

The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade

Something Missing

My grandmother lived, from my earliest recollection, in an old farmhouse. It was typical to this area a hundred years ago. It was an “A” frame structure with two rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs. One chimney was used to heat the whole house, and the kitchen looked like an add-on to the back, while the front porch was made from sawmill planks. The home was without indoor plumbing except for a faucet; one for cold water, one for hot. Her lighting came from a solitary bulb in a porcelain fixture mounted on the ceiling. My grandmother’s beds were feather beds covered with hand-stitched quilts. Life for this lady born at the turn of the twentieth century was one of few things and much work.

In the summer I would spend a week or two with grandmamma, help her in the garden, cut the grass, cleanup around the place, and things like that. In the evening, before supper, I would take a bath in the creek behind the barn. The only caution about taking a bath in the creek was to make sure the cows were downstream rather than upstream, if you know what I mean. Supper was normally something fried. Today, we are told that stuff will kill you, and eventually it probably will. It finally got grandmamma after eighty-something years!

After supper, about dusk, we would sit on the porch and listen to the creek, the song birds getting ready for roost, and a faithful old owl that nested just up the hollow. Grandmamma would brush out her hair that came below her waist and was still coal black at close to eighty, and we would talk. We talked because she did not own a T.V. One evening I asked her if she missed not having a T.V. She said, “No child, you don’t miss what you never had.” I had to think on that for a while.

I have come to the conclusion that grandmamma was mostly right. A person may not miss what he never had. On the other hand, a person can long for that which he never had. For example, a person who has never known Christ can, in fact, have a deep longing for Christ. That person may not know the source of the longing, or the exact nature of the longing, but it is real just the same. Saint Augustine once said, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee. . .” In other words, each of us has a God-size hole in our life. Many try to fill that hole with things, pleasures, addictions, and even activity. However, the only thing that completely and neatly fits in that hole is God. Until we match God with the hole in our life there is always the sense that something is missing.

Maybe this something missing is why Jesus says, “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My load is light” (St. Matthew 11:28-30). I believe God is calling the Church to help all those who have tried to fill their lives with things, pleasures, or addictions. The question for me, and for you, is where is God calling me to serve? How can I be the hands and feet of Jesus to lighten the loads of others and allow God to fill that hole in their life. And, to be sure, as we share our faith and ability with others, God fills in our hole as well.

*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 6-8 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 p.m., 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.

*****This Sunday’s Sermon***
October 22nd
“Do All the Good You Can”
Acts 10:34-39**

Church Leadership

In preparation for this year’s Charge Conference in December, we have begun looking at the different roles to be filled within the Church. Please check the bulletin board outside of the finance office for a list of all the committees and those currently serving. We greatly appreciate your service to our Church in the past year. If you served on a committee this year, and do not feel you will be able to continue serving, please contact Pastor Rick.

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.

Wednesdays in October

Tune in on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. during October as we offer FB Live devotionals featuring staff and special guests discussing a Wesleyan way of living. We will be using “Three Simple Rules” and “Three Simple Questions” by Rueben P. Job as our resources. This allows busy folks a time to connect with our church through an interactive experience. We share scriptures, prayers and discussion through an online platform and have a blast doing it! We hope to see you on Facebook in October!



Senior VIBES

Ongoing Events...

Adult Art Group

Fridays
10 a.m. - noon
Art Room, main building



Knitting Group

3rd, 4th, & 5th Tuesdays
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
FAC Bldg., Room #4



Quilting Group

Thursdays
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Davidson Hall



Happy Birthday!!!

October 19 Joanne Seiber
19 Donna Johnson
21 Barry Bishop
22 Charlotte Bethmann
24 Esther J. Sims
26 Larry Dean
26 Ruth Rymer
27 Nancy Thompson



Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

Thought of the Week: *“If you’re in a season of testing, let it strengthen your relationship with your God who knows you and loves you.”*



*Our **Hoe Down** on October 14th was beautiful. Many thanks to all our participants, especially those of you who stepped out of your comfort zone and still had a great time. To all of you who brought food, helped clean-up, set-up and provided the music—words can not express my sincere gratitude. There is something to be said about having a loving Church family. I am so honored to call you FAMILY.*

Coming Events...

Sunday, October 29th
Trunk or Treat
Sunday, November 26th
Sunday of Service
Thursday, November 30th
Christmas at Beersheba
cost \$20; *payment due this week - sorry, but for this event, payment must be made before reservations can be placed*

Don't forget goodies for our **“Cake Walk” for Truck for Treat**. Please sign-up to bring goodies such as cakes, cookies, pies, brownies, caramel corn, cupcakes etc. for the walk. Please package cookies, cupcakes, brownies in batches of six. Please use dishes you don't want returned. Items can be brought to the FAC Bldg anytime on Sunday, October 29th before or after each service, until 3 p.m. that afternoon.

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).

Missions Moment—Holt Cason



Each mission trip is different in one way or another, but each one provides an opportunity to learn. As an example, in our culture we normally greet others with a handshake, but in Uruguay people do not shake hands when greeting others. They greet with a kiss on the cheek. This reminds us of Romans 16:16 where Paul told the church to “Greet one another with a holy kiss.” If it works in one culture why is it not used in other cultures? After all, it is Biblical.

First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey everyone,

We are beginning stewardship this week. This is such an important part of our church life but something we talk about very little. I get that. It's uncomfortable, but it's something we use daily and is a big part of our lives. Would you prayerfully consider what you might give in the coming year? Your contributions help us do every ministry of the church, from the biggest to the smallest. God has done so much through our church in the past year; I look forward to all He will do in the next!

Trunk or Treat 2017

We are still 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.



Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein



Children's Church attendees made cards for Pastor Rickey for Pastor Appreciation Month. Thanks for all you do, Pastor Rickey!

Trunk or Treat is just around the corner! Would you like to help in some way? If so, please let me know.

Are you interested in your child attending summer camp? Meet us in The SOUL Lounge on the 29th at 10 a.m. for info and summer dates.

If your child is painting on November 5th, please sign-up by October 29th.

Sunday, October 22nd

Nursery Hours

7:45 a.m. - 12 noon

Sunday School

10 a.m. (Main bldg., 2nd floor)

Children's Church - 11 a.m. service



Save the Date - November

Wednesday, November 1st - Dossett Chapel for Missions, 3-4 p.m.

Sunday, November 5th - Painted House, paintings given to the elderly and shut-ins; no charge; sign-up on bulletin board; 1:30-3 p.m.

Sunday, November 5th - teamKID; FAC Bldg; grades K-5; Bible memorization, gym time, missions opportunities, snack; 4-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8th - Dossett Chapel for Missions, 3-4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15th - Dossett Chapel for Missions, 3-4 p.m.

Sunday, November 26th - Churchwide day of service - more info to come

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**

Youth & Discipleship Ministry—Kris Roberts

YOUTH



What We're Teaching (Sunday School)

Old Testament: Pursuing God's Best

The month of October we will be studying passages from 1 & 2 Samuel, Kings and Chronicles. Join us as we discover God's plan for the best life!

COMING IN OCTOBER!

Please note that MS and HS youth groups will not meet during TCS Fall Break

Saturday, October 28th - Youth Hay Ride and Bonfire

Sunday, October 29th - Next Gen Sunday; 8, 9, & 11 a.m. services with a children/youth summer camp promo at 10 a.m.

Sunday, October 29th - Trunk or Treat 4-6 p.m.

Sunday, October 29th - HS to Haunted Woods, Spring Hill

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.

Discipleship

Do you have a desire to connect with others who are wanting to grow in their faith? We have an opportunity to do just that through our LIFEgroup ministry! Each week people from FUMC meet in homes all over Tullahoma and Estill Springs for good food, conversation around the Sermon, and a time of prayer. If you have not joined a LIFEgroup, please contact Kris Roberts for more information at 931-581-2310.





**Dossett Chapel
Fall Festival**
Wednesday, October 25th
3:15-5:00 p.m.

The **Henry Center** currently needs more plastic bags for providing groceries to our neighbors in need. You can bring them to main building and leave them in the back of the chapel. Thank you for your help!



*** LOOKING AHEAD ***

United Methodist Women and Youth Food Fair




Tullahoma FUMC Women and Youth will have a "Food Fair Booth" at the annual Tullahoma Kiwanis Kraft Show. Dates are Friday, November 17th (United Methodist Women) and Saturday, November 18th (Youth), in our FAC Building. More information will be in upcoming newsletters.

Sunday School Challenge




The challenge for October 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.

Worship Attendance-

October 15th

8 a.m.	69
First Light	114
11 a.m.	125
Total	308
Sunday School	134
Dossett Sunday School	9
Total Sunday School	143

Sunday, October 22nd

Offering Counters

Clay & Puffy Bearden
Susan Warwick
Sam DiNicola

Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m.	Linda Thomas Gail Dean
9:00 a.m.	Rice Family
11:00 a.m.	Lou Ann Mitchell Susie Miller Ruth Wilson

Keeping In Prayers

Jerry TeVrucht	Judy Fitch	Ron Harrison (cousin of Bryan Fogle)
Elsa Andrews	Gloria Pless	Billy Roy Murray
Robert Breezley	Leon Smith	(Nancy Wright's family)
Paschall Massengill	Forrest Frame	Anthony Robinson, Scott
Carolyn Graham (sister of Bob Prater)	Summer Grace Andrews (granddaughter of Elsa Andrews)	Dowling & Mary Lundy (family of Wilma Finchum)
Ed Horton		

Griefshare - Surviving the Holidays

Saturday, November 4th, at 10 a.m., in Davidson Hall

As we begin to think about the holidays, those of us who have lost a loved one and are grieving are unsure how to face the holiday season. This program is designed to provide a comfortable environment to help with this issue. There will be a video with small group discussion, and refreshments. Kay Crosswy, Linda Roberts, and Beverly Lindsay will be facilitating. We are asking that you call the church office at 455-5434 if you will be attending (requested but not required).

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