

The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade

Repentance II

As noted last week, repentance involves both the desire for repentance and actual repentance. The desire for repentance is connected most closely to the notion of experiencing sorrow over our sin, and wishing things could be different. Actual repentance is the act of making a change in one’s life. It is changing from one way of living to a new or different way of living. As this discussion relates to Christian faith, repentance is turning from our old way to the Way of Christ.

It is tempting to think of repentance as an act of the will. That is, “I will decide to do this new thing in my life,” and then set about making it happen. An example of such thinking could follow along these lines: A person comes to the realization that his life is a mess. His marriage is in trouble. He drinks too much. Furthermore, he is not a good father. The plan, he thinks, is to get himself and his family back in church; he will decide to live right! This is noble, but it is as likely to fail as succeed. He may go to church for a while. Then he may lose interest, and little by little drift back to where he started.

He may blame his lack of interest in church on the preacher, or on the congregation. The excuses vary widely. The preacher is boring, not on fire enough, on fire too much, or so on. The congregation is not active enough, too active, not friendly, too meddlesome, and on this list goes. Actually, the man loses interest because actual repentance never took place. Repentance is not something we make happen through our will; it is something we allow God to do by surrendering our will.

You see, the power to change me does not reside within me! The power to change me resides only with God! Therefore, if real change is to take place in my life, I must give my will over to God. The Holy Spirit at work in a person’s heart brings about real and lasting change. You and I can make changes in our life for a time, but we run out of interest or energy after a while. When this happens, life goes back to the way it was. However, the Holy Spirit does not lose interest, or energy.

Next week I will talk more about surrender to God, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the joy of real change.

*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, 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

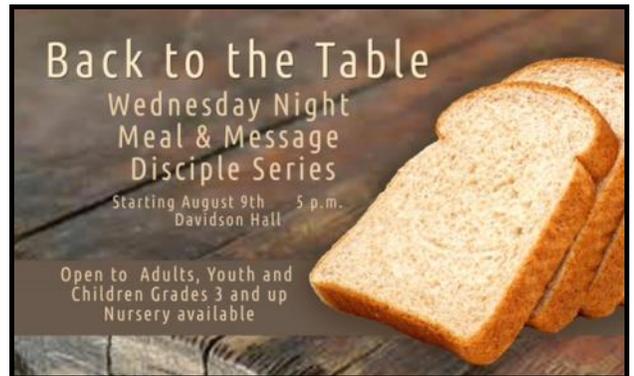
- Henry Center Food Pantry, Financial Assistance, & Clothes Closet 12-2 p.m.
- Handbells 5:30 p.m.

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.

Altar Flowers

The following dates are available for Altar Flowers: September 17th and September 24th. If you would like to provide the altar flowers on one of these dates in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact Mandy in the church office at 931-455-5434 or fumc@lighttube.net

Congratulations

Sumner James Dolezal was born May 5th to Brian & Sarah Gabriel Dolezal, in San Francisco, CA.
Carden Luke Matthews was born August 14th to Brandon & Caroline Gabriel Matthews, in Mobile, AL.

Proud grandparents of both boys are ***Rick Gabriel & Caren Gabriel***



Senior VIBES

Ongoing Events...

Adult Art Group

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



Happy Birthday!!!

- August 25 Richard Garfield
- 27 Beverly Beam
- 27 Bill Sanders
- 28 Emily Thoma
- 29 Margaret Richardson
- 31 Mary Alice Hollinshead



Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: “Oh, the joys of those who . . . delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night....They prosper in all they do.” *Psalm 1: 1-3 (NLT)*

This Week's Events...

Wednesday, August 23rd

“Back to the Table” Dinner & Devotion
5-6 p.m.

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

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

Coming Events...

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

Tuesday, September 5th - Golden Circle,
Pastor Rickey Wade speaker

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

October (TBA) - Nashville Zoo

Thursday, November 30th - Christmas at
Beersheba

Our outing to see “*Sister Act*” and eating at Shoney’s was a delightful experience. Again Holt did a terrific job of getting us there and back safely. We had several new faces with us and I do expect to see some of them on future trips. Please be advised that you are more than welcome to invite your family and friends to join us. Our policy is first come first served. Speaking of that, we have seating for 36 for our trip to *Beersheba* on Thursday, November 30th. Twenty-five (25) people have already signed up to go, that leaves only 11 seats on our van and bus. The cost is \$20.00 per person and that includes your lunch and transportation. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. The activities start at 10 a.m. with coffee and light refreshments. We should be back in the FAC parking lot by 3:30 p.m. or before.

Several people have asked about our church planning a trip to the *Ark Encounter* and the *Creation Museum* for next year. I need some input from you. This will require some careful advanced planning and commitment on the part of those who would like to go. I’m thinking tour bus! In that case, we will need at least 40 people to travel with us. This will be a 5 day 4 night trip sometime in late March or early April. Approximate cost is \$500.00 {all inclusive}.

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,

Have you noticed the last couple of weeks at First Light? It's been really full! That's a great thing! Here are a couple of things I have been thinking about. Do you know everyone that attends First Light? I don't. I wish I did. If you see someone you don't know, make a point to introduce yourself and get to know them. Maybe they are new, maybe they have been coming forever. If you meet a new person, would you invite them to sit with you? Would you take them to Sunday School with you? We want to be as welcoming as possible so that people can experience God and hear the truth of His word.

*In Christ,
Jeff*

Missions Moment—Holt Cason



It is not too early to begin to think about being a part of a *Volunteers In Mission* team in 2018. For those that may be interested, there is an Ali Helms Memorial Mission Scholarship that is available. This scholarship is for first time missionaries that are members of FUMC Tullahoma. Additionally, the Missions Committee will consider awarding a scholarship based on financial hardship. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact Holt Cason at 931-455-3139.

Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

What a great turnout we had for Sunday School and our annual Children's Ministry photo. The kiddos are precious!!

If you have not received a calendar of events, please see me. Also, to receive texts and emails concerning our Children's Ministry, text CHILDREN to 452-4747 then fill out the info sent back to you. It will take you 30 seconds.

On Sunday during Sunday School, we will be giving out our new Children's Ministry bags and explaining to the children how our new attendance, good deed, etc... program will work. Look for a note to go home with your child.

We have three sign-ups going on: 1) teamKID participants, 2) Wednesday mission opportunities at Dossett in September and November and, 3) The Painted House on November 5th. These sign-ups are on the bulletin board in the Children's hallway.

I always welcome your feedback and look forward to hearing from our parents.

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, August 27th
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



*Partnering WITH You,
 Miss Julie*

Youth & Discipleship Ministry—Kris Roberts

WHAT WE'RE TEACHING (Youth Group)

You've probably had an experience or two that has taught you the power of a good friendship and the danger of a destructive one. This is never more true than during the teenage years, when teenagers are the most susceptible they'll ever be to the influence of their peers. During this series we'll be discussing how to choose our friends wisely, exploring the qualities of a healthy friendship, encouraging students to build friendships with wise people, and helping them see Jesus as their best and truest friend.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 8th - MS Jump Park Lock-in

Discipleship

We would like to invite everyone to our LIFEgroup Launch,



which will be held this coming Sunday, August 27th at 6 p.m. We will meet in Davidson Hall for dinner, and dream together about what our small home group ministry will look like this year and in the future. Nursery and older child care provided. This event is for all LG leaders, members and those interested in learning about LIFEgroups at FUMC!

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



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.

Worship Attendance-

Aug 20th

8 a.m.	71
First Light	163
11 a.m.	110
Total	344
Sunday School	151

Sunday, August 27th

Offering Counters

Rush & Belinda Bricken
Mike & Jan Dent

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m.	Lisa & John Wright
9:00 a.m.	Michelle & Aaron Carmack
11:00 a.m.	Jean Baker Bill Bethmann Kay Crosswy

Keeping In Prayers

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

Memorials

Wendy Surratt

from
Ann Hand
Rush & Belinda Bricken
Martha Carden and
Savannah & Paris Watson
Billy & Bobbie Ray

Elise Wright Walker

from
Gerald & Mary Ann Allen
Jerry & Frances Jones

Frances Painter

from
Marvin Painter

John Orr

from
Beverly Beam
Ron & Elaine Kohl

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