



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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IF YOU CAN'T PLAY THE BAGPIPES

or

WHAT TO DO ON THE OTHER 11 DAYS

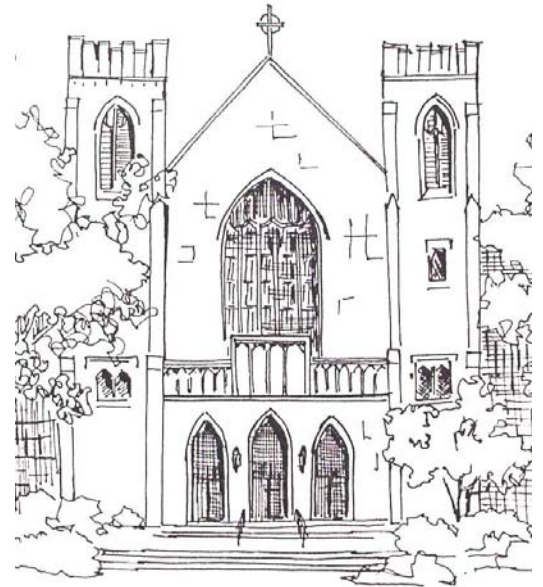
Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor

Remember the twelve days of Christmas?

On the first day of Christmas you opened gifts (didn't take long depending on the age of your children), ate a big meal (very likely over-eating), made some long distance phone calls (to widely scattered family and friends), and maybe even took a nap. There's a strong possibility you soon may exchange that fuchsia sweater and eventually pack the Christmas decorations for next year.

So you've celebrated the birth of Jesus on the First Day. Now what's a person to do for the remaining days of Christmas?

One carol suggests that we should "play the bagpipes and oboe merrily". Since most of us can do neither, here are my suggestions for meaningfully observing the remaining eleven days of Christmas:



1. Repay evil with kindness.
2. Praise your critics.
3. Confront your prejudices.
4. Encourage the crestfallen.
5. Maintain hope for the hopeless.
6. Give to those who ask; share before you are asked.
7. Humbly admit your faults and confess yours sins.
8. Befriend the lonely.
9. Rejoice with those who rejoice.
10. Weep with those who weep.
11. Keep faith in the face of all odds.

If you'll work on one of these endeavors each of the remaining eleven days of Christmas, I can guarantee that your joy will be full!

Creede

WORSHIP SERVICES

December 26, 2004

Nine O'clock - Chapel

Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

Jimmy Towson, preaching
"Diving In"

Hebrews 2: 10-18;
Matthew 2: 1-23

Assisting With Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Tim Anderson and Bill Ham

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Frank Avrett, Gary Dunn, Keith Fackler, Ben Hoover, Scott Huggins, Shellie Inzer, Gardner Long, James Palmer, Jodi Palmer, Don Ream, Vaughan Smith, Bill Sparks, David Stanley, Lee Stevens, P.M. Watson

Sunday School Greeters - Youth

Lay Visitor: Bonnie Minton

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	64
Eleven O'clock Worship	375
Total Worship Attendance	439
Sunday School	317



Linda Sankey, Altar Guild

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Colhard by his family.

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dot Martin by the Altar Guild.



To Sara Beth Adams upon the death of her brother, Claude Scruggs of Virginia Beach, VA., on December 7, 2004.



CANNED GOOD of the Month!!

Calling All
Sunday School Classes

For the months of December and January we will be asking for collections of peanut butter from each Sunday School member. Every month we will send a note for a particular good that will be on "special" for the month. Join in the fun so that as you're in the grocery store, you'll remember to pick that item up! So grab all those Jiffy Jars and bring to Macon Outreach.

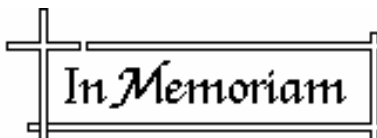
New Leaf on the E. L. Brooking Tree of Life

In Honor of
Grey Brown
A Shining Inspiration
2004



Welcome Recent Visitors

Chris & Leslie Brown, Nancy Fullbright, Bill & Wendy King, Isabel Wright, Jennifer Hamlin, Tina and Eliza Dickson, Brook Bristow, Steve & Laura Bell, Rebekah McPherson, Sydney Scott & Derek Pettigrew



Alice White Donovan
December 19, 2004



Cam Bishop,
Director of Music

Music on Christmas Eve

10:00 a.m.

Catherine Bishop, soloist

4:00 p.m.

Richard Gilewitz, guitar

5:30 p.m.

Organ Concert of Christmas Music/Cam Bishop, organist

6:00 p.m.

Chris Hendley, soloist

Eizabeth Lamback, violinist

Barb Altman, cellist

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to all of the choirs, soloists, and instrumentalists who shared their gift of music with us at Mulberry during this Advent season.

Choirs Rehearsals Resume in January

Children's Choirs

Wednesday, January 5

Ainsworth Choir

Wednesday, January 5

Young Spirit Singers

Sunday, January 9

Elementary Handbells

Sunday, January 9

Financial Report Through November

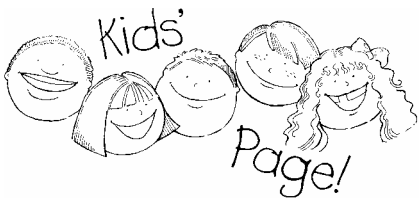
Gifts	\$881,766
Expense	910,150
Net	(28,383)

November Fund Balance

Church Budget	\$256,442
Outreach Deficit	(38,596)
Fund Balance	217,486

Note: The available fund balance would keep the church in operation for 2 1/2 months.

Thank you for giving attention to your pledge payment before the end of the year.



Jessica Tripp
Director of Children & Family Ministries



2005 Confirmation Class is:

- Jennifer Allen Annie Blanks
- Rosemary Dann Adam Hendley
- Anna Mae Kersey
- Mary Katherine Kersey
- Katherine Knott Evan Place
- Clare Powell Alex Prather
- William Carl Reynolds, III
- Emily Sparks Hayley Spillers
- Colby Watson

Please be in prayer as we continue as a community of believers on this journey together.

New Book by Rev. W. Hamp Watson, Jr.

His new book, "More Big Words For Our Time – A Lift for the Living, A Gift for the Grieving", will benefit "Wesley Glen, Incorporated". This book contains six more messages from Frederick Wilson and ten messages from Watson. Watson's friends, Frederick's friends and friends of Wesley Glen have financed all the printing and production costs so that every penny of sales will benefit Wesley Glen. If you would like to purchase this book, contact Watson by mail (149 Cambridge Way, Macon, 31220-8736), email (whwatson2@cox.net) or telephone (478-475-1763). The book costs \$14 plus \$2 shipping cost for a total of \$16 with check made out to Wesley Glen and mailed to the address listed above.

Youth Schedule

Jimmy Towson,
Director of Youth



UMYF – Sundays
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

January Theme:
"Let it S.N.O.W.!"
(Saints Not of This World)

January 2 – No More Pat Answers

January 9 – No More Lies

January 16 – No More Gutters

January 23 – No More Time

Senior High Bible Study
Monday Nights – 7:00 p.m.
at The Nazarene Bean
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Prayers for Youth Retreat

Thirty-seven (37) youth and counselors will leave for Awanita Valley on the morning of December 27th and ask for your prayers for safe travel, spiritual growth and loads of fun. Please pray for us through Thursday, December 30th, when we return. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

UMYF
Snack
Supper



January 2
Rick & Janet Hayes

January 9
Bill & Cindy Jarrard

January 16
Don & Cheryl Jones



On Thursdays and Fridays the church office operates with one secretary. From 12:00 to 1:00 she is at lunch and the church office is locked. The Atrium door on the left is unlocked during her lunch hour so you may enter the building without ringing the door bell.

Year End Giving

Please remember to complete your pledge payment and special gifts by December 31, 2004. Checks must be postmarked or received in the office no later than December 31st in order to be recorded on your 2004 contribution statement. You can make pre-payments on your 2005 pledge and receive tax credit in 2004. Mark your check "Prepay 2005". Thank you for your contributions.

Last Call for Christmas Offering

Thanks for your gifts. 100% of the offering will send mission teams to Costa Rica and Uganda in 2005. The money you have given the last few years as part of the Christmas offering has provided life to those in need. You have built houses, a church, provided clothing, food, electricity and, most of all, hope to families locally and across the oceans. Because of your generosity, people have a better sense of the love of God and the Body of Christ. Your gifts will make a huge difference and God will be glorified by what we are able to do in Costa Rica and Uganda!

Put Your Faith In Action! Join the 37¢ Club!

The 37¢ Club is a specialized annual giving program at Macon Outreach. The name is based on the average cost per meal in our Downtown Kitchen. For \$96.20 a year you are a supporting partner in reaching people in need. Your contributions go a long way to helping many break through the crises of dependence and achieve independence through all our ministries. Your membership of \$96.20 is automatically renewed each year until you request to discontinue. Members receive pledge reminders twice each year. However, all gifts are gratefully received and may be sent as your budget permits.

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Our 11 a.m. service is broadcast live
over Radio Station AM 940 WMAC

Pastor on Call

Weekend: December 25-26

Jimmy Towson

Custodian on Duty

Sunday, December 26

John Matthews

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 26

- 9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Children/Youth attend "Higher Dimensions" in the Children's Assembly Room
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary

December 27-30

Youth Winter Retreat - Awanita Valley

The
Church
Office



Will Be
Closed:

December 27-31

Mulberry Street UMC Staff

M. Creede Hinshaw, Senior Pastor
Giselle Rémy, Associate Pastor
Jimmy Towson, Associate Pastor
Bishop C. W. Hancock, Bishop in Residence
Dr. William H. Hurdle, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Bruce Bishop, Church Administrator
Camille Bishop, Music Director/Organist
Jessica Tripp, Director of Children's
& Family Ministry
Beth Smith, Church Hostess
Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary
Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary
Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian
Arnold Freeman, Custodian
John Matthews, Custodian

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Gifts received through December 13, 2004

Macon Outreach Fund

*In memory of Emma Richardson by
Mrs. Elizabeth Waldrep*

Playground Fund

*In memory of Emma Richardson by
Paula Motes Circle
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon R. Johnston
Rosser 2 Class
Edith Stetson Coleman Sunday School Class
Mr. & Mrs. Romney Tucker
Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. McCrary, Jr.*

In honor of Joy Class Teachers by Joy Class

Memorial Fund

*In memory of Emma Richardson by
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Weatherford*

*In memory of Dorothy Grace Martin by
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Weatherford*



Bus Fund

We need: \$60,000
So far we have: \$34,639

The Mission Statement of Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

We believe that God calls us to worship, prayer, love and fellowship so that we may share God's grace with others.