also involve what we do? That is, it is both a concept of our mind and the actions of our hands. In other words, what we believe becomes real by how we live. First, let us clear up a small matter before getting in too deep with faith (believe). In the time and language of Jesus one basic word was used to explain faith (believe). In Greek, the root word is pisteuo. This word has a variation for use as a noun, and a variation for use as a verb. However, when translated, no such English word exists with such a clear variation in both the noun and verb form. Therefore, the noun form of pisteuo is most often translated as “faith,” and the verb form is often translated as “believe,” or “to believe.” As an example, one would not say in English, “I faith in him;” we would say, “I believe in him.”

With that out of the way, we find therefore, that faith (believe) shares the concept of being something we possess. That is, “I have faith.” In this form, it is something that resides in the mind and in the heart. It is a concept, an idea, or an understanding. As such, the writer of Hebrews says, “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (11:1). If you will, the concept or understanding is that the things we hope for are indeed real although we do not, or cannot, see them. As such, the concept of heaven and hell are ours by faith in that we do not physically see either now, but we are convinced each is real!

In addition, then, we act on what we believe to be real although we do not see it now. In other words, because we believe heaven and hell are real, we behave such as to embrace one and avoid the other. Therefore, what we believe shapes how we act. We believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ; in Christ, God has ordained the way for human beings to live and through the Holy Spirit we are set free from the bondage of sin and death. These concepts then become actions as we endeavor to live by the power of God’s Spirit to shape and pattern our life after that of Jesus.

Over the next few weeks, I hope to discuss more about faith, and its connection to repentance. My prayer is that you will find these discussions helpful.

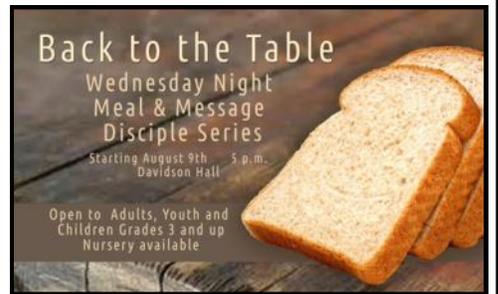
*God bless,
Brother Rickey*



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.

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. (*Donations accepted*)

Please RSVP by Friday, August 4th with Mandy in the church office - 455-5434 or fumc@lighttube.net.

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.”

Senior VIBES

This Week's Events...

Wednesday, August 2nd - LifeGroup led by Shannon & Larry Dickerson, 6-7:30 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, August 7th-10th - Wisdom and Grace Conference at Lake Junaluska

Coming Events...

Thursday, August 17th - Sister Act Play & Lunch in Crossville; \$30 (SOLD OUT - have started a waiting list)
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: *"I keep the Lord in mind always, because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." Psalm 16:8*

Voting has started for Senior Adult Ministry name change. Voting will continue until Sunday, August 13th. Make your vote count!

Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee tour date is Wednesday, September 13th, 2017. Pick up an application and more information in the church office or see Esther.

Happy Birthday!!!

August 4 Rush Bricken
4 Jim Henry
5 Jim House
6 Charlotte Walker*
6 Ann Lester
6 Bill Bethman
9 Jerry TeVrucht
11 Melba Mahrenholz

*Mrs. Charlotte Walker will be 102 on her birthday.
 Why not send her a card to:
 Mrs. Charlotte Walker, c/o NHC,
 1321 Cedar Lane,
 Tullahoma, TN 37388

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).

First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey Everyone,

As the staff met together last week, Pastor Rickey made the point of saying it can be hard to keep up spiritual disciplines while working in a church because we feel we are "doing" spiritual practices all day long. This is very true, it can feel that way. One of things my wife and I decided to do at the beginning of the year was to read through the bible. We use an app called YouVersion and it is wonderful. It's about 15-20 minutes daily. The thing I like the most is that it will read it to you. I like this because it is sometimes hard to get through all the names and locations that I don't know how to pronounce, and I should know, we are in Chronicles right now! I encourage you to take up a daily spiritual practice and share what you are learning with others.

*In Christ,
 Jeff*

Missions Moment—Holt Cason



In Matthew 13, Jesus talked about the sowing of seeds. Some seeds thrived in good soil, while others perished in poor, or rocky soil. This reminded me of missions work, both local and foreign, where we work to make things better for others. Some of the work yields results in conversions, new churches, schools, or manses, while at other times, it seems as if the efforts are in vain. Regardless of the outcome, it is our responsibility as Christians to work to make a difference for Christ.

Trunk or Treat 2017

Are you interested in helping with Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29th? Last year we had over 700 people from our community in attendance. This year's event will take many hands of all ages. Please contact Julie Uehlein, 581-8320, if interested in contributing in some way.



Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

This past Sunday, we welcomed our upcoming kindergarteners into the K-5th grade Children's Ministry. We also had a short transfer of our upcoming 6th graders to Youth Ministry. What a great (and a bit sad) morning we had! I am so excited for both of these groups and know that God has great plans for them. What a beautiful prayer Kris Robert prayed over the upcoming middle schoolers!



We continued Sunday's fun at Splash Island with our church wide pool party. It was a great day, indeed!

Parent meeting Sunday, August 6th at 10 a.m. in the Art Room. Please make plans to attend.



Sunday, August 6th
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

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

*Partnering WITH You,
Miss Julie*

Youth & Discipleship Ministry—Kris Roberts

We had a great Promotion Sunday which welcomed in our new 6th grade class followed by a beautiful day on the lake! The weather was awesome and our youth had a blast! Thanks to all of our adult leaders who brought their boats out to Tims Ford to make it possible and a special thanks to George and Kathy for your hospitality!



Disciple I orientation Wednesday, August 9th, 6:30 p.m., Confirmation room. All interested High School students are encouraged to attend.

Discipleship

We begin registration for our home group ministry this month. 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 Sunday, August 27th at 6 p.m. in the Family Activity Center. Join us that evening for dinner and vision casting!



WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Sundays

Worship 8, 9, and 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 Meetings

HS - Sunday, August 6th at 5 p.m.
MS - Wednesday, August 9th at 6:30 p.m.
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

Worship Attendance-July 30

8 a.m.	58
First Light	142
11 a.m.	159
Total	359
Sunday School	53

Sunday, August 6th

Offering Counters

Bob & Dianne Barksdale
Susan Warwick
Kay Crosswy

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m. Bob Lawrence
Helen McClure

9:00 a.m. Brooke & John
Schmisser

11:00 a.m. Mark & Susan
Russell
Ruth Wilson

Home Communion Teams

Larry & Rosemary Crabtree
Trey & Dolly McNabb
Holt & Lynn Cason
Susan & Mark Russell
Linda Thomas & Gail Dean
Children's Department

Keeping In Prayers

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



Sunday School Challenge

Thanks to all who contributed school supplies last month. These supplies were divided between the four elementary schools and dropped



off this week before the kiddos start the 2017-2018 school year. Your generous giving has already affected the lives of a few children who received school supplies at the Henry Center last week. Keep the supplies coming as we intend to collect supplies through the month of August. Supplies can be left in the small chapel or the Hope Sunday School Class. Again thanks for the generous giving and let us continue to serve our neighbors. -Terry Rayfield

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