



*Equipping People in Becoming Deeply Committed Christians*

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### FROM PASTOR LEE

I finished reading a book recently by Patrick Lencioni titled, *The Ideal Team Player*. Lencioni is one of those authors that I read whatever he writes because it challenges me to get better at life. Each month I meet with the Redhawk coaching staff and share leadership and devotional thoughts. This fall we are focusing on becoming better team players based on Lencioni's book.

Lencioni focuses on three vital aspects, values, core ideals that make great team players: humility, hunger and relationship smarts. Below are my notes from the Redhawk coaching staff meeting.

#### **Humble**

Lack excessive ego, concerns about status, quick to point out the contributions of others, slow to seek attention for their self, share credit, emphasize team over self, define success collectively rather than individually.

#### Two Types who lack humility

-Overtly arrogant people who make everything about them, they boast and soak up attention

-lack self-confidence but are generous and positive with others, tend to lack understanding of their own worth, this hurts the team because they neglect to advocate for their own ideas or by failing to call attention to problems they see.

Both have insecurity, causing one to project overconfidence and the other to discount their own talents.

Jesus dealt with proud people all the time. The proud ones were the ones who eventually had him arrested and crucified. He told this story:

**Luke 18:9-14** *Then Jesus told this story to some who had great self-confidence and scorned everyone else: "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a dishonest tax collector. The proud Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else, especially like that tax collector over there! For I never cheat, I don't sin, I don't commit adultery, I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For the proud will be humbled, but the humble will be honored."*

#### **A Prayer for Humility**

**by John Wesley**

O Lamb of God, who, both by your example and precept, instructed us to be meek and humble, give me grace throughout my whole life, in every thought, and word, and work, to imitate your meekness and humility. Mortify in me the whole body of pride; grant me to feel that I am nothing and have nothing, and that I deserve nothing but shame and contempt, but misery and punishment. Grant, O Lord, that I may look for nothing, claim nothing; and that I may go through all the scenes of life, not seeking my own glory, but looking wholly unto you, and acting wholly for you.

Let me never speak any word that may tend to my own praise, unless the good of my neighbor requires it; and even then let me beware, lest, to heal another, I wound my own soul. Let my ears and my heart be ever shut to the praise that comes from men.

Give me a dread of applause, in whatsoever form, and from whatsoever tongue, it comes. Deliver my soul from this snare of hell; neither let me spread it for the feet of others. Whosoever perishes thereby let their blood be upon their own head, and let not my hand be upon them.

O giver of every good and perfect gift, if at any time you please to work by my hand, teach me to discern what is my own from what is another's, and to render unto you the things that are yours. As all the good that is done on earth you do it yourself, let me ever return to you all the glory. Let me, as a pure crystal, transmit all the light you pour upon me; but never claim as my own what is your sole property.

Dear First United Methodist Church,

We would like to take this time to express our gratitude and thanks for helping provide lunch to our Martin Methodist College move-in crew. We truly appreciate your hospitality, open arms, and kindnesses. Your generosity continues to inspire!

Blessings,

Rev. Laura K. McMasters

Shana Hibdon

1. Who was with Jesus at the transfiguration?
2. What happened at Pentecost?
3. What was the major theme of the Gospel of John?

## MINISTER OF MUSIC



In just a few weeks our children and youth will take leadership roles in special worship services. They are earnestly preparing to provide music, lead liturgy, usher, and serve. On October 23, our children will lead the 10:30 service. The Cherub Choir and the Celebration Choir will sing; several children will play instruments. Children will serve as liturgists and ushers. On November 6, our youth will lead in an *All Saints Sunday* service at 10:30. The Jubilee Ringers, our youth handbell choir, will play. Youth will sing, lead liturgy, usher, and serve communion. We look forward to their leadership.

It's not too late to sing in the Christmas cantata. Rehearsals are every Wednesday, 7:00-7:40 with the exception of October 12 and November 23. We have recordings of the voice parts to help you learn your music. We welcome youth and adults who would like to sing the cantata with us on December 4.

Blessings, *Cheryl Wood*  
[cheryl@fumcpulaski.com](mailto:cheryl@fumcpulaski.com)

## THANK YOU

The kindness and generosity you showed to our family at the time of Joe's death are greatly appreciated. All the food was delicious and enjoyed by many. We're blessed to have a great church family.

Diane Rackley

## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & COLLEGE

The Youth Group is staying busy, busy, busy! Fellowship is going strong. We had 21 youth members and greater than 15 adults for a cookout in September. That same week, we went to Cornersville UMC for a joint youth worship. Some of our youth led a skit about prayer. The youth group was also involved in the painting process of the children's Sunday School classrooms.

This past week, our youth joined with the local police department at their annual Night Out Against Crime. We handed out hamburgers, drinks, and ice cream to the crowds of people at Martin Methodist College.

Upcoming for the youth group, we will be assisting Ashley Blair with running booths for the Fall-oween Jesus Festival on October 23, handing out popcorn at Trick-or-Treat on the Square on October 31, and the youth group will be taking charge of the sanctuary by leading worship during the second service on November 6.

*Rebecca Sewell*  
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## MATTHEW 25 MINISTRY

Organizing closets? Have yard sale items that did not sell? Doing fall cleaning? Need a tax deduction?

Donate your items to

### Matthew 25 Thrift Shoppe!

Especially needed at this time are Men's shoes, dress, casual & work boots; Men's jeans, mature ladies dresses, teen sun dresses, jewelry, and housewares.

Thanks for thinking of us!



## FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES OFFERED AT PULASKI FUMC

Experience Financial Freedom through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities. FPU presents Biblical practical steps to get you from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!



The classes will meet for about 1 hour and 30 minutes one time a week for nine weeks. Our class will begin October 18, 2016, at 6:00 PM.

The class is open to all members of our church as well as anyone else who would like to attend. Please help us spread the word. Be looking for more information to follow. If you have questions, please contact Sherry Hill at 931-638-2524 or [sb.holley@hotmail.com](mailto:sb.holley@hotmail.com).

## Children's Ministry

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! October 23 at 3:00 PM for our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Fall-O-Ween Jesus fall festival. Also, for a \$20 donation, you and your family can make a scarecrow to take home. We will supply the frame and the straw; you bring your clothing and adornments to personalize your scarecrow just the way you want. We will have chili and hotdogs, games and prizes, a bounce house, and much more. Bring your families out for some fun, safe, family fun!

S.W.A.T. (Service without a Trace) will begin in November for children in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a new project of the Children's Ministry where children will provide a service to members of our church without ever being seen. We will meet once a month, have dinner, make a craft or goody, and deliver to member's homes. If you would like to sign your child up, please email me with your child's name and shirt size. For more information about becoming a recipient, please give me a call.

I am very excited about the new happenings around FUMC. The children seem excited and I hope we are able to keep this momentum going. The classrooms have been painted and new changes are coming to the upstairs Rotunda area very soon.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me. [Ashley@fumcpulaski.com](mailto:Ashley@fumcpulaski.com) or 931-309-2014.

Thanks, *Ashley Blair*  
Director of Children's Ministry

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



We will be offering Christmas Poinsettias in memory or in honor of again this year. Look for envelopes on the pews starting Sunday, November 6.



Items needed for Soul Food Sunday, **Oct. 23**, are Soup, Chili, Beef Stew

There will also be a box in each buggy for money donations for soul food Sunday for anyone who has forgotten or prefers to donate money instead!

Sympathy is expressed to the Family & Friends of Mr. William "Bill" Rackley in his recent death.

Sympathy is expressed to Elizabeth Massey & Family & Friends in the recent death of her father, Mr. Charles "Chaddy" Baker.

Sympathy is expressed to Phyllis Owens, Catherine Baddour, and the Family & Friends of Mr. L. F. Carpenter in his recent death.

Sympathy is expressed to Sarah Garner & Family & Friends in the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Francis (Fran) Awbrey.

### IN MEMORY OF:

**Mrs. Helen Abernathy** by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Liggett, Jim & Renee Beaman, John & Beverly Murrey, Louie Weed, Bill & Paulette Hardison,

**Mr. Joe Rackley** by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Liggett, Mr. & Mrs. T. G. Eslick, Jim & Sandra Ferrell, Judge Lew Conner, Leo & Patricia Lebkuecher, Jr.; James & Sally Demasi, Phil & Susan Alicea, Lyman, Christie, & Taylor Brown, Pamela & Betty Snow., Johnny & Fay Beville, Bobby & Pam Holley, Joe Rackley, Phil & Sara Reese, Katie & Sam; Dr. & Mrs. Harwell Murrey, Donnie & Gwen Moore, Auto Owners Insurance Company, Jim & Ola Ann Lee, Don Massey, Gerald & Sue Harper, Connie Chick, Patricia McKinlay, Wiley & Joan Abernathy, William G. Abernathy, Donna Abernathy, Gid & Leslie Wakefield

**Mr. William "Bill" Rackley** by Dr. & Mrs. Harwell Murrey

**Mrs. Martha Fisher** by Chuck & Jane Paysinger, Chancel Choir

**Mr. Charles Baker** by Charles & Jane Jenkins, Chuck & Jane Paysinger

**Mr. L. F. Carpenter** by Charles & Jane Jenkins, Bill & Lisa Blair

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

10/14: Robert Murray  
10/15: Betty Daniel,  
10/16: Cheryl Brown, Jane Murrey Mac Edmondson  
Dennis Rogers  
10/17: Lisa Coltrane, Matt Rackley  
10/18: Steve Clark, Patsy Harrison  
Judy Riggin  
10/19: Justine Roe  
10/20: Shirley Butler, Johnny Long  
Shane Woodard  
10/21: Meleah Wamble  
10/22: Jessie Parker, Tanner Holley  
10/23: Cade Philpot, Liam Tatum  
10/25: Mary Ryan  
10/27: Linda Mooney, Phyllis Owens  
David Rackley  
10/28: Jeff Mitchell  
10/29: Angeta Andersen  
Bryson Paysinger  
Mike Tucker  
10/30: Buddy Butler, Halle Murrey  
10/31: Edgar Ball, Kelley Deason  
11/01: Jeff Hibdon  
11/02: Bill Rackley  
11/03: Sandra Liggett  
11/04: Brittani Riggin  
11/05: Jack Harper, Kate Kirk  
Lydia Allison Riggin  
Bob Stevenson  
Marjorie Wiseman  
11/06: Jeanne Baddour  
Tyrone Ingram  
11/07: Sydney Downs  
Carolyn Merrill, Judy Shay  
11/09: Wiley Abernathy  
Tish Lochridge  
Carole Ann May  
11/11: Eli Fisher  
11/12: Betty Lee  
11/13: Danny Tomerlin  
11/14: Mallory Curry  
Courtney Dunavant  
11/15: Sarah Garner  
Lydia Wossum-Fisher  
11/16: Maria Wong  
11/17: Wynelle Allen Donna Bain,  
Russell Riggs, Ann White  
11/18: Erlene Roller  
11/19: Jessie Curry  
11/20: Judy Johnson, Wesson Parker  
11/21: Jean Bryan  
11/22: Greg Dugger, Sonny Roller  
11/23: Diane Butler, Will Pride  
Jay Sims  
11/24: Betty Peterson, Trey Rackley  
11/25: Margie Haney  
11/26: Mary Butler, Carter Hagood  
11/27: Ed Corlew, Owen Gardner  
Ashton Rackley  
Heather White, Susan Wise

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

10/17: Pat & Deann Schultz  
10/27: Rex & Jenny Hobbs  
11/05: Luke & Kathyrene Jensen  
11/05: Tony & Charlotte Mitchell  
11/17: Joe & Ann Henry  
11/18: Matt & Connie Rackley  
11/29: James & Melanie Blankenship



**OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Sunday, October 16:**

7:00 AM- UMM's Breakfast  
 8:15 AM – Worship  
 9:30 AM – Sunday school  
 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSR 100.9)  
 5:00 PM – 7:00 UMYF

**Monday, October 17:**

6:00 PM – United Methodist Women  
 6:30 PM – Ukulele Band

**Tuesday, October 18:**

6:00 PM – 7:30 Financial Peace Class  
 6:30 PM – Stephen Ministry  
 7:00 PM—Boy Scout District Meeting (F/S Hall)

**Wednesday, October 19:**

4:40 PM – 5:15 Wesley Ringers  
 5:00 PM – Family Supper  
 5:30 PM – Jubilee Ringers  
 5:30 PM – Nursery  
 6:00 PM – Adult Studies (Ed Corlew)  
 6:00 PM – Youth  
 6:00 PM – Celebration Choir  
 6:00 PM – Cherub Choir  
 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir

**Thursday, October 20:**

8:30 AM – Circle of Care  
 11:00 AM – 12:30 Soup & Sandwich

**Sunday, October 23:**

8:15 AM – Worship  
 9:30 AM – Sunday school  
 10:30 AM – Worship (WKSR 100.9)  
 3:00 PM – Children's Fall-O-Ween (Youth will work the booths)  
 5:00 PM – 7:00 UMYF

**Monday, October 24:**

**5:30 PM – Charge Conference**

**Tuesday, October 25:**

8:00 AM – 4:00 Kid's Place Soup and Stew – F/S Hall  
 6:00 PM – 7:30 Boy Scout Pack 107  
 6:00 PM – 7:30 Financial Peace Class

**Wednesday, October 26:**

4:40 PM – 5:15 Wesley Ringers  
 5:00 PM – Family Supper  
 5:30 PM – Jubilee Ringers  
 5:30 PM – Nursery  
 6:00 PM – Adult Studies (Ed Corlew)  
 6:00 PM – Youth  
 6:00 PM – Celebration Choir  
 6:00 PM – Cherub Choir  
 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir

**Thursday, October 27:** 8:30 AM – Circle of Care

**Friday, October 28:**

3:00 PM – Richland Football Dinner

**SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Sunday School 9:30

Worship 8:15 & 10:30

(10:30 Service Broadcast on 100.9 WKSR)

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**As of September 30, 2016**

2016 Spending Guide: \$546,281.00  
 Total Income to date: 353,661.51  
 Total Expenses to Date: 344,977.09  
 Operating surplus/deficit to date: +8,684.42

Apportionments: \$83,831.00  
 Paid toward Apportionments: \$62,873.28

Average SS attendance: 118  
 Average Worship attendance: 216

**NEWSLETTER**

**The newsletter is now available on the Church**

**Website—  
 www.fumcpulaski.com**

**THE STAFF:**

Rev. Lee Stevenson..... Pastor  
 Rev. Cheryl Wood.....Minister of Music  
 Brenda Barrett.....Church Administrator  
 Rebecca Sewell ..... Youth & College  
 Ashley Blair ..... Children's Ministries  
 Adelaide Daniel ..... Office Volunteer  
 Fred Lindsey ..... Maint. Supervisor  
 Carolyn Holbert, Courtney Morris ..... Nursery  
 Terri Adams..... Managing Director of  
 "Growing Tree" Nursery School  
 Custodians.....Randy Shay & Joe Appleton  
 Sherry Hill..... Stephen Ministry Coordinator