

**The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade**

**Repentance I**

Over the past couple of weeks, I have discussed faith and its connection to daily living. A component of the Christian process and the transformation that takes place through the Holy Spirit is that of repentance. In Scripture, repentance takes on two basic notions. One is that we are sorry for our sin; the other notion is that we wish to change our ways.

In Psalm 119:59-60, the Psalmist says, “I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.” In this text, the Psalmist notes that he thought about his life, his way of living, and his obedience to God. Upon consideration of his life, the Psalmist then says he turned his feet unto the testimonies of God. Although it is possible to walk backwards, sideways, and so on, have you ever noticed that we normally move in the direction our feet are pointing? Therefore, the Psalmist is saying that by turning his feet, he is changing his direction. He is changing course! We should understand this to mean that he is changing from his old ways to God’s ways. We should also note that he is making haste to do this.

The notion of being sorry for our sin is that of wishing we had not done this or that, or that we had done this or that. Sorrow for our sin is really the desire to live differently in the future. It is like making a New Year’s resolution. We come to a turning point in the year and wish things were different, so we resolve to live differently. The desire for things to be different is part of repentance, but only a part.

At times in life, we cross milestones. These may be the birth of a child, a baptism, a wedding, graduation, a death, a divorce, job loss, or so on. At such times we may take an inventory of our ways and find them wanting. We may say to ourselves, “I need to get back in church,” or “I need to rededicate myself to Christian living.” Such an inner voice is the desire for repentance, but not repentance itself. The desire to repent is a beginning, but it is not the finished product.

The desire to repent is crucial. However, the problem with desire is that we are often content with desire – we fail to act. When we find contentment with the periodic desire to repent, the real transformation of the Holy Spirit never takes place. It is like making the same resolution each year to lose weight. We want to do it, we desire to do it, and we intend to do it; the only problem is, it never really happens.

Next week I will move from the desire for repentance to repentance. I hope this will be helpful.

*God bless,  
Brother Rickey*

*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.*

**Ongoing Activities**

**Wednesdays**

- “Back to the Table” Meal & Message Disciple Series 5-6 p.m.
- Instrumental Ensemble 5:30-6:15 p.m.
- Middle School Youth Group 6:30-8 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- High School Youth Disciple I 6:30 p.m.

**Thursdays**

- Henry Center Food Pantry, Financial Assistance, & Clothes Closet 12-2 p.m.
- Handbells 5:30 p.m.

**Sundays**

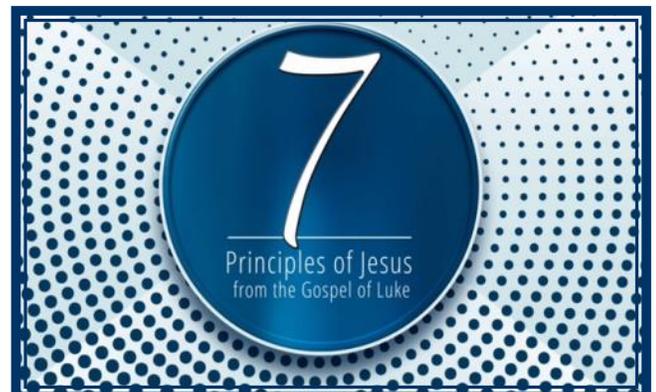
- High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m.

**Tuesdays**

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance 12-2 p.m.
- Boy Scouts 7-8 p.m.



5-6 p.m. Open to all ages. The nursery will be available, and there will be an activity planned for children K - 2nd from 5:30-6 p.m. We hope you will join us for this time of food, fellowship, and family devotions.



**Current Sermon series (through August 20th)**

# Senior VIBES

## Ongoing Events...

### Adult Art Group

1st & 3rd Fridays  
10 a.m. - noon  
Art Room, main building



## This Week's Events...

### Wednesday, August 16th

LIFEgroup 6-7:30 p.m.; led by Shannon & Larry Dickerson

Thursday, August 17th - Sister Act Play & Lunch in Crossville

## Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: *“Love is the best medicine for every situation.” (Lillie Adams)*

*The voting has ended and the ballots have been counted. Out of the five (5) names voted upon, no one “name change” received an overwhelming number of votes. In fact, we had 16 ballots. Therefore, we will leave the name of our Senior Adult Ministry as is for the time being. I wish to thank those that submitted names, those who narrowed our list and those who voted. I do have prizes as promised for those who submitted names.*

### Happy Birthday!!!

<b>August 14</b>	<b>Joan Swann</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Doug Thomas</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Jimmye Lou Smith</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Connie Hyde</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Betty Horton</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Susie Miller</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Richard Garfield</b>

## Coming Events...

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

September (TBA)- Readyville Mill; please note date posted is an OOPS!

Thursday, September 21st - Older Adult Fall Conference; St. Mark's Murfreesboro

October (TBA) - Nashville Zoo

Thursday, November 30th - Christmas at Beersheba

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,

We had a great time last Wednesday night at **Back To The Table**. Good food, great conversations and a chance to connect with others in our church family. Please take time out of your busy week to attend **Back To The Table** this Wednesday at 5 p.m. We will be having BBQ, and Kris Roberts will be leading us in our devotional time. If you could help clean up in the weeks to come, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact me if you are willing to help. Thanks!

*In Christ,  
Jeff*

## Missions Moment—Holt Cason



The scripture from Matthew 13 is about the sowing of seeds. Some seeds thrived in good soil, while others perished in poor, or rocky soil. This reminded me of Volunteers in 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

Thank you all for the love and support I have received after the passing of my mother. No words can convey how much I love you all!

Please join me at the Information Station desk on Sunday before or after Sunday School so I can go over what we discussed at our parent meeting last Sunday.

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

*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, August 20th***

***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*

## Youth & Discipleship Ministry—Kris Roberts

### 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.



### *Discipleship*

Registration going on now for our LIFEgroup ministry. This Sunday we hope you will take the opportunity to sign-up to be a part of a ministry that is truly hanging lives in our congregation! Launch night is next Sunday, August

27th at 6 p.m. in the Family

Activity Center. Join us that evening for dinner and vision casting!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### ***Sunday School Challenge***

Keep the school 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 in the main

building. Thank you for the generous giving and let us continue to serve our neighbors. -Terry Rayfield



### ***A note from Julie Uehlein:***

Church Family,

Thank you all for the for the food, cards, texts, phone calls and mostly the prayers concerning the passing of my mom. I truly love and adore you all.

*Be Blessed!  
Julie Uehlein*

"Doors of opportunities are continuing to open for the local communities of Middle TN to learn... lives are being transformed and possibly generational trees of addiction eradicated." Blue Monarch is hosting the "Raise the Roof and Praise", first annual fund-raiser banquet, Thursday, September 28th. Proceeds will go to replace the roofs on their three original homes, as well as hopefully contribute to other capital and operating expenses. Seating begins at 6:30 p.m. with banquet (which includes dinner) from 7-9 p.m. Please RSVP with Tammy Brown at 931-841-5775 by August 21st if you would like to attend. Thank you.



*blue monarch*

### ***Solar Eclipse - Monday, August 21st, 2017***

Next Monday, the church office will be closed from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., so that the staff will have the opportunity to observe the eclipse. We hope you will also be able to take the time to witness this awesome occurrence.

## Worship Attendance-

### Aug 13th

8 a.m.	75
First Light	196
11 a.m.	126
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>137</b>

### Sunday, August 20th

#### Offering Counters

George & Kathy Jensen  
Joy & Dewitt Cox

#### Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m.	Bobbie Ray Fuffy Bearden
9:00 a.m.	Jan & Mike Dent
11:00 a.m.	Janna Washington Nancy Wood Mary Etta Ward

## Keeping In Prayers

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

Family & friends of **Dan & Fran Marcum**, in the passing of their daughter, **Wendy Marcum Surratt**, on Tuesday, August 8th. Services were Saturday, August 12th, in Stantonville, TN.

### *Wesley Heights Spiritual Renewal*

Sunday-Tuesday, August 20th-22nd, Wesley Heights will be holding a spiritual renewal workshop led by Laurie Raulston. Laurie is a former member of Tullahoma FUMC, and currently is the pastor for Normandy UMC. Each night begins at 7 p.m. with special music.



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. You may also sign-up to receive texts from specific areas of ministry. For our Youth Ministry, text YOUTH; for our Children's Ministry text CHILDREN. Once your form is filled out, we will begin sending you all the info you'll need.

## **Connect**

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