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

ARTICLE

I shared a "tool" with our youth in Confirmation Class last week and I thought perhaps it might interest others if they are not familiar with them. It is a neat acronym to help guide you through your prayers. It is called **ACTS** and stands for Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication.

Adoration is simply praise and a great way to open your prayer. It is not unlike "Hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's prayer. We start by honoring God.

Confession is letting God know the burdens on our hearts and honestly sharing them. What are mistakes we have made? What unhealthy habits are we holding on to in our lives? Have we wronged someone? Release these to the Lord.

Thanksgiving is self-explanatory as we express gratitude to God for His blessings. The more difficult part of this segment would be finding what to be grateful for during a tough time.

Finally, we have **Supplication** which is where you are praying for others. Lifting up those you love.

The confirmation material closed out this section by saying, "There really is no wrong way to pray. God wants to hear from us regardless of what we say. God desires our attention and prayer is a spiritual practice that can deepen our relationship with Him."

Steve

PACK-A-BACKPACK

This Sunday (**August 2nd**) is the last day to bring in donations of school supplies for Inskip Elementary. Again, we are collecting cap erasers and folders (plastic with pockets) of the following colors: red, orange, yellow, green, black, and blue. Also, we can collect glue sticks.

The distribution date will be next Wednesday **August 5th** and we need to be there at 4:00 to set up tables before kids arrive at 4:30 pm. It is scheduled to last until 6:30 pm. We need as many volunteers as possible!

PARTY

We have a back-to-school celebration scheduled for after church on **August 9th**. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!

NEW BIBLE STUDY

We plan to begin a new six-week Bible study about **Proverbs** on August 12th at 6:30 PM. Let Rev. Doyal know if you want to participate so we can order a book in time.

OUTREACH MEETING

We will have an Outreach meeting on Saturday, August 8th at 11:00 a.m. at the church in the Chapel Class. Everyone is invited to attend and share ideas for new activities and/or improving current ones.

CONFIRMATION PICNIC AND BAPTISMS

Please join us on Sunday August 30 at Big Ridge State Park at 11 a.m. to celebrate the baptisms of our confirmands and then stay for a covered dish picnic afterwards. We will not have worship or Sunday school at the church that day as this will serve as our Coffee House Church with singing, a devotional and such.

We have reserved pavilion #4 at Big Ridge where you can take your covered dish and then walk to the baptismal area. We encourage everyone to carpool for convenience and because of limited parking.

WACKY WEDNESDAYS

The children (and some youth and adults) had fun with the science and engineering projects as well as the accompanying lessons during July.



WESLEY FOUNDATION COLLECTION

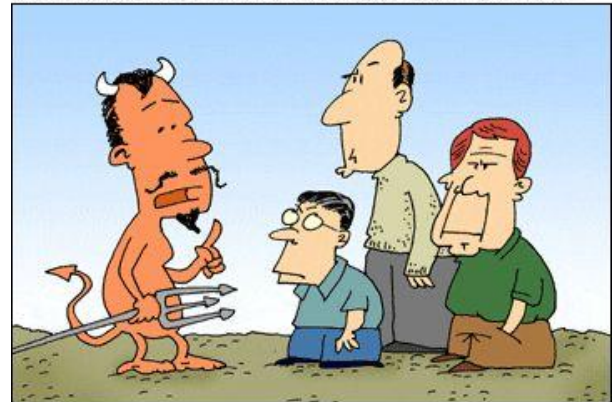
We collected items for residents at the UTK Wesley Foundation before, but this year they are offering basic supplies for all students at the university as a ministry. Below are items being collected if you are so inclined.

Wesley Basic Needs Supply Drive

This semester, the Wesley Foundation will open up their brand new basic needs room for **ALL students** to come and grab supplies to support their college journey. You can help by donating small, practical items.

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| ● Toothpaste | ● Mini tool kits |
| ● (No toothbrushes) | ● Umbrellas (Travel size) |
| ● Tissues | ● Pens/Pencils/Markers |
| ● Deodorant | ● Hangers |
| ● Laundry pods | ● Command strips/Hooks |
| ● Mini combs/brushes | ● Batteries |
| ● Razors | ● Phone chargers |
| ● Baby wipes | ● Notepads/Notebooks |
| ● Stain remover sticks | ● Post-its/Index cards |
| ● Soap | ● Disinfectant wipes |
| ● Shampoo | ● First aid supplies |
| ● Conditioner | ● Feminine hygiene products |

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THAT IT WAS A "DRY HEAT"?

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Looking ahead... our annual meeting with the District Superintendent will be held on Wednesday evening, October 21st at 6:00 PM. This year Heiskell will join us at Bookwalter.