## **Discipleship Occurs at All Ages!**

We understand that discipleship for children and youth primarily happens within the life of the family. We also believe the church plays an important role in supporting our families in this effort. If you are a parent or are a young person, these opportunities are offered and intended to help develop and nurture a young person toward a growing faith and life as a disciple. Therefore, we offer the following as opportunities for discipleship to occur:

## Children (Through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- Sunday School
- Worship Includes opportunities to see worship and faith modeled by people of all ages, Children's Moment, Children's church; serve as Acolytes
- Kids for Christ (KFC) After school ministry of fun, learning, arts/crafts, refreshments from September to April
- Vacation Bible School
- Summer Camps Both local and conference



## Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

- Sunday School
- UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) Typically Sunday evening activities of learning and fun that shape the individual in a group setting
- Confirmation Junior High youth are invited to participate in a process that helps them understand the Christian faith and offers them the opportunity to profess their own faith in Jesus as Lord of their life
- Service/Mission projects especially a summer mission trip
- Summer Camp Local and Conference
- Chrysalis Weekend event of spiritual growth for older teens

The opportunities for children and youth vary from time-to-time. These are some of the most common, as well as the most important to facilitate young discipleship.

To find out more information about our children and youth ministries, please contact Children's and Youth Ministries Director, James Southworth, at <u>james@marshallfumc.org</u>.