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*Sharing God's love with our neighbors,  
inviting them to share in the joy of Jesus Christ.*

## ARTICLE

One of the more interesting sessions at Lake Junaluska was the bicentennial celebration of the Conference itself. One presentation pointed out that in 1824, the year Holston Conference was founded, the city of Chattanooga did not even exist. In addition, that area was still part of the Cherokee nation. In 1800 William Lambuth was appointed to missionary to the Cherokee in the "wilds of Tennessee." By 1835 there were 521 "Indians" on the Holston member records.

Early Methodist circuit riders were popular with the Cherokee. It was said that "they had no large mission establishments but rode horseback from village to village staying in the homes of the Cherokee, sharing their food and treating them as equals." John Ross was a Cherokee Chief who would be baptized as a Methodist and would host meetings in his home. With the Indian Removal Act of 1830, John Ross would walk alongside some Methodist missionaries on the infamous Trail of Tears.

Rev. Charles Maynard told the story of how the 1912 General Conference in Minnesota was presided over by bishops sitting around a unique table made by students from Morristown College. The school was one of two African-American colleges in East Tennessee and was founded in 1881 by the national Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The table in question was constructed out of over 360 pieces of wood that had been sent from mission fields around the globe. (*See photos below*)

The students fashioned the wood fragments into "a magnificent mosaic reflecting the reach of God's work throughout the Methodist movement." I encourage you to watch the entire presentation for the rest of the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvBuulfENC4>

*Steve*

## NEW BIBLE STUDY

Our next Wednesday Adult Bible study will be on the topic of Anxiety. The study is described as follows.

*Anxiety is that vague feeling that something isn't right, that something bad may happen. Worry becomes an all-consuming part of life. We can find comfort and reassurance from God.*

*This 8-session LifeGuide Bible Study by nurse and Bible study writer Skip McDonald explores a variety of Old Testament and New Testament Scripture passages that cover experiences of general anxiety, worry, and panic. Find peace, rest, and strength through God's prescriptions in His holy Scriptures.*

We plan to begin this study on July 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate, please let Rev. Doyal know as soon as possible. Books are \$10 a piece.

## YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Our young people have been at Senior High Assembly at Emory and Henry College in Virginia this week. We look forward to hearing about their experiences upon their return.



## NO REGULAR CHURCH COUNCIL

We will not have a regularly scheduled Church Council meeting in July. However, we hope there may be a need to have called meeting if we must make a decision regarding any offers on the parsonage.

