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Why Are We Talking About Discipleship?

BY LACEY WHEELER

My husband asked me a provoking question, and no it wasn't "What do you want to do for lunch?", although, that is often a provoking question because neither of us ever know the answer!

The question was: Why are you teaching about discipleship?

Good question. My initial, nerdy theological brain said, "Because it is the beginning of the year and that is when the church calendar has us looking into Jesus' baptism and the ways that we follow Jesus throughout his ministry, of course!" Okay, so maybe that's not so obvious.

My head was getting in the way.

So I looked deeper, into my heart, beneath the muddle of what a person "should" know about discipleship, the process, the systems, and dug deeper.

Why am I teaching about discipleship?

Why are we together learning and experiencing discipleship? At the core of discipleship is an understanding, an experience, a theological bias that I carry with me. This core is central to my understanding of God and my relationship with God and the rest of existence. This core is what has drawn me to God in so many seasons of my life over and over again, as if to fall into a new love again and again full of mystery and curiosity.

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Why Are We Talking About Discipleship? Cont...

At the core of discipleship is the active, pursuing, invitational, welcoming grace of the living and loving God of creation. This grace fuels us from invitation to transformation, into shaping the world around us through this same grace.

Discipleship, as far as I can understand it in the Wesleyan tradition, is one that holds works of loving God and loving neighbor together, tied up in the motivation and energy of grace.

Discipleship is not only praying, searching the scriptures, or participating in worship; although this is a piece. Discipleship is also extending kindness and mercy, compassion and seeking justice in the world which is fueled by devotion and worship of a God of love.

Kevin M Watson, in his book *A Blueprint for Discipleship* notes, "Christians...have fallen into the trap of either emphasizing personal piety at the expense of works of mercy or justice, or emphasizing works of mercy or justice at the expense of personal piety."

Discipleship is intended to pair the best of both worlds, the love of God and the love of neighbor, motivated and invited by God's grace.

So when my husband asked: Why are you teaching about discipleship? Once my protestant and very western mind got out of the way, my heart told me:

Because this is the most beautiful process we as human beings can be a part of: To be shaped by grace and to participate in the sacred work of shaping one another in this same grace.

Watson continues, "The ultimate goal [of Christianity] is to be completely renewed in the image of God, to be made perfect in love. Wesley defined this as fulfilling Jesus' double commandment to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself." This can happen through the shaping and process of discipleship.

My heart finds passion and joy when we enter this process together. I recently listened to a beautiful soul of almost 91 years talk of life and the struggles of life; yet, every time I visit with her, she reminds me of how beautiful God is.

Her sweet spirit of thankfulness to God oozes out in every conversation we share together. Her walk with Jesus for 91 years has shaped her into a woman who has worshiped, prayed, searched scripture, cooked for people who are hungry, and advocated for people who have needed it. She had no idea that in that moment, she was shaping me and forming me to be like Jesus too simply because grace had beckoned her so many years ago, and continues to beckon her. It is through this incredible woman that grace beckons me.

Why am I teaching about discipleship? So we can gather moments like this one, with a woman of 91 years expressing the incredible grace of God to a still naïve and searching 30 something. So we can walk alongside one another in God's grace, yes searching scripture and praying and worshipping and being fueled to acts of kindness and mercy and justice. So we can collectively be shaped into the image we are meant to hold and help shape the world into this very sacred image.

May we keep our eyes open for ways that God is inviting us into this process of discipleship through devotion, worship, compassion, and justice, and may we recognize these moments when they come, and grow in our intention to foster and nurture these moments along the way.

Keep Shapin' on!





The New 2025 Leadership Board Members were commissioned in a short ceremony during the worship service on January 26.

Our newly elected Co-Chairs of the Facility Maintenance Ministry Team, who will also serve as Co-Chairmen of "Board of Trustees" are Greg Bird and Kreg Anderson. We would like to thank Rick Nelson for his years leading the Facility Maintenance Team and all the behind-the-scenes jobs he took care of in that position.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00PM.



It was a cold January but we received a lot of soup to help keep everyone warm and cozy. I have found many donations in the back hall or kitchen and I don't know who to thank so I will thank you all for your support.

The Rose Hill Intermediate School is doing a Souper Bowl food collection for their Super Bowl celebration, so we will benefit from that also.

Some of the Hope Connections Board will be attending the Rose Hill Chamber Meetings this month to share our message.



United Women in Faith

The Rose Hill United Methodist Church is blessed to have an Ed Templin Memorial Scholarship Endowment fund. Two \$500 Scholarships will be awarded based on the criteria listed on the application.

The applicants for the scholarship must be a High School Senior and a member or regularly attend Rose Hill United Methodist Church. The applicant must also be accepted to any university, community college, trade school, or vocational school.

Contact the Church Office for an application. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2025.

Contributions to the Ed Templin Memorial Scholarship Endowment fund are welcomed to ensure a Scholarship is available for young people wanting to continue their education for years to come.





The talented Rocket Ringers filled our Sunday service on January 26th with beautiful bell music, enriching our worship with their skill and harmony.



YOUTH BOWLING NIGHT

On Sunday evening, January 26th, our Youth Group had a blast at Bowlero Wichita, enjoying pizza, strikes, and sweet candy prizes in a night full of fun and fellowship!



IN THE KNOW: GOINGS ON AT RHUMC



Please join us for a
BABY
Shower
honoring
**DELANEY & JACK
REDIFER**

On February 9 from 2pm-4pm

In The Parlor
Rose Hill United Methodist Church
19551 SW Butler Rd,
Rose Hill, KS 67133

Registered at my.babylist.com
(Nursery is Safari Themed)

"We will gladly take diapers and wipes,
as I hear we will need tons of those."
-Delaney

PLEASE
JOIN US IN PROVIDING



Willow
AND
MAVIS
with a Playpen Shower

THE DISCIPLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WOULD LIKE TO
WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH
FAMILY, WILLOW & MAVIS YABARRA.

WE ARE ASKING OUR CHURCH FAMILY TO SHOWER THEM
WITH GIFTS.

SINCE THIS IS THE COLD/FLU SEASON AND THEY ARE SO
LITTLE, WE ARE HAVING THE GIFTS BE BROUGHT TO THE
CHURCH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, AND GREAT-
GRANDMA ROSEMARY TEMPLIN WILL DELIVER THEM TO
THE FAMILY.

THE GIRLS ARE SIZES 6-9 MONTHS, & 12 MONTHS.
THEY WEAR PAMPERS SWADDLERS SIZE 1.

**A PLAYPEN WILL BE SET UP IN THE LOBBY FOR
YOU TO PLACE YOUR GIFTS IN.**

Children's Ministry and Youth CALL for VOLUNTEERS



Where: Ronald McDonald House in Wichita
When: February 22nd, 2025 at 4pm

Join us for an amazing opportunity to give back and make a difference! Our Children's Ministry and Youth Group are taking a tour of the Ronald McDonald House, where we'll learn about the incredible work they do for families in need.

After the tour, we'll cook a delicious dinner for the families staying there. It's a chance to serve, connect, and have fun while making an impact on those who could really use our support. Don't miss out—come be a part of this special experience!

If your family would like to attend, please contact Stacie Fox at 316-210-7502



OUR PILL BOTTLE PROGRAM FULFILLS THE DUAL NEEDS OF IMPROVING MEDICAL CARE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT.

PLEASE DONATE *EMPTY* PILL BOTTLES

ACCEPTABLE COLLECTION ITEMS INCLUDE:

- PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-COUNTER PILL BOTTLES
- LARGE AND SMALL PILL BOTTLES
- PILL BOTTLES WITH AND WITHOUT SECURE CAPS (CHILD-RESISTANT)

**DONATION TUB CAN BE FOUND ON THE SHELF ABOVE THE
COAT RACK IN THE MAIN HALLWAY**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT: [HTTPS://M25M.ORG/PILLBOTTLES/](https://m25m.org/pillbottles/)

FEATURED YOUTH

HENRY FOX

Henry Fox, a vibrant 13-year-old seventh grader at Rose Hill Middle School, radiates warmth and positivity wherever he goes. The son of Greg and Stacie Fox, Henry's infectious smile, generous heart, and strong work ethic are just a few qualities that make him stand out. His compassion for others, love for God, and easy-going nature inspire everyone around him as he continues to grow into an exceptional young man.

Henry is a true outdoorsman, especially when it comes to playing sports, hunting, or fishing. In November, he proudly shot his first buck, and just recently, he celebrated another milestone by shooting his first duck. He also enjoys spending time at the range, playing video games, cooking up culinary creations, and challenging his mind with chess. He is a member of the Rose Hill Middle School Chess Club and is also excited to try his hand at golf this spring. Henry's culinary talents were recognized at this year's Taste of Christmas, where he won the "Best Recipe" award for his famous (and absolutely delicious!) chili. With dreams of becoming both a chef and a gamer/YouTuber when he grows up, Henry's enthusiasm and drive show no signs of slowing down. Truly, his bright future is as promising as his spirit is contagious.

-STACIE FOX (MOM)



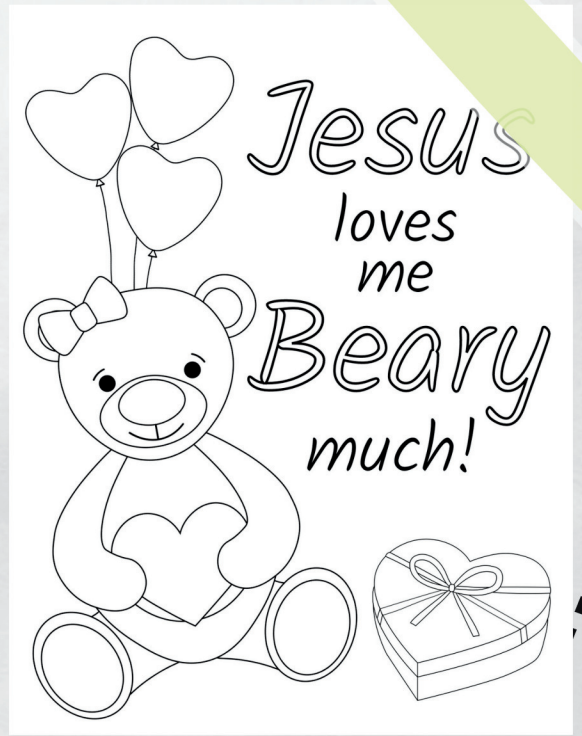
NOTE FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Henry loves the outdoors and enjoys fishing and hunting with his dad. One way he spreads Christ's footprint is that he invites lots of friends to youth group functions. He's great to have in Sunday School.

-EVAN BLACK

MONTHLY COLORING CONTEST

🎨🌟 Calling all young artists! Our new Monthly Coloring Contest is here! Each month, pick up a fresh coloring page from the greeters' table in the lobby, let your creativity shine, and turn in your masterpiece to the same spot. Every entry will be proudly displayed on our hallway board! Be sure to fill out your name, age, and grade at the bottom, and have a parent/guardian add their name and contact info on the back. The winning artwork will earn a special prize and be featured in next month's newsletter! Let's get coloring! 🎨🌟



Relinquish everything inside,
Dispose your weakest flesh of pride,
Abandon hopes to please what's gone,
Ignore their eyes and sing your song.

Forgive the failures fleeting fame,
Retrieve the pieces of your name,
Allow your heart the healing hope,
Release your grip on binding rope.

Rage forward now, oh strength within.
The path won't lead to where you've been.
Your future pines toward tales untold.
They cannot touch what He can mold.

Let Go,
Let Go,

Try not to run.
Your now has only just begun.

TIFFANY SOLORIO
ORIGINAL POEM

ARTIST'S CORNER



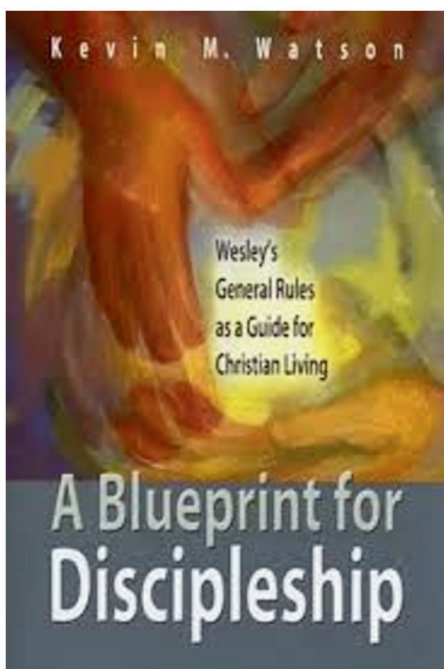
DO YOU EXPRESS YOURSELF THROUGH ART?
WE WOULD LOVE TO CELEBRATE YOUR WORK!

OFFICE@RHKSUMC.COM

PLEASE E-MAIL US WITH YOUR WRITING, OR A PHOTO OF YOUR ARTWORK TO BE FEATURED IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

FROM LACEY WHEELER



**A BLUEPRINT FOR
DISCIPLESHIP
BY KEVIN M. WATSON**

As we dive into discipleship this series, if you are looking for a couple of great reads, check these out! A Blueprint for Discipleship by Kevin M. Watson is a great theological look at the Wesleyan take on discipleship. If you're curious what is different about the way discipleship looks through a Wesleyan lens, this is the book for you!



**HAVE A BEAUTIFUL,
TERRIBLE DAY!
BY KATE BOWLER**

For a lighter read, and still one that gets at the heart of our experiences, check out Kate Bowler's Have A Beautiful, Terrible Day! These daily meditations are for every-day people and every-day experiences. Diving into this book shapes us to be honest about our existence and the beautiful presence of God among us in that existence

Check out some of these meditation titles: You're Not Sleeping Much, When It's Not Fair (It Really Isn't), Regret, and Your Best Life Now. These change my life!

community



VICTORY

victoryrosehill.com

“SOUPER BOWL”

Would you be willing to join with Victory Church and our local food bank at Hope Connections at the Methodist Church in Rose Hill to help donate food and funds to help stock up on much needed items. This "SOUPERBOWL" is meant to be a opportunity to help "tackle hunger" in our local community. There will be bins in front of Victory Church for the next 2 weeks where people will be able to drop off non perishable food items for the collection. LET'S DO THIS...AND GO CHIEFS!!!

Christian Music Night

Second Monday of Every Month

6:30- 8:30 pm

\$3 admission and \$3 skate rental
 \$10 for a family with up to 5 family members and \$3 skate rental per person if they need skates
 We play the latest in contemporary Christian music



Roller City
 3234 S Meridian
 Wichita, KS 67217
 316-942-4555
 rollercityks@gmail.com



Grab Your Free ADMISSION SKATE PASS

On the Greeters
 Table in the Lobby!

(Passes are for Feb 10th Only)

Christian Music Skate Pass

Good for one FREE admission for
 Skate Rental \$3



Christian Music Night
 Monday, February 10th, 2025
 6:30-8:30pm

We play the latest in contemporary Christian music

This pass may not be used for birthday parties, private parties, or on any other date than listed above

This pass may only be used once

Roller City 3234 S Meridian 316-942-4555 www.rollercitywichitaks.com



celebrations

LETTER FROM OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



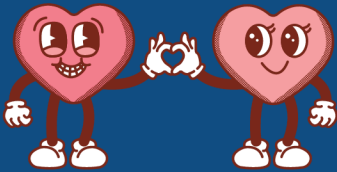
Dear Pastor Laley and the Rose Hill family,
I am so grateful for your hard work and
your faithfulness in paying your 2024
Mission Share in full.

I want you to know that Bishop Wilson
and the whole cabinet appreciate your
ministry and your witness

Thank you

Chali - DS south central Kansas

Anniversaries



FEBRUARY 3RD

Kenneth and Virginia Morgan

FEBRUARY 20TH

Paul & Patty Shaver

FEBRUARY 22ND

Stephen & Jan Lindner

Birthdays



FEBRUARY 1ST

Carolyn Whitesell

FEBRUARY 5TH

Annika Naillieux

FEBRUARY 6TH

Patty Dahl

FEBRUARY 10TH

CJ Bextel,
Hannah Mowder

FEBRUARY 14TH

Priscilla Rinehart

FEBRUARY 15TH

Bella McCulloch

Joyce Merritt

FEBRUARY 16TH

Bonnie Dowell

FEBRUARY 17TH

Tracie Duncun

Harper Leis

FEBRUARY 19TH

Evelyn Diehl

FEBRUARY 20TH

Roger Santo

FEBRUARY 21ST

Daryl Futhey

FEBRUARY 22ND

Christine McKee

FEBRUARY 27TH

April Grunder

FEBRUARY 28TH: Brian Grunder

Let's Celebrate The Day You Gave
Up On Finding Anyone
Better Than Me. It
Was A Lost Cause
Anyway.
Happy
Anniversary



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It is scientifically
proven that people
who have more
birthdays live longer.



January was Brrrrreathtaking



JANUARY IN REVIEW: A WINTRY START TO THE NEW YEAR

PHOTOS BY TIFFANY SOLORIO

This January brought icy roads and snowy skies, reminding us both of nature's power and its quiet beauty. For the safety of our church family, we canceled in-person service on January 5th and gathered on Zoom instead. The church office was also closed on three different days due to hazardous conditions. We hope you were able to stay inside, stay cozy, and enjoy a little extra time with loved ones as plans shifted. While the winter weather brought its challenges, it also offered a fresh, peaceful start to the year—a reminder that just as snow blankets the world in white, the new year gives us a chance for renewal and new beginnings. ❄️🌟



Share Your Special Moments!

Do you have a birthday, anniversary, wedding, engagement, or other exciting news to celebrate? We'd love to share it with our church family! While we cherish all our friends and loved ones, space will be prioritized for church members first, followed by extended family announcements as space allows.

To submit your news and photos, email office@rhksumc.com—we can't wait to celebrate with you! ❤️



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Please notify the church office when your request can be taken off the list. Thank you!

Please keep these in your prayers: Our church; our country; our troops; people of the world; our government leaders; law enforcement officers (safety); our community; students; teachers; Americans overseas; those suffering with mental illness; Nursing home/rehab residents; Teresa Conduff (health concerns); Kathy Conley (health concerns); Joy Shilbom (health concerns); Greg Cox (multiple myeloma); Linda McBride (health); Lyn-Nell Clark's daughter, Teresa Schmidt (metastatic bone cancer in vertebrae); Shannon Zoglmann's father (lung cancer) mother (heart disease/failure); Ashley Mowder's father, Alex Hall (health); Joyce Webster (health); Mike Rollins (rotator cuff surgery); Joy Pearson (health); Dave Brown (Returned Cancer), Christine Mckee's father, Harry Conway (health); Chad Flower (health); Bob (Dementia); Audrey Rowles (health); Jeff Diehl (stroke); Evelyn Diehl (health); Mandy Olson's mom Julie (health); Chad Flower's father, David Bextel (triple bypass); CJ Bextel's grandmother, Loreta Burgess (health); Crystal Carron (lung cancer/ surgery); Alex Kruger (health); Melanie Leis (breast cancer); Lev Troll (acute lymphoblastic leukemia); Sharon Meyer (cancer); Kendra Tharp's father Bill (hospice care), Larry Dutton's grandson Marshall Dutton (car accident);

1/12: Jennifer Ramseyer (dialysis), Fires in California

1/19: Jamie L (brain infection); Christine Mckee's Father, Harry (surgery 2/19/25); Greg Rinehart (Jan 22: biopsy & gold seed implant to start radiation); Kendra Tharpe (Knee Replacement Surgery Jan 29th); Coughlin Family; Edwards Family

1/26: Meggin DeMoss: Rick has influenza A and is in the hospital. Might come home today (1/26) or tomorrow (1/27); Diane Mann: Donna Scheelze 64yr old niece-in-law had surgery on 1/24 and will be going to rehab. Bobby Reed: Son-in-Law, Jeff Giles had surgery 1/30 for an abdominal aneurysm