

# The VINE

*The newsletter of Soddy United Methodist Church*



## THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

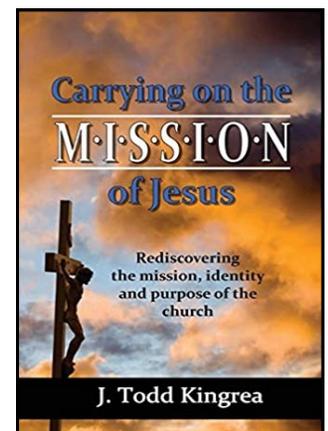
### Carrying on the Mission of Jesus

When Covid-19 hit the nation in the spring of 2020 our Tuesday evening Bible study came to a halt. We haven't met since. However, that will change beginning September 21st. I'll be leading a 15-week study (seven weeks in the fall, 8 weeks in the spring) through the book of Acts. It's called "The Acts of the Apostles: Carrying on the Mission of Jesus."

Participants will also receive a copy of my Acts devotional, *Carrying on the Mission of Jesus: Rediscovering the Mission, Identity, and Purpose of the Church*. This will supplement what we're studying each week in the Bible. There is no cost to participate.

**PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO I CAN GET YOU A COPY OF THE DEVOTIONAL AND OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF CHAPTERS/READINGS.**

If you aren't able to take part in the Bible study, don't fret!



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*From Pastor Todd, continued*

Beginning Sunday, September 19th, I'll be preaching an 8-week sermon series on the book of Acts titled (surprisingly!) "Carrying On The Mission Of Jesus." So one way or another you'll get your fill of the Acts of the apostles this fall!

**VACATION PLANS:** Felicia and I are planning to vacation in New Mexico October 16th–23rd. Cindy Cunnyngham will lead worship and deliver the message on Sunday, October 17th. The following week, October 24th, our guest speaker will be Mr. Bill Haley from Daisy UMC, and Cindy will once again lead the service. Felicia and I will be returning from vacation the night before but it will be late. If you have any special needs during the time we're away, please contact Cindy.



**Youth Group**

We need your gently-used  
~~junk~~ treasures!

**DATE:** Saturday, September 11

*Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a television for the youth room*

**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.  
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



It's the fall of the year and that means Charge Conference season is upon us once again. [The North Hamilton County Mission Network \(of which we a part\)](#) will hold their joint Charge Conference on Sunday, November 21st.

The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 13th, at 6:30 PM. *If you are the chair of a team or committee that needs to meet in preparation for Charge Conference, go ahead and begin scheduling your meeting(s).* Paperwork requiring approval of the Administrative Board will be presented at the October 10th meeting. **THANK YOU!**



*Marthas & Marys Tuesday morning Bible study will not meet during September but will resume on Tuesday, October 7th. Contact Judy Teague with any questions.*

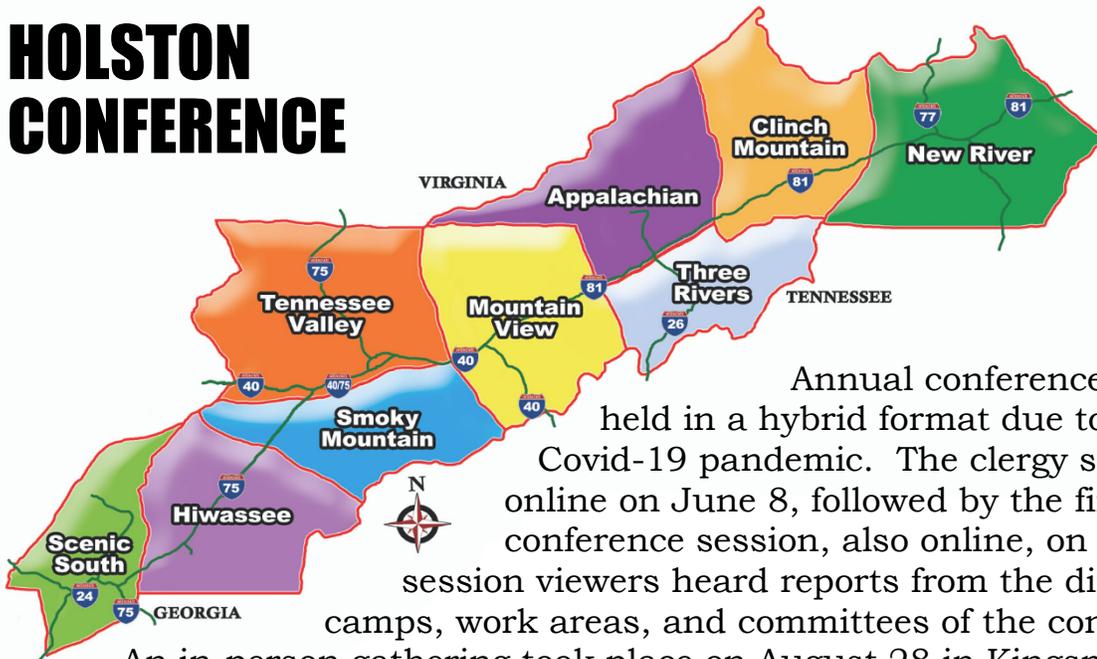


*Welcome*

*We're delighted to welcome MELVIN MCMAHEN into membership of Soddy UMC! Melvin joined our congregation on Sunday, August 15th, by transfer of membership from Burks UMC in Hixson. WELCOME, MELVIN!*



## **HOLSTON CONFERENCE**



## **Annual Conference 2021**

Annual conference this year was held in a hybrid format due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The clergy session happened online on June 8, followed by the first half of the full conference session, also online, on June 12. At that session viewers heard reports from the different ministries, camps, work areas, and committees of the conference.

An in-person gathering took place on August 28 in Kingsport. Originally intended for all voting members to participate in-person, plans changed at the last minute due to the rise of the Delta variant of Covid-19. Voting members were given the choice of still attending in person or attending virtually.

This session required discussion on agenda items such as the budget, nominations, church closures, and new business. Holston Conference standing rules state that no voting can occur without appropriate opportunity for questions and discussion. Bishop Virginia "Dindy" Taylor presided over the conference for the last time as she prepares to retire. Until the Jurisdictional Conference can meet later this year to elect and appoint new bishops, Holston will be overseen by Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett of the North Alabama Conference.

This was the second year in a row that Holston delegates were unable to gather at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, for annual conference.

## September Birthdays

- 2 Bailey Nelson
- 8 Roger Graham  
Brandi Powell
- 11 John Bramlett
- 13 Samara Jolly  
Emily Gallaher
- 16 Marcie Woodall
- 17 Victor Rogers
- 19 Michael Musgrave
- 21 Patrick Mulkey
- 25 Trish Jordan
- 27 Cindy Cunyningham

## September Anniversaries

- 1 Carlos & Barbara Wilson
- 3 Mike & Carla Anderson
- 16 Mitch & Suzie Weber
- 20 Carl & Carole McLaughlin
- 21 Frank & Jimmie Lou Mulkey

**“We turn not older  
with years, but newer  
every day.”**

**~ Emily Dickinson**



## October Birthdays

- 7 Katie Wood
- 10 Kelsey Jones
- 11 Sylvia Williams
- 12 Doug Yeatts  
Barbara Hendron
- 15 Jessica Lyon  
Thomas Hendron  
Barbara Musgrave
- 18 Scott Musgrave
- 22 Kathryn Mullins  
Gideon Musgrave
- 25 Rachel Musgrave
- 30 Gena Bain

## October Anniversaries

- 7 Mike & Stephanie Parrott
- 20 Roger & Donna Graham  
Art & Marylu McDonald
- 21 Todd & Felicia Kingrea

**“Life has taught us that love does  
not consist in gazing at each other  
but in looking outward together in  
the same direction.”**

**~Antoine de Saint Exupéry**



# September



**Sunday, September 5th**

*"The Chain Reaction Of Sin"*

**YOUTH (5:30 PM)**

**Monday, September 6th**

**LABOR DAY**

**Wednesday, September 8th**

**YOUTH (6:00 PM)**

**Saturday, September 1th**

**YOUTH YARD SALE**

**Sunday, September 12th**

*"The Paycheck You Don't Want To Receive"*

**YOUTH (5:30 PM)**

**Monday, September 13th**

**Committee on Lay Leadership  
(Nominations) meeting (6:30 PM)**

**Wednesday, September 15th**

**YOUTH (6:00 PM)**

**Sunday, September 19th**

SERMON SERIES:

CARRYING ON THE MISSION OF JESUS

*"The Ever-Widening Circle"*

**Scenic South District Conference (3:00 PM)**

**YOUTH (5:30 PM)**

**Tuesday, September 21st**

**THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Bible study **BEGINS (6:00 PM)**

**Wednesday, September 22th**

**YOUTH (6:00 PM)**

**Sunday, September 26th**

SERMON SERIES:

CARRYING ON THE MISSION OF JESUS

*"The Two Imperatives Of The Early Church"*

**YOUTH (5:30 PM)**

**Tuesday, September 28th**

**THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Bible study (6:00 PM)

**Wednesday, September 29th**

**YOUTH (6:00 PM)**



**Sunday, October 3rd**

SERMON SERIES:  
CARRYING ON THE MISSION OF JESUS  
*"Power, Persecution, Prayer"*  
**YOUTH (5:30 PM)**

**Tuesday, October 5th**

**Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)**  
**THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**  
Bible study (6:00 PM)

**Wednesday, October 6th**

**YOUTH (6:00 PM)**

**Sunday, October 10th**

SERMON SERIES:  
CARRYING ON THE MISSION OF JESUS  
*"We Can Get Somebody To Do That"*  
**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (5:00 PM)**  
**YOUTH (5:30 PM)**

**Tuesday, October 12th**

**Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)**  
**THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**  
Bible study (6:00 PM)

**Wednesday, September 13th**

**YOUTH (6:00 PM)**

**Sunday, September 17th**

**GUEST SPEAKER: Cindy Cunnyngham**  
**YOUTH (5:30 PM)**

**Tuesday, September 19th**

**Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)**

**Wednesday, September 20th**

**YOUTH (6:00 PM)**

**Sunday, September 24th**

**GUEST SPEAKER: Bill Haley**  
**YOUTH (5:30 PM)**

**Tuesday, September 26th**

**Marthas & Marys Bible study (10:00 AM)**  
**THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**  
Bible study (6:00 PM)

**Wednesday, September 27th**

**YOUTH (6:00 PM)**