

The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade

Indifference

One of the things that plague our society today is apathy. Now according to Mr. Webster, apathy is: a lack of emotion; lack of interest; listless condition; unconcern; indifference. Maybe of all these definitions indifference is the one that fits us best as a whole. We have become indifferent to so much in our society.

We are not indifferent because we choose to be. The reason for our apathy is more along the lines of an inoculation. In our society today we are bombarded with good causes, needy people, or fundraisers of some sort. As a matter of survival we have had to tune out much of the requests that come our way. Some non-profits, institutions, and larger churches actually hire professional fund raisers to meet their budgets.

I believe in most of these good causes. I think non-profits do great work and are invaluable in our society. Institutions of higher learning do a great work and have added to our society in ways beyond measure. And, of course, I believe people should give to the church. However, in all these cases it is necessary for people to know of a need before they will give. As a general rule, people do not write checks to groups unless they believe it is meeting some need. And, this goes beyond giving. People will generally not volunteer for a group that does not meet some need.

Therefore, the point of our indifference is not the need or our willingness to meet a need. The point is that we have become so inundated with needs, and needy causes, that we have become immune. Because of our immunity it is difficult for us to hear the cry of the needy, or recognize the plight of the poor. In our day, to see pictures of hungry children, homeless persons, or others who suffer has lost its power to shock and move us to action.

This is not something we should beat ourselves over the head about – all living things build up immunity to anything given repeated exposure. It is not necessary that we should feel bad about this situation. It is necessary that we should recognize and amend this situation. No one can do everything, or meet every need, but every person can find a need and meet it. Is there one need in our society that you can meet?

The Apostle James was a proponent of practical religion. He said, “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world” (James 1:27).

*God bless,
Brother Rickey*

Ongoing Activities

Wednesdays

- Dossett Chapel 3:15-5 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.

Fridays

- Young Mom’s Group, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, Reception Room #111, main building

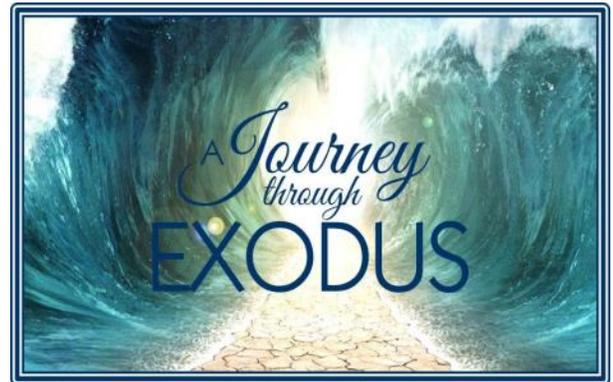
Sundays

- 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.

Current Sermon Series



**This Sunday:
“A God Who Establishes”
Exodus 12:1-14**

United Methodist Men
Monthly meeting Saturday, September 9th at 7:15 a.m., in Davidson Hall

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.

Join us this Sunday, September 10th, at the 9 a.m. service as we celebrate the Baptism of **Marcus Steven Dickerson** and the reaffirmation of faith by **Kaitlin Marie Walleman**.

Senior VIBES

Ongoing Events...

Adult Art Group

1st & 3rd Fridays

10 a.m. - noon

Art Room, main building



Happy Birthday!!!

September 11 Juanita Bair
 15 Jim Fuqua
 16 Emily Weddington



Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: “Somebody is **PRAYING** for you right now!”

This Week's Events...

Various LIFEgroups

Sunday, September 10th - Works by our own Arey Jean Barton will be on exhibit at the Tullahoma Fine Arts Center through September 30th. There is a Reception this Sunday, September 10th from 2-5 p.m. Let's support Arey Jean!

Coming Events...

Saturday, September 16th - Brunch at Readyville Mill; cost \$20; leaving FAC building parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

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

October (TBA) - Nashville Zoo

Sunday, October 1st - Sager Brown Meeting, 12:30 p.m. in the FAC Building

Saturday, October 14th - Barn Dance, 5-7 p.m. in the FAC Building (bring your favorite pot of chili, soup or dessert - drinks will be provided)

Sunday, October 29th - Trunk or Treat

Thursday, November 30th - Christmas at Beersheba; cost \$20

River Cruise and Crossville play dates have been cancelled for the month of October. Please engage yourselves in Golden Circle, Encouragers, Knitting, Art Group, Barn Dance and/or Truck or Treat during the month of October.

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 First Light,



As some of you know, Beth and I lead one of our LIFEgroups. We had our first meeting on Sunday afternoon and it was awesome. We had a great time catching up and talking about how God is calling each of us, both generally and individually. I hadn't realized how much I had missed it until we met again. I would encourage you, if you are not in a LifeGroup, you are missing out on a great opportunity to connect with your church family. If you would like to get in a group, please contact myself or Kris Roberts. It's never too late!

*In Christ,
 Jeff*

Missions Moment—Holt Cason

There was an article in the FUMC Newsletter last week regarding making up buckets for the victims of the hurricane in Houston. If you are unable to make up a bucket, there are other ways to help. You may contribute to UMCOR as follows:



By phone – Call 1-800-554-8583 FREE

Through our local church – Place your gift in the offering plate at church. Please make the gift clearly identifiable as being for the benefit of UMCOR

By Check – Mail checks (payable to UMCOR) to:
 Advance GCFA
 P.O. Box 9068
 New York, NY 10087-9068

“God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor. 9:7

Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

We have given out our Children's Ministry bags and explained to the children how our new attendance, good deed, etc. incentives program will work. Please detach and sign the note that went home with your child. Let me know if your child did not receive the information or bag.

teamKID (Kids in Disciple) begins this Sunday for grades K – 5 rom 4-5:30 p.m. in the FAC. Please contact me for more info on this ministry to plant The Word in our children.

Would you like for your child to be exposed to missions and serving others? Join us at Dossett Chapel next Wednesday at 3 p.m. to learn how you can serve. Contact me for more information.

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.

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, Sept. 10th
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 (Sunday School)



Our Sunday School ministry allows us to feed our students' appetite for Scripture and open their hearts and minds to parts of the Bible that intimidated them

before. Young people will discover the beauty and relevancy of Scripture and we follow the "scarlet thread" through the Old Testament. We will begin a journey this August where our students will see the bigger picture of God's story and gain appreciation for his redemption plan through Jesus.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

Worship 8, 9, & 11 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

HS Youth 5 p.m. - Coffee /

Topical Discussion / Dinner

Wednesdays

MS Youth 6-8 p.m. - Snack Supper / Topical

Discussion / Planned Activities (Gym)

Disciple Bible Study 6-8 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 15th - MS Jump Park & Lock-in



Sunday School Challenge

The challenge for September is new socks and underwear for the Henry Center Clothes Closet. These items are greatly needed. Items 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.

United Methodist Women

Hope everyone has had a great summer! Hard to believe that 3rd Monday, September 18th, is right around the corner. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. Our speakers are Lawrence Hull and Candy Couch, sharing the history of Tullahoma. Should be very interesting. Reservations/Cancellations should be made by Wednesday, September 13th to Dianne Barksdale, 455-9275. Looking forward to seeing everyone - bring a friend!

Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Attendance-

September 3rd

8 a.m.	58
First Light	182
11 a.m.	83
Total	323
Sunday School	138

Sunday, September 10th

Offering Counters

Bill & Charlotte Bethmann
George & Kathy Jensen

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m.	Margaret Maddox Lynn Cason
9:00 a.m.	Kathy Jensen Tina Bond
11:00 a.m.	Sandy Lindeman Marissa McKay Margaret Savelle

Keeping In Prayers

Dewitt Cox	Nathan Adkins (brother of Michelle Carmack)	Ron Harrison (cousin of Bryan Fogle)
Myra Nelson (sister of Nancy Wright & Ruth Rymer)	Ed Horton	Judy Fitch
Carolyn Graham (sister of Bob Prater)	Gloria Pless	Brooke Mendenhall (cousin of Michelle Anderson)
Lennon Lott (brother-in- law of Terry Rayfield)	Leon Smith	Billy Roy Murray (Nancy Wright's family)
Caroline McPherson (great niece of Nancy Lawrence)	Forrest Frame	Anthony Robinson, Scott Dowling & Mary Lundy (family of Wilma Finchum)
	Helen Smith	
	Summer Grace Andrews (granddaughter of Elsa Andrews)	



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