

## FROM THIS VIEW

WILMORE FREE METHODIST YOUTH MINISTRY

## WALKING BY FAITH

Ms. Erin McLaughlin

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6*

Last month I went to Utah for the first time. My friend talked me into the trip by describing the beautiful hiking, and she was right, the canyons and petrified dunes were amazing. Our resort had guided fitness hikes each morning, so after breakfast we would pack up and head out in a van to our hiking destination. When we arrived at the trail, our guides didn't usually point out where we were going, they just started walking and I hurried to follow them. Depending on the terrain and steepness, it took all my attention to find solid footing and keep up with my fellow hikers. When we would finally reach the top of an amazing overlook I would look back down at where we started and couldn't believe where I was. The views were amazing, but if I had known at the start that I would be scrambling up steep rocks, climbing along ledges, or trudging up deep sand, I might have opted to stay back and walk on the sidewalk!

So many things about these hikes reminded me of following Jesus in faith. Similar to my guides, Jesus calls us to follow Him, but usually without pointing out exactly where He is taking us. It's usually best God doesn't tell us too much in advance... otherwise we might worry all the way about what was coming in the future, or feel afraid we could not do it. But like my hiking guides, He shows us the next thing, and we just need to be faithful to obey and do it.

Hiking was easier when I was close to my guide to see where they stepped, ask for advice, or even learn interesting facts about the trail along the way. Sometimes it looked like we were going the wrong way, but that was for a purpose like avoiding an obstacle, or seeing some interesting fossils or carvings. God takes us on the best path too, when we stay close to Him. We may not know what is coming next in life, but our faithful God does, and we can trust Him to help us every step of the way!

A moment of Gratitude

<https://youtu.be/G7j07SsBhTk>

Opportunity to Give

Consider what sacrifices you can make over the next few weeks in order to support Alfred.

Words of Thanks

Next week as we celebrate Thanksgiving, we will fill the newsletter with words of thanks and praise to God for who He is and what He has done.

You can even include a photo if you'd like. Send your contributions to :

**atinsley@wfm.net**  
**by Sunday, Nov. 22nd,**

to be included in the newsletter.

# Youth Ministry Updates

## WFMY

We will not meet next week, November 25th. Enjoy your families!!



## YBFs

C204 Middle School Girls  
C203 Middle School Boys  
C202 8-9th Grade  
C206 10-12th Grade



\*Virtual option available. Please email Pastor Andrea for link.

## Virtual Cafe



No Virtual Cafe next Monday or Tuesday (November 23-24).

See you back on November 30th

## Girls Small Groups

Are you looking for a place to be known and to grow in your faith?  
Are you interested in joining a weekly girls small group?



Email (krista@gracefulharp.com)/or text (859-948-5247)  
Mrs. Krista Padgett (girls small group coordinator) to sign-up and receive more details.

## Youth Prayer Breakfast

Join us on Fridays at 8am!!

Devotion Leaders for November &

- November 27\*: No YPB
- December 4: Shannon
- December 11: Isaac
- December 18: Levi



If you need to switch your date, please contact Pastor Andrea.

\*No Virtual Cafe or YPB during Thanksgiving Week: 11/23-11/27



## HEALTHY IN YOUTH MINISTRY:

Please note, as a youth ministry, we will follow the **HEALTHY AT WORSHIP** guidelines we use on Sunday mornings as a congregation, whenever we meet:

- **Do not attend** if you have felt sick in the last 24 hours
- **Do not gather** in entry ways/common areas
- **Wash your hands** and use hand sanitizer frequently
- **Remain six (6) feet apart** whenever possible
- **Wear a cloth mask** whenever you're around others, if it is safe to do so
- **Check your temperature** and for any Covid-19 symptoms daily and get tested if you have any symptoms

In addition to the above, you can also expect:

- **We will meet in the gym or outside** (depending on weather) to allow for plenty of space to be together, yet spread out.
- **When singing, we will wear our masks.**
- **We will avoid high touch/close proximity games.**
- **We will share our hearts, study God's word, and encourage one another in our faith.**
- **As we re-introduce eating together**, we will offer single-serve, individual items (either pre-wrapped or pre-portioned) to reduce the handling of utensil handles by students.