



# A Word From Weyman

“Pay attention!” “Look at me!” “Give me your undivided attention!”

These are common phrases which teachers, parents, and even spouses say to each other. Focusing your attention on a person helps you receive what that person has to offer. It keeps you from being distracted.

One of the greatest distractions in life is worry. The tendency to ask “what if” again and again keeps us from resolving problems. What are some of your worries? One wife said that she was worried because she worried and worried that her husband would discover that she had the problem of worrying!

In Matthew 14:26, 27 the Bible says, “They....cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus said to them, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be a afraid.” As Jesus walked on the water toward His disciples, He called Peter to climb out of the boat and walk to Him, which he did. Peter was doing just fine until he lost his focus and became distracted. He looked at the waves of the storm instead of keeping his eyes on Jesus. His fear rose and he began to sink.

Peter’s situation has something to say to each of us. If he had kept his eyes on Jesus, who was the source of his strength, Peter would have been all right. But his eyes strayed, and he was overwhelmed by the problem and crumbled.

Worry is like that. We concentrate too hard on the problem and forget the solution. This creates more difficulties. Some problems won’t go away. Some concerns are legitimate. Sharing those concerns with Jesus and asking for his guidance will give us the ability to weather the storm.

Please pray for me and my family and invite someone to church Sunday and Wednesday. If you would like me to visit you or your family, please let me know. If you need to talk, my door is open.

Believing in you,



Weyman McGuire,  
Senior Pastor

## HANDS OF CHRIST STUDENT MINISTRIES MAY 2010

### HANDS OF CHRIST STUDENT MINISTRIES FACEBOOK PAGE

Our facebook page, “Hands of Christ Student Ministries” is the best way to keep up with what is going on in our ministries – “like it” and check it often!

### SUNDAY NIGHT STUDENT SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Our Student Small Groups “officially” ended on April 25; however, several of these groups will meet after this. Check with your leaders for any questions. Thanks to our Small Group Leaders for their hearts for our students and thanks to our students who are part of these groups!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL LOUCON RETREAT – MAY 15-16

Our Middle School group is heading to Loucon for a weekend at one of our favorite places. Everyone on our mailing list will receive information sheets and they will be available in the church office and at the Student Ministries Welcome Center! We encourage ALL Middle School students to join us.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

Come and be a part of our weekly Celebrations each Wednesday night from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. We have a time of worship and a message that will speak to the hearts of where students are today. Some of our high school students are sharing their own faith in messages on Wednesday nights and what a blessing this is!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL EACH SUNDAY MORNING

We have very gifted teachers who have hearts for our students and we are blessed to have them share with our students on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:30 AM. All middle school and high school students are encouraged to be a part of Sunday School.

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Our group meets each Sunday night but the location changes from time to time. So how do you know where we will meet? The absolute best way to keep up with us is to join the facebook group “Young Adult Ministry – First UMC Madisonville.” Weekly messages are sent to all members and information is updated on the group page. If you need more information or have questions, call Katie Kerlick at 339-7053. All young adults are encouraged to join us!

Sunday, March 28, 2010	Sunday, April 4, 2010	Sunday, April 11, 2010	Sunday, April 18, 2010
Morning Worship: Combined Service 350	Morning Worship: 8:30 Blended 222 10:45 Traditional 257 10:45 Hope Alive 192	Morning Worship: 8:30 Blended 153 10:45 Traditional 152 10:45 Hope Alive 149	Morning Worship: 8:30 Blended 176 10:45 Traditional 151 10:45 Hope Alive 141
Total Attendance: 350 Sunday School: 234	Total Attendance: 671 Sunday School: 186	Total Attendance: 454 Sunday School: 207	Total Attendance: 468 Sunday School: 259
WNA Classes: 361 Other Classes: 33 Total in Classes: 394 (during week) Offering: \$18,202.35	WNA Classes: 303 Other Classes: 38 Total in Classes: 341 (during week) Offering: \$24,702.17	WNA Classes: (No Classes) Other Classes: (No Classes) Total in Classes: (during week) Offering: \$21,336.38	WNA Classes: 294 Other Classes: 103 Total in Classes: 397 (during week) Offering: \$27,829.18 Year-to-Date Offering: \$347,211.15



For the first time since I’ve been at FUMC, we had to cancel our Spring Children’s Retreat at Loucon because of the weather. We were fully prepared to hike in the rain, play in the rain, etc. because we knew rain was in the forecast. But, when the forecast showed a moderate risk for severe weather in the Loucon area, we checked with Loucon about emergency procedures, etc., and knew we would be well taken care of. However, when it became apparent that the adults traveling with us would need to reassure their own children plus several more if bad weather did indeed come our way, we decided to reschedule the Children’s Loucon Retreat. A weekend may not be available until September, so Amy Wortham and I are working on some other alternatives for the children in grades 1-5, such as a lock-in. All checks are being refunded, and we are grateful for the adults willing to be Retreat Counselors.

Please visit our church web site frequently for events planned for children. Andrea Boles helps keep the information updated. The next big event is Children’s Day, Sunday, May 16. I will be using children volunteers to staff various positions in the three worship services: greeters, taking up the offering, praying, reading scripture, singing, playing the piano, etc. I had several children from our most recent Children’s Discipleship Class sign up for the various responsibilities but, I would like more to participate in the worship service that day. Please email me, and I’ll get in touch with you to confirm the assignment and let you know of any necessary practices. I have always stressed with the older children that church membership is a Privilege and a responsibility as well. All of us need to serve for the Body of Christ to function as God planned.

### Miss Trace

Travis and Meredith McCoy Quigley are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Declan McCoy Quigley, on Easter, April 4. Proud grandmother is Barclay McCoy. Congratulations to all!



### Relay for Life



On May 18th, the Methodist Mountain Mission will be here. We still need household items, such as dishes, silverware, pots and pans, small kitchen appliances and good usable furniture. Other items needed are underwear, socks, and shoes. Please leave your donations in the MMM container at the church.

- ◆ May 1 — Last day to turn in pictures for Luminarias. Cost is \$10. Luminarias without pictures maybe purchased for \$7.
- ◆ May 1 — Survivors’ dinner reservations due. Survivors and one guest eat free. Cost for other dinners is \$5.
- ◆ May 2 — Last day to buy paper flowers in memory of someone who has lost their life to cancer, in honor of someone who has survived battle with cancer, and in protection of someone you want protected from cancer.
- ◆ Sunday, May 9 — Special offering will be taken for Relay for Life.
- ◆ May 14 - Relay for Life

\*All Relay for Life checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society.