



KARAH CARSON APPROVED AS NEW YOUTH LEADER!

At the end of May, our youth leader, Nick Wilson, submitted his resignation to the Pastor Parish Committee and Administrative Board. Nick cited changes in his life, specifically returning to college and working at another job, as his reasons for not being able to continue devoting the time necessary to the youth. We are extremely grateful to Nick for the work he did with the youth and the relationships he formed with them, and we wish him every success in his future endeavors.

We were immediately blessed with an applicant for the vacancy. Our very own **Karah Carson** expressed interest in taking over the leadership of the youth. The PPR recommended to the Administrative Board that Karah be hired, effectively immediately. The Board was unanimous in their approval and so we would like to welcome Karah on board!

Karah will graduate from UTC later this year with a degree in Social Work and has already begun developing ideas for the youth, as well as exploring curriculum they can use.



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From Pastor Todd, continued

One of the things that Karah has implemented is a change in the time of youth Sunday school. With worship at 10:00 AM, it's difficult to get youth to the church for a 9:00 AM class. And having Sunday school at 11:00 would create difficulties for parents who were in Sunday school earlier but have to stay around, or come back later for their children. So Karah and the youth have been meeting at 5:30 PM on Sunday afternoon for Sunday school/Bible study. I'm supportive of this idea as I think it will be good for the youth and will likely fit their schedules better. Karah has been having between 8 – 14 youth on Sundays. They're also meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM. Karah is considering ways to encourage the youth to invite their friends, plans for this summer, and ideas regarding Resurrection. ***(NOTE: Holston Conference Youth Ministries has already made the decision that Resurrection 2022 will be a virtual event, as it was this past January).***

I know that you will join with me in praying for Karah's success as our new youth leader. She already has the advantage of knowing our youth with strong relationships she has formed with them over the years. The PPR committee and Administrative Board told Karah that whatever help, resources and support she needs, the congregation will be more than happy to supply. *So we're delighted to welcome Karah as our new youth leader, and may God bless her endeavors, and show her the fruit of her labors, for the glory of God's kingdom!*

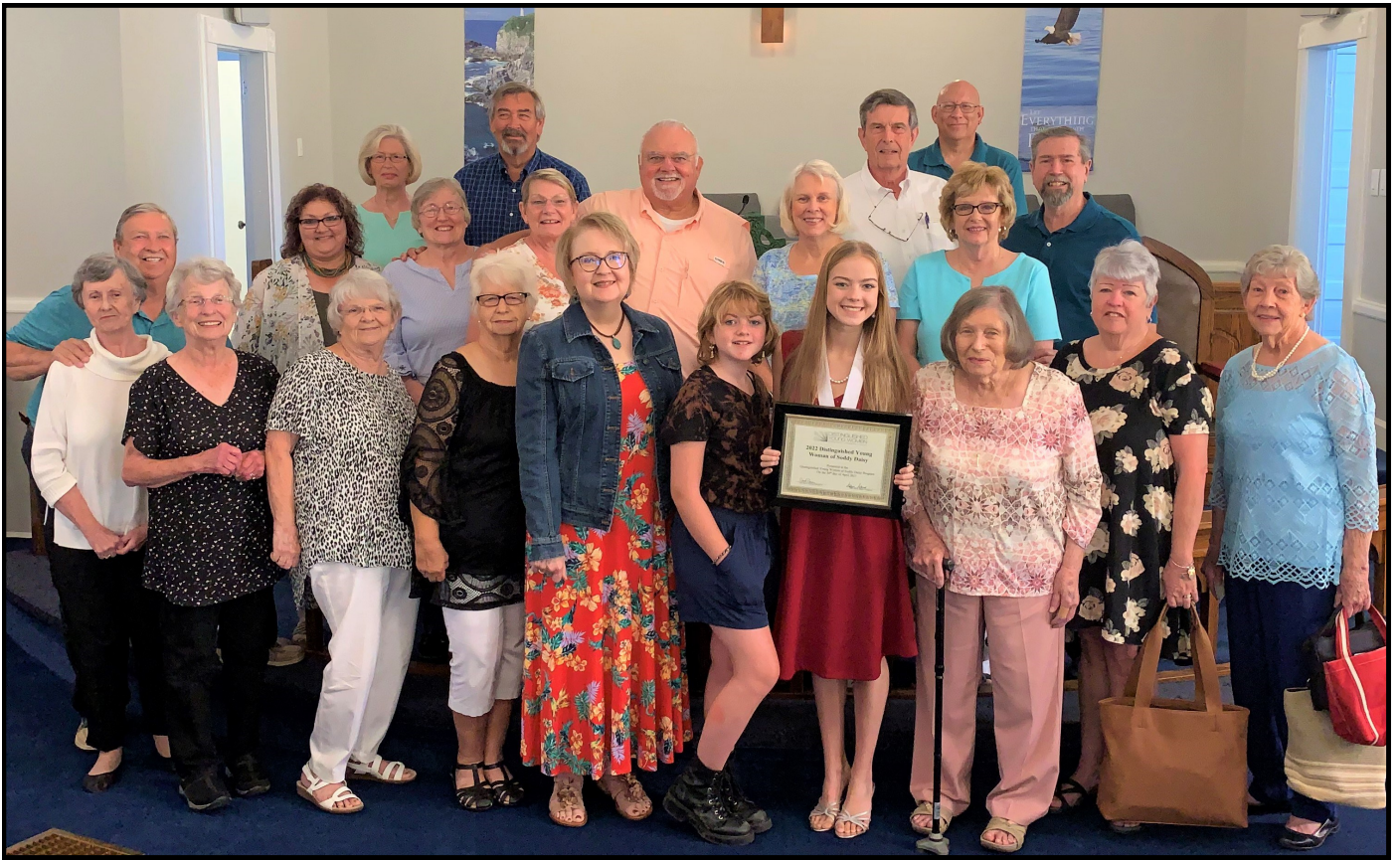


I am delighted to be reappointed to Soddy UMC for another year! The Clergy Session of Holston Annual Conference was held on Zoom on Tuesday, June 8, and the appointments were fixed for another year. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together. Thank you for making these past seven years the best I have ever had in ministry. Enjoy your summer and thank you once again!

~Pastor Todd



Pastor Todd will be in Virginia visiting his parents from July 11th—18th. *If you have any special needs during that time please contact Cindy Cunnyingham (Kathy Jones is away in Canada).* We have two guest speakers scheduled: On Sunday, July 11, we will welcome **Rev. Al Bowles**, a retired pastor from Chattanooga. Rev Bowles served in the Holston Conference for decades and has been a district superintendent on more than one occasion. Then on Sunday, July 18, **Cindy Cunnyingham** will be preaching and leading worship. *Make plans to be present and support them both!*



Our very own Annaliese Mullins won the Distinguished Young Woman's award and goes on to the next level of the competition. The Administrative Board voted to give Annaliese a monetary gift to help with her travel and other expenses. Above is Annaliese with her award and some representatives from the congregation. We're very proud of you, Annaliese!

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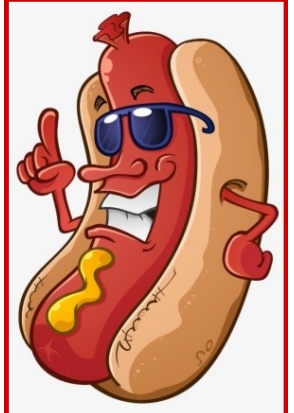
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YOUTH HOT DOG LUNCH FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, JULY 18

The youth will be sponsoring a fundraiser immediately after worship. *Plates include 2 hot dogs, chips, a drink and a dessert. These will be to-go meals so you can take them home for lunch.* Donations will be accepted to help toward the cost of their waterpark outing at the end of July.



July Birthdays

- 1 Hazel Grace Gardener
Rod Musgrave
- 7 Kyle Anderson
- 8 Vicki Hardesty
- 10 Patsy Irwin
- 11 Mike Anderson
Trudy Harper
- 15 Arnie Stulce
- 21 Tripp Mullins
- 24 Virginia Gill
Thomas Wood
Ron Jordan
- 26 Paige Hendrix
Preston Hendrix

July Anniversaries

- 17 Joseph & Marti Hendrix
- 29 Sid & Vivian Parrott

**“Count your age by
friends, not years.
Count your life by
smiles, not tears.”**

~ John Lennon



August Birthdays

- 5 Nell Smith
- 11 Gene Elliott
- 12 Ann Reahard
- 13 Paul Ed Parrott
Brynlie Dotson
- 16 Brody Dotson
Linda Reagan
- 17 Michelle Musgrave
- 18 Eleana Mullins
- 20 Kristen Woodall
- 21 JoAnne Posey
Caleb Nelson
- 26 Allison Ellis

August Anniversaries

- 1 Carlos & Barbara Wilson
- 2 Paul Ed and Suzanne Parrott
- 14 Skip and Martha Sheeks
- 25 Kay & Vicki Hardesty

***“A wedding anniversary is the
celebration of love, trust, partnership,
tolerance and tenacity.
The order varies for any given year.”***

- Paul Sweeney



Sunday, July 4th

"Hey God, It's America..."

**INDEPENDENCE DAY
NO YOUTH**

Wednesday, July 7th

NO YOUTH

Sunday, July 11th

**GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Al Bowles
YOUTH (5:30 PM)**

Wednesday, July 14th

YOUTH (6:00 PM)

Sunday, July 18th

GUEST SPEAKER: Cindy Cunnyingham

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YOUTH (5:30 PM)

JULY 11th - 18th

**PASTOR TODD WILL BE VISITING FAMILY
IN VIRGINIA**

Wednesday, July 21st

YOUTH (6:00 PM)

Sunday, July 25th

Hymn Sing

YOUTH (5:30 PM)

Saturday, July 31st

YOUTH WATER PARK OUTING





Sunday, Aug. 1st **SERMON SERIES: PROBLEMATIC PASSAGES 2**
"What Does It Mean To Be The Image Of God?"
YOUTH (5:30 PM)

Wednesday, August 4th **YOUTH (6:00 PM)**

Sunday, Aug. 8th **SERMON SERIES: PROBLEMATIC PASSAGES 2**
"The Problem Of Violence In The New Testament"
Administrative Board meeting
YOUTH (5:30 PM)

Wednesday, August 11th **YOUTH (6:00 PM)**

Sunday, Aug. 15th **SERMON SERIES: PROBLEMATIC PASSAGES 2**
"Don't Make Fun Of Old Bald Men"
YOUTH (5:30 PM)

Wednesday, August 18th **YOUTH (6:00 PM)**

Sunday, Aug. 22nd **SERMON SERIES: PROBLEMATIC PASSAGES 2**
"Why Were There Zombies In Jerusalem?"
YOUTH (5:30 PM)

Wednesday, August 25th **YOUTH (6:00 PM)**

Saturday, August 28th **Holston Annual Conference IN-PERSON gathering**
(this is for ALL Annual Conference members with voting rights) **for discussion**
and voting on issues that cannot be handled virtually. 12:00 - 6:00 PM
Meadowview Conference & Retreat Center (Kingsport, TN)

Sunday, Aug. 29th **SERMON SERIES: PROBLEMATIC PASSAGES 2**
"What Is The Relationship Between Christians
And The Government?"
YOUTH (5:30 PM)