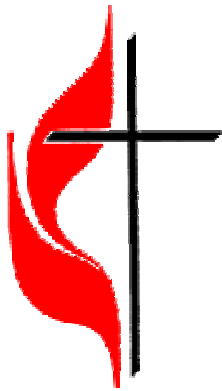


# The Good Views

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## Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

At our Annual Conference in June, Bishop Dick Wills introduced us to a new book by one of his colleagues Bishop Robert Schnase from Missouri. The book from Abingdon Press is entitled *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. Bishop Wills recommended it to us as a helpful guide in making our local churches effective “in their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Recently I have been reading this publication along with some clergy colleagues and meeting with them to discuss its insights and implications for our churches. While I believe that Westview is a fruitful church in many ways, it is evident to

me that by taking seriously the five practices Bishop Schnase outlines we could become a much more fruitful congregation and more effective in accomplishing our mission to make disciples.

These practices are:

- **Radical Hospitality**
- **Passionate Worship**
- **Intentional Faith Development**
- **Risk-Taking Mission and Service**
- **Extravagant Generosity**

During the month of August I will be preparing a sermon series based on these fruitful practices that I will share with you over the five Sundays

in September. In addition I will be formulating a proposal for our Administrative Council on how we at Westview can better integrate these practices into our life and work as a congregation. I am persuaded as Bishop Schnase is that “people are searching for a church shaped and sustained by these qualities.” With God’s help and our hard work I believe that Westview can become that church in our community.

Grace and peace,

Ed Britt

## Red Scarf Ministries

Last March women gathered here to begin work on the Red Scarf Project. Scarves are knit or crocheted at home, then gathered to mail to the Orphan Foundation of America. These are then sent by the Foundation to college-bound foster youth. It's a small way—but a way—to say, "We love and encourage you".

We will meet on August 15 at 10:00 am to see the dozen scarves already completed, share help on those "in the making", ;and write notes for the completed ones.

If you would like to work on a scarf, but cant attend a meeting, call Wardie Lewis, 799-2421, or Pat Murdoch, 799-9053.

"Aging out" is a term describing



youth leaving foster care when they turn 18. Eight hundred Tennessee youth aged out of foster care in 2006 without any support systems. About 25% will experience homelessness and 19% will have their own children placed in foster care.

Youth who age out of foster care are 30 times more likely than their peers to be incarcerated.

In 2005, Orphan Foundation of America launched a unique initiative to send added warmth and encouragement to college-bound foster youth. We began taking donations of handmade red scarves to put into our Valentine's Day Care Packages.

Word of the project quickly spread around the charitable knitting/crocheting community. The first year, we took in around 3,500

Submitted by Pat Murdoch scarves. By the following year, that number swelled to **over 15,000.**



This overwhelming outpouring of generosity was spurred by a grass roots

"grapevine effect" on the internet, thanks to popular knitting blog sites like Norma Miller's "**Now Norma Knits.**", [http://nownormaknits2.typepad.com/red\\_scarf\\_project\\_2007/](http://nownormaknits2.typepad.com/red_scarf_project_2007/)

For more information, check the Foundations website, <http://www.orphan.org/index.php?id=40>



### Come Join the fun! Epworth UMC Summer Festival

4241 Arno Road—615.790.6695

Saturday August 18, 2007

Serving will begin at 4:00—Dine in or Carry Out

Silent Auction 3:30—6:00

Bake Sale at 3:30—Auction at 6:00

Homemade Ice Cream—Grilled Chicken

Sandwich Plates

Grilled Hamburgers

Children \$4—Adults \$8

### You're Invited!

### Fairview AA 35th Group Birthday

#### Eating & Speaker Meeting

Curt P. Grateful Alive Group at the Podium

Meats and beverages will be provided, Bring a Dessert or Vegetable.

**When: Thursday, August 30, 2007**

**Where: Westview UMC**

## DIRECTIONS TO OUR FATHER'S HOUSE.

Make a Right onto Believethe Blvd. Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ.

There, you must turn onto the Bridge of Faith, which is over troubled water. When you get off the bridge, make a Right turn and Keep Straight. You are on the King's Highway - Heaven-bound.

Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for

the Son, and One for the Holy Ghost. Then exit off onto Grace Blvd. From there, make a Right turn on Gospel Lane. Keep Straight and then make another Right on Prayer Road.

As you go on your way, Yield Not to the traffic on Temptation Ave. Also, avoid SIN STREET because it is a DEAD END. Pass up Envy Drive, and Hate Avenue. Also, pass Hypocrisy Street,

Gossiping Lane, and Backbiting Blvd.

However, you have to go down Long-suffering Lane, Persecution Blvd. And Trials and Tribulations Ave. But that's all right, because VICTORY Street is straight ahead! AMEN!!!!!!

Life is God's gift to you. The way you live it... is your gift to God.

## EXPLANATION OF GOD:

It was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista , CA . He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to "explain God" I wonder if any of us could have done as well ?

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers."

"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things,

pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off."

"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have."

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista . At least there aren't any who come to our church."

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of

him preaching to them and they crucified him But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K."

"His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important."

"You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is

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on duty all the time."

"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God! Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And

besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway."

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the

dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids."

"But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And...that's why I believe in God."

## WUMC Work Day!

The Trustees are having a work day on Saturday, August the 11th starting at 8:00 am. The rain date is the following weekend, the 18th.



We are asking everyone to come out on Saturday and help get some

items taken care of around the church. There will be work for all skill levels so please make plans to attend. If you have questions or would like to suggest a project, please contact one of the Trustees;



Willie Anderson, Ed Britt, Daniel Fold, Wardie Lewis, Teresa Raines, Ron Renner, Tim Saunders, Jeff Stevens (chairman) or Jim Tenney.

**Grab your tools and come on out for a fun day of fellowship and service!**

## Red Bird Mission—Last Chance to Save Your Change and Help!

In November, 2006, the United Methodist Red Bird Mission School sent out an appeal for financial help. For over 80 years Red Bird Mission School has been serving Appalachian children in providing quality education in a Christian setting (grades K-12). They serve one of the poorest regions in the country. The school currently has an enrollment of 265

students, who are accepted regardless of ability to pay. Over the last few years, donations to assist the school, have decreased, due to increased relief efforts in areas where natural disasters have occurred.

The Westview United Methodist Outreach Committee has named Red Bird Mission as our special

donation project for 2007.

**August will be the last month to collect your spare change. Cups with the name Red Bird Mission are in the Narthex.** Please save all your change in these cups and return that amount as the cup is full, (then start all over again).

The Outreach Committee

## August Birthdays

4-Aug Gail Britt  
 4-Aug Patricia Murdoch  
 5-Aug Patti Carroll  
 5-Aug Cheri Cox  
 6-Aug Michael Bloodworth  
 6-Aug Carson Gulley  
 9-Aug Kristin Brison  
 11-Aug Eva Harris  
 12-Aug Nathaniel White  
 18-Aug Willie Anderson  
 18-Aug Paul Hartley  
 19-Aug Jason Britt  
 20-Aug Margaret McGehee  
 22-Aug Jessie Stewart-Wright  
 23-Aug Cleola Mangrum  
 24-Aug Will Penner



25-Aug Jackson Britt  
 26-Aug Marianne Jackson  
 27-Aug Ken Bell  
 28-Aug Pauline Mangrum  
 31-Aug Thomas Daugherty

## August Anniversaries

Aug 4, 2000 - Kim & Tom Daugherty  
 Aug 11, 1954 - Pat & Roy Murdoch  
 Aug 13 - Tim & Karen Saunders  
 Aug 21 - Paul & Dorothy Newman  
 Aug 24 - Gene & Wardie Lewis  
 Aug 24 - Mark & Gwen Brison  
 Aug 28 - Reeves & Jerrie Havens  
 Aug 31, 2001- Jason & Nicole Britt



## July Report on Our Faithfulness

### July Worship Attendance

|                |      |           |       |           |        |            |
|----------------|------|-----------|-------|-----------|--------|------------|
| July 1st       | 8:30 | 43        | 10:30 | 92        | Total: | 134        |
| July 8th       | 8:30 | 43        | 10:30 | 120       | Total  | 163        |
| July 15th      | 8:30 | 28        | 10:30 | 75        | Total  | 103        |
| July 22nd      | 8:30 | 38        | 10:30 | 94        | Total  | 132        |
| July 29th      | 8:30 | 48        | 10:10 | 88        | Total  | 136        |
| <b>Average</b> |      | <b>40</b> |       | <b>90</b> |        | <b>134</b> |

### July Giving

|                           |           |                   |          |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|
| Apportionments            | 215.00    | Art Academy       | 130.00   |
| Choir Retreat             | 150.00    | Fellowship Meal   | 157.48   |
| General Fund              | 14,584.91 | Graceworks        | 119.00   |
| Preschool Day Camp        | 620.50    | Preschool Tuition | 307.50   |
| Red Bird Mission          | 57.11     | Sunday School     | 106.08   |
| Youth Thanksgiving Dinner | 32.50     | VBS               | 120.00   |
| Youth                     | 361.00    | Youth Atlantafest | 1,649.59 |
| Youth—Cinco DeMayo        | 75.00     |                   |          |

**Total Giving: \$ 18,685.67**

## Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

**OSSN York, Evett M.  
OI Division**

USS Chancellorsville  
CG62  
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**PVT Jessica Spivey**

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**SGT. McDaid, Mathew**

215 Golf Co. SSP  
Unit 40365  
FRO-AP-96426-0365

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Fairview, TN 37062  
Serving in the Marine Reserve

**PVT2 Fold, Eric**

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Serving in the US Army

**SGT Jason Gulley**

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UIC 77021  
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Please take a moment to let them know we support them! It is especially important that we show our support at this critical time in our country as the debate rages over the America's involvement in world conflicts. They need to know we support them regardless of our political ideals or affiliations. They have been called to serve our country and we need to let them know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

## Lectionary Readings for August

**August 5, 2007  
Tenth Sunday After  
Pentecost**

Hosea 11:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

**August 12, 2007  
Eleventh Sunday After  
Pentecost**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40  
Worship Planning Helps

**August 19, 2007  
Twelfth Sunday After  
Pentecost**

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

**August 26, 2007  
Thirteenth Sunday  
After Pentecost**

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17



## Looking to find help with social services? Know someone who is?

**Fairview Community resource Office**

Fairview City Hall  
Monday—Friday  
8:00 a.m. —Noon & 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Mon. 8-4:30 Family Solutions—591-2729  
*Mental Health*

Tues. 8-Noon—GAP Community Development—591-4345—*Financial Fitness*

Tues. 12:30-4:40 pm Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency—615-850-3913

Wed. 8-Noon Waves—794-7955—*Early Childhood Development*

Wed. 12:30-4:30pm Against the Grain—791-7885—*Support for Single Mothers*

Thur. 12:30-4:30pm League for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing—248-8828—*Service for the Deaf*

Fri. 8-2pm MCHRA Misdemeanor Mgt—790-5498—*City Court Probation*

Call to schedule an appointment.

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***Mission Statement: "We envision Westview United  
Methodist Church as a place that equips disciples to  
change lives."***

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**Sunday Activities**

8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

**Wednesday Activities**

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Fellowship

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday Activities**

7:00-8:00 PM WUMC Men's' Group