



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 9, 2005

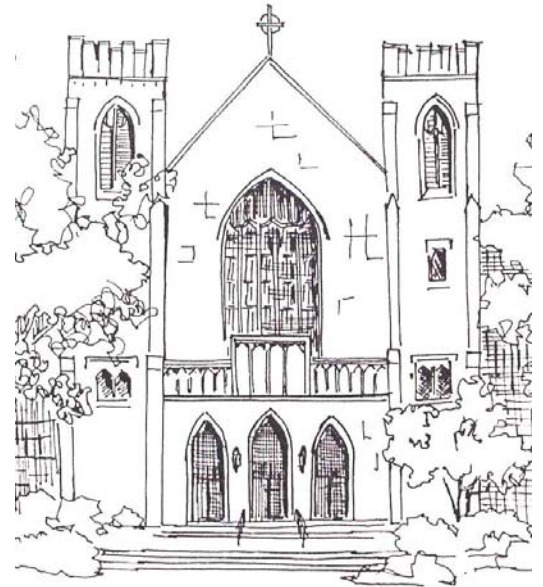
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Church Wins Lawsuit (Again!!)

Trustees Chairman Ed Sell III announced last week that the Georgia Supreme Court decisively ruled in our favor regarding our plans to use 770 Walnut Street to house Macon Outreach at Mulberry. The 3 plaintiffs had filed another appeal to a previous ruling favorable to our church. The current decision, announced on September 19th, should successfully conclude a 3 year legal defense mounted by our church to plan and deliver ministry on our own property.

Our Phase 3 Team, chaired by Sam Henley, is already working closely with Macon Outreach and our trustees to proceed with plans, and will keep the church informed on the direction of their work.

I have remained proud of this congregation for the way you have moved through this difficult process. You have acted with grace and patience, trusting God to lead us. As we proceed, I am committed to a discernment process that will include our congregation and our neighborhood. Gratitude is due to Ed Sell III, chair of our church's legal committee, and to church member and attorney Bob Lovett, who skillfully navigated us through the legal thicket and tangle.



Find Me Faithful Pledge Campaign Very Successful

After only one Sunday of receiving pledges, our congregation has already received \$879,552 pledged for our 2006 church budget. This is very likely the strongest start ever in the history of our congregation.

This start includes 29 first time pledges and 107 members who increased their pledges over their present giving. One letter I received expressed deep appreciation for the ministry of this congregation and included a pledge card indicating a 25% increase for 2006. I wish every church member could read this letter that expresses so beautifully the way MSUMC displays the ministry of Christ in our world.

Our budget for 2006 is projected to be in the range of \$1,126,000. By the time you read this frontispiece, many other members will have turned in their pledge cards. Please mail or bring yours to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. And thanks for being found faithful!

Church Receives Enormous Gift For Hurricane Katrina!!!

An offering envelope found in last week's offering was crammed full of dollar bills and loose change. Totaling almost \$50 and designated for hurricane relief, the money was raised by a child in our church who opened a lemonade stand in her neighborhood. Church Administrator Bruce Bishop correctly observed, "This may have been our largest single gift to hurricane relief." Thanks to our children for the way they lead us!

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PS. Speaking of children, this Sunday is Infant Recognition Sunday and Children's Sabbath. We'll recognize our newborns at the 11 a.m. worship service. I'll see you there!

Worship Services

Sunday, October 9, 2005

Nine O'clock - Chapel

Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

Creede Hinshaw, preaching

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"

Philippians 4: 4-9

Assisting With Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock

Greg Williams, Ken Scruggs

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Jeff Amerson, Terry Bass, Chad Bevill, Bruce Bryant, Harold Downs, J.B. Easterlin, Alan Frank, Eric Hefner, Bill Jarrard, Jim Lawton, Bob McCormick, Wesley Rauls, Randy Sams, Rader Sellers, Russ Vaughn

Sunday School Greeters – Rosser II

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	80
Eleven O'clock Worship	345
Total Worship Attendance	425
Sunday School	315



Susan Middlebrooks, Altar Guild

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John & Olive Cowan by Angela Cowan Irvine and family.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Herman & Dorothy Martin by the family.



Infant Recognition Sunday

Sunday, October 9th

Children's Sabbath

Mulberry Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service

Infants being recognized:

Henry Love Anthoine

Charles Jethro (Rho) Bridges

Mary Caroline Bushway

Hazel Blain Caldwell

William Hampton (Liam) Fickling

Carter Harrison Moxley



Macon Outreach Grocery Pantry Needs

Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach

Thanks for the Peanut Butter. Our pantry is at a critical low this time of year. Our needs are increasing as our numbers of families that we serve increases. Our shelves only have green beans and corn, so we need your help desperately! Donations are recommended! We'll be glad to do your shopping for you. Thanks for all you do for others.

Young at Heart

Thursday, October 13 – 12:30 p.m.

Bring a friend and join us for lunch. Cost will be \$4.00 and can be paid as you go through the line. Reservations must be made by calling the church office by noon, Monday, October 10th.



Cam Bishop,
Director of Music

Choir Singing & Ringing for October

Wednesday, October 12

Parents visit Cherub Choir rehearsal at 6:30

Sunday, October 23

Covenant Choir sings at 11:00

Wednesday, October 26

Carol Choir sings for SPARK at 6:30

Sunday, October 30

Handbell Choir Rings at 11:00



Grey J. Brown
September 24, 2005

Circle Meeting

Paula Motes Circle will meet Wednesday, October 12th at 4:00 p.m. at the church. Please bring items for Halloween bags, Macon Outreach and the Children's Home.

Fund Raiser to Benefit Magnolia Manor

Saturday, October 8th

12:30 p.m.

Vineville UMC

Belinda Skelton, executive producer for the nationally syndicated #1 rated Neal Boortz Radio Show will be entertaining and speaking at this luncheon. \$15.00 per person. Call Magnolia Manor for tickets: 743-9725



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jessica Tripp,

Director of Children & Family Ministries



Infant Recognition Sunday, October 9th



and Chili Cook-off Sunday, October 23rd 4:30 p.m.



The Rock Ranch Camp-Out

November 4-5

1st-6th graders - \$30

Registration deadline:

October 2

(1st & 2nd graders must be accompanied by a parent)



Night of Mystery Day of Service

for rising 3rd-6th Graders

November 20-21

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Youth Ministry

Jimmy Towson,
Director of Youth



UMYF & HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

It has been suggested (and I strongly agree) that we charge admission of \$1.00 per person for UMYF on Sunday nights and that the money be used for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. SO - bring \$1.00 with you this Sunday night to get in the door!!! This is a cool idea and a way for us to do our part in helping the victims of this storm.

Senior High Bible Study Monday Nights - 7:00 p.m.

Can our society survive without the Christian faith? There are many who say that religion does not have the influence it once had. Are they right? What do YOU believe? Is it CLEAR? Check it out - Monday nights!

Wednesday Night Bible Study

"The Will of God"

Does God "will" bad things to happen to us and our loved ones? What is God's will? Are we CLEAR? Check it out - Wednesday nights - 6:30.

DAVID CROWDER BAND IN CONCERT IN ATHENS OCTOBER 31ST

The David Crowder Band along with Shane and Shane will be in concert Monday, October 31st in Athens. Tickets are \$15-20 each. If you are interested in going (remember this is a school night), call me ASAP so that we can try to get tickets.

UMYF
Snack
Supper



October 9
David & Charla Ivey

October 16
Bill & Cindy Jarrard

WEDNESDAY NIGHT S.P.A.R.K.

October 12
5:45 p.m.

Menu

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Key Lime Pie
Tea Coffee

Also available for children:
peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Program

S.P.A.R.K. Session 4

Volunteers Needed! Good Samaritan Shelter at Tinsley

Riverside UMC has converted seven classrooms in the old Tinsley School into apartments for families uprooted by Hurricane Katrina. Volunteers and monetary donations are needed to help with expenses for families and for utility costs of shelter. Two types of volunteers are needed: Administrative Volunteers (located at Tinsley School) in the following time blocks: 9-12, 12-3, 3-6, or 6-8. Overnight volunteers (men preferred) to stay overnight to oversee safety of the families. To volunteer, call the Tinsley Shelter, 731-0256. To make a monetary donation, make check payable to Riverside UMC marked "Hurricane-Tinsley Shelter."

Yoga for Longevity

If you are interested in joining a Yoga Group, meet in the 1st/2nd Grade classroom on the 2nd floor on Wednesdays, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Pastor on Call

Weekend: October 8-9 – Creede Hinshaw

Custodian on Duty

Sunday, October 9 – Arnold Freeman

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 9

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel
9:30 a.m. Children/Youth - Higher Dimensions/
Children's Assembly Room
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Young Spirit Singers
6:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, October 10

5:30 p.m. Committee on Lay Leadership/Conf Rm
7:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, October 11

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Men's Sermon Group
8:30 a.m. Prayers of the People
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:30 a.m. Dorcas Circle
12:00 p.m. Needlepoint Kneelers Mtg/Conf Rm
12:00 p.m. UMW Fall General Meeting & Luncheon/Fel-Hall

Wednesday, October 12

10:00 a.m. Yoga for Longevity/1st/2nd Grd Cls
4:00 p.m. Paula Motes Circle/Conf Rm
4:30 p.m. Debt Committee Mtg
5:15 p.m. Handbells
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night S.P.A.R.K.
6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:30 p.m. Youth Bible
7:30 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, October 13

12:30 p.m. Young at Heart

Mulberry Street UMC Staff

M. Creede Hinshaw, Senior 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
Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach
Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary
Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary
Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian
Arnold Freeman, Custodian

Memorials/Honorariums

Gifts received through September 28, 2005

Building Fund

In memory of William M. McElrath by Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Millard

In memory of Elee Alexander Williams by Mrs. Anna F. Collier

Music Fund

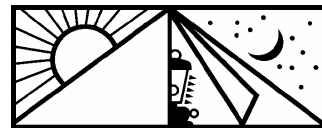
In honor of Cam Bishop and The Music Ministry
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stump

Acolyte Guild

In memory of Grey Johnson Brown by
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Lamb Mr. & Mrs. Verna Sammons
Pamela & Jackie Murphey Mr. & Mrs. William J. Sparks
Worsham & Sammons, LLC Ms. Drema Hill
Mrs. Mary A. Burt Mr. John T. Croley, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. D. Richard Worsham

Memorial Fund

In memory of Ann Henry by Mrs. Bettye O. Hutchings



Scampers Schedule

→ FDR Sate Park

December 9-11

See "Fantasy In Lights" at Callaway Gardens.
Reservations: GA State Parks: 800-864-7275
Let Jeff know when you make your reservations.