

The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade

Choices and Rewards

In the Revelation to John, Jesus has a message to seven churches: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. In each of these messages the Lord either comforts, admonishes, or both. Jesus also says something else at the end of each message. He says, “Whoever overcomes . . .” To Ephesus the one who overcomes will be given permission to eat from the tree of life. At Smyrna the one who overcomes will not be harmed by the second death. For those at Pergamum the one who overcomes will be given some of the hidden manna. To those who overcome at Thyatira the overcomer will receive the morning star. The overcomer at Sardis will be clothed in white and not blotted out of the book of life. Those who overcome at Philadelphia will become a pillar in the temple. And the overcomer of Laodicea will be given a place with Jesus on his throne.

I would lift up two things about those who overcome. This is not to say that these are the only two things, but two of the possible things revealed to John. The first is that to all who overcome the trials and tribulations of this life, heaven awaits. The Lord has prepared a reward for all those who keep the faith, who run the race with integrity, and who do not give up in the good fight of the gospel message. In other words the problems and pains of this life are petty in comparison to the reward Jesus has for those who love him. The second is there are things in this life that we must overcome. We must stay true to our faith in the midst of ridicule, lies, and temptation. We are on a journey through life. Along the way are many pitfalls. John Bunyan lays out in classical prose those manifold pitfalls in *Pilgrim’s Progress*. We are not to think that we will get out of this life unscarred by sin and evil – we will not.

Therefore, we have a choice to make. It is a once and for all choice, and it is a moment by moment choice. The choice is this, “Will I accept Jesus the Christ as Lord, and acknowledge his reign over all creation?” Then moment by moment, and decision by decision, will Jesus be my guide and my standard? The Revelation to John informs us that if we will accept Christ as Lord we have nothing to fear; if we will not accept his lordship, then we have no hope. Which life do you want? After all, God does provide choices and rewards!

*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

- 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.
- Adult Bible Study 6:30-8 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

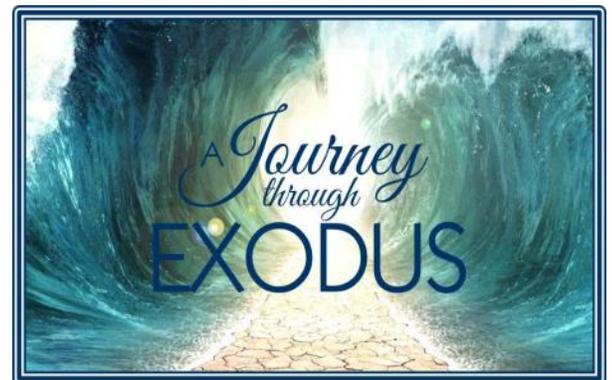
Sundays

- 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, September 24th:
“A God Who Provides”, Exodus 16:4**

United Methodist Women Nut Sale

Fall pecan sales have arrived! Beginning this Sunday, September 24th, UMW will begin taking orders for pecans. Look for us in the hallway near the nursery. Orders will be taken through Sunday, October 15th. Please be prepared to pay when ordering. If you are willing to canvas for orders, forms may be picked up on Sunday. Contact Margaret Savelle, 454-0718, for more information.

Senior VIBES

Ongoing Events...

Adult Art Group

1st & 3rd Fridays

10 a.m. - noon

Art Room, main building



Happy Birthday!!!

- September 20 Dick Rhudy
- 21 Gail Dean
- 21 Mary Parker
- 23 Gloria Pless
- 24 Joy Cox
- 25 Louise Bishop
- 26 Diane Herron
- 27 LE Wright
- 28 Karl Rader



Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: *"Relationship is the goal and focus of the Holy Spirit."*
(Mike Murdock)

Talk about good food! Readyville Mills has it! We had a wonderful time Saturday at the mill and eating together. Holt, as always, got us there & back, safe & sound!

This Week's Events...

Thursday, September 21st - Older Adult Fall Conference; St. Mark's Murfreesboro; 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; retired Bishop Kenneth Carder is the former Bishop of the Nashville area.

Thursday-Sunday, September 21st-24th - Emmaus Women's Walk (*please pray for these pilgrims*)

Coming Events...

Thursday, September 28th - Tullahoma FUMC Book Club; "A Twist of Faith"

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

Saturday, October 14th - Hoe Down, 5-7:30 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 - *Support our children!*

Thursday, November 30th - Christmas at Beersheba; cost \$20; deadline for paying is October 15th. *If more people want to go than the 36 that have signed up, just add your name. We will work out transportation later.*

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 church, we throw around the term needy, or those in need. I immediately think of the poor when I hear this. "We need to serve or help the needy." This is true and it is good for us to help those in need. But I don't think that's where it stops. I believe that anyone who doesn't have a relationship with Jesus is in need. They are in spiritual need. We need to help those people as well. They are our neighbors, our co-workers, our friends. As a church we must be aware of all who "need", and help them to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. As we continue to serve and help the poor of our community, let us also be salt and light to those in spiritual need.

*In Christ,
Jeff*

Missions Moment—Holt Cason



After many years of having youth camp in different places across Latvia and Lithuania, God provided "holy ground" on the shores of the Baltic Sea near Liepaja, Latvia. The North Alabama Conference purchased the land and presented it as a gift to the United Methodist Church in Latvia. With the help of partners from abroad, including the UMC of Denmark and numerous UM Churches in the USA, the dream of a youth camp named Wesley Camp and Retreat Center became a reality.

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



Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein



This past Sunday, we met at the home of Doug and Linda Thomas for a great time of ziplines and outdoor play. What a great afternoon of fellowship! Thank you, Doug and Linda.

Would you like for your child to be exposed to missions and serving others? Join us at Dossett on Wednesdays the rest of this month at 3 p.m. to learn how you can serve. Contact me for more information.



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 you have any questions.

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.

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

*Partnering WITH You,
Miss Julie*



Sunday, Sept. 24th

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

Save the Date

Wed., September 20th

Dossett Chapel for Missions,
3-4 p.m.

Wed. September 27th

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3-4 p.m.

Youth & Discipleship Ministry—Kris Roberts

YOUTH

This time of year is my favorite! The weather is beginning to cool down, Friday night lights are in full swing, and we are in a good weekly routine. I would like to invite any youth that feels a little disconnected to join us at youth group! We are having a blast, forming new friendships and experiencing the presence of God through worship and good conversation. Invite a friend to come with you and join us soon!

WHAT WE'RE TEACHING (Youth Group in September)

We all want to be awesome at life. For some of us, being awesome means getting famous, making money, or having power. God's version of living an awesome life, though, is a little different. With God, an awesome life is a life of wisdom. It's about choosing the narrow road, following God's lead, surrounding ourselves with wise people, and inviting others to do the same.



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.

COMING IN OCTOBER!

Saturday, October 28th - Youth Hay Ride and Bonfire



Discipleship



Did you know that our LIFEgroup ministry is in its second year at FUMC? We have close to 100 people meeting in homes during the week for a time of connection, discussing the current sermon series, and praying for one another. If you would like to know more about LIFEgroups, please contact Kris Roberts or Jeff Harrison for more information.

Trunk or Treat 2017

We are now collecting candy for Trunk or Treat. You may drop off candy in the orange container located outside the church office in the main building, or in the Family Activity Center. If you would like help in any way with Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29th, please contact Julie Uehlein at 581-8320. Last year we had over 700 people from our community in attendance. This year's event will take many hands of all ages.



Worship Attendance-

September 17th

8 a.m.	75
First Light	116
11 a.m.	132
Total	323
Sunday School	105
Dossett Sunday School	8
Total Sunday School	113

Sunday, September 24th

Offering Counters

Dian & Terry Rayfield
Barbara Buckner
Janna Washington

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m. Marquita Masuda
Bob Lawrence

9:00 a.m. Monica & Brian
Skelton

11:00 a.m. Ann Lester
Mary Etta Ward
Ruth Wilson

Keeping In Prayers

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

RE Alexander on the passing of his sister, ***Mildred Price***. Services will be held this Saturday, September 23rd, at 11:30 a.m. at Shelbyville FUMC.

Memorials

Wendy Surratt

*from
William &
Suzanne
Rutley*

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