



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 11, 2009

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## PLANNING YOUR SPIRITUAL FUTURE WESLEY COVENANT SERVICE This Sunday, January 11, 2009

A young woman wanted to go to college, but her heart sank when she read the question on the application blank that asked, "Are you a leader?" Being both honest and conscientious, she wrote, "No", and returned the application, expecting the worst. To her surprise, she received this letter from the college: "Dear Applicant: A study of the application forms reveals that this year our college will have 1,452 new leaders. We are accepting you because we feel it is imperative that we have at least one follower."

A young man was apprenticed to a master artist who produced the most beautiful stained glass windows anywhere. The apprentice could not approach the master's genius, so he borrowed his master's tools, thinking that was the answer. After several weeks, the young man said to his teacher, "I'm not doing any better with your tools than I did with mine." The teacher replied, "So, it's not the tools of the master you need; it's the spirit of the master you need."

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthian Church, he notes that "there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 7)

There is a common truth in each of these offerings: Following is important, just as leading is. And in Christ, we are both followers and leaders. If we are to lead, we ourselves must be followers of the One who is life and truth and grace.

There is another great truth in scripture: **Every person is valuable to God.** Therefore, God sends His Holy Spirit to ignite and nurture our gifts and talents. God's Spirit works in our lives – shaping and mixing, working and re-working – strengthening our faith, service and giving. And the Holy Spirit of God does all of that, as we follow, for the "common good". We need the "Spirit of the Master", and receiving that Spirit, we become followers growing in leadership. Transformed. More whole. Better than we were.

This Sunday we will explore this mysterious phenomenon of God working His will in our lives. What does God want for you and your life? When the Spirit comes, how are we changed? How do we respond to God's offer of transforming love?

As a part of worship, we will share together in **John Wesley's Covenant Service.** This service of renewal and commitment was established by the founder of the Methodist movement as a particular means of grace. We will share Holy Communion. We will hear God's Word for us in this New Year. We will pray together for the church and its leaders. We will seek the power of God's Holy Spirit to guide and transform our lives. And we will re-dedicate ourselves to faithful service in the church of Jesus Christ.

For me, this is a most anticipated day of worship and praise. It is a powerful spiritual experience. Do you want to get off to a solid, spiritually grounded start in the New Year? Continue the experience begun at Christmas. Let's continue our spiritual journey together. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday.

Your servant, by God's Grace,

P.S. Following the 11:00 AM worship service, we will hold a third Town Hall Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to come and share ideas. Please see inside article for details and reservations.

# Sunday Worship

January 11, 2009

Nine O'clock - Chapel  
Eleven O'clock - Sanctuary

*Wesley Covenant Service*

Rev. Tommy Martin

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**Assisting with Worship**

**Ushers for Nine O'clock**

Warren Dunn & Scott Wangen

**Ushers for Eleven O'clock**

Jason Anthoine, Charles Bridges,  
Austin Carter, Scott Davis,  
Ken Harper, Gary Hobby,  
David Mann, Bob Middleton,  
Mack Minton, Jim Rice,  
Blake Sharpton, Chris Uren

**Sunday School Greeters**

Berg-Brenner Class

**Children's Church**

David & Paige Mann

**Mulberry's Muggers**

Alana Folsom  
Beth & Waverly Golson

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**Altar Flowers**



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brooks and Mary Beth Gaudry; and in loving memory of Sarah Coleman Hodges Grier and in honor of George William Grier, Jr. by Frank and Mary Anne Gaudry.

**Attendance Last Sunday**

Nine O'clock Worship	49
Eleven O'clock Worship	326
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>375</b>



Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

**Choirs are back in motion!  
Come join us!**

**Third Tuesday Organ Interlude**

January 27 - 12:00 Noon

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Nelda Chapman, Organist

**Third Town Hall Meeting/Luncheon  
January 11, 12:00 Noon**

At our first Town Hall Meeting, you identified five areas that we needed to address:

1. The Need for a Stronger Spiritual Foundation
2. The Need to be an Invitational Church
3. The Need for Every Member to Share Their Faith.
4. The Need to Understand the Spiritual Needs of our Church and Community
5. The Need to Be Willing to Change and Grow

The second meeting (Dec. 10) addressed solutions to those concerns. Your proposals were very positive and creative, and demonstrated a deep commitment and desire to reach our community for Jesus Christ. Because of bad weather and the busy Advent schedule, many were not able to attend that meeting. Everyone's input is important; we are therefore convening another meeting this Sunday following the 11:00 AM worship service.

The purpose of this meeting is to again brainstorm ideas, solutions, and ministries that will make us more intentional in fulfilling the Jesus' great commission to "Make Disciples". Lunch (\$5.00) and child care will be provided. **Please call the church office (745-8601) if you plan to attend so that food can be provided.**



Cameron Bishop,  
Director of Youth Ministry

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**Youth Coordinator**

We are pleased that Glenn Smith has agreed to serve as the Youth Coordinator. Glenn is a veteran volunteer with the youth ministry at Mulberry. In his role as Youth Coordinator, Glenn will be relating to the Youth Council and Church Council. Feel free to contact him with any questions about the youth ministry.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Winter Jam 2009**  
January 18

**Youth Talent Show**  
February 11

**Winter Retreat**  
Epworth by the Sea  
February 13-15

**"Near to the Heart of God"**

**Women's Retreat**  
**February 20-22, 2009**  
**Ebenezer Retreat Center,**  
**Ricon, GA**

The retreat will be led by United Methodist Evangelist, Joyce Payne, and the theme is *Embraced by God's Love*. Registration pamphlets are available in the Atrium.

**Wednesday Night Supper**

***This Wednesday, January 14, 2009***



**Menu**

Pork Chops  
Mac & Cheese  
Garden Peas  
Green Beans  
Tossed Salad  
Apple Rings  
Rolls & Cornbread  
Apple Pie

**Program**

In the Movies:  
Dr. Edwin Chase

**Mission Jars**

Bread for the World

## Circle Meeting

The Paula Motes Circle will meet Wednesday, January 14 at 12:00 noon in the Parlor. Please bring items for Macon Outreach and the Children's Home.

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The Altar Guild has an opening for flowers in the chapel Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call Heidi Ream at 474-8618 if you are interested in placing flowers for that Sunday.

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Congratulations to Larry Fouche and Kim Jones united in Holy Matrimony at Mulberry Street UMC on January 2, 2009. The Rev. Cile Mitchell officiated.

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## John Rosemond is Coming to Macon!

John Rosemond, noted family psychologist, syndicated columnist, and popular speaker, will be having a program in the Family Life Center Vineville United Methodist Church on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:00p.m. The theme of the program will be "Parenting the Strong Willed Child". Tickets are \$10, with all sales benefiting Wesley Glen Ministries. Don't miss the opportunity to see this dynamic speaker! For ticket information or questions, please call Wesley Glen Ministries at 478-471-3711.

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*Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries*

### Children's Council Meeting

**Sunday, January 11, 2009**

**5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Children's Assembly Room**

### **Hoops for Hearts (Mission Activity)**

**February 14**

*Details soon...*

## Methodist Children's Home Auxiliary

It's time to join or renew your membership to the Methodist Children's Home Auxiliary. Meetings this year will be held on the following dates: January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, September 1, October 6 and November 3. Make checks payable to "Methodist Children's Home Auxiliary" for \$5.00 for single or \$10.00 for a couple. Drop your check by the church office, put it in the collection plate on Sunday or give it to Wynelle Flynn. Please renew by February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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To Janice Nordan upon the death of her sister, Lucille Lee on December 21, 2008.

To Alice Mullins upon the death of her sister, Ciega McDermott on December 23, 2008.

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**Vivian Hawkins Bridges**

**December 25, 2008**

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## Upcoming Mission Opportunities

**Dominican Republic Mission Trip**

**March 11-18, 2009**

**Sager Brown Depot in Louisiana Mission Trip**

**April 18-24, 2009**

*For more information about any of these opportunities, contact Lee Triesenberg or Cile Mitchell.*

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## CYBER SPACE PILGRIMS

*Susan Middleton, Chair, Spiritual Growth*

Join us in reading through the Bible in 2009. All you need is a chronologically arranged Bible, divided into daily readings, plus an email address. We all read and then respond to the reading via an email addressed to the other pilgrims. If you're interested send me an email at: [symiddleton@bellsouth.net](mailto:symiddleton@bellsouth.net).

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

### **Pastor on Call**

January 9-11  
Cile Mitchell

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## ***THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY***

### **Sunday, January 11**

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Town Hall Meeting/Fellowship Hall

4:45 p.m. Young Spirit Singers

6:00 p.m. UMYF

### **Monday, January 12**

10:00 a.m. Women's Club Mtg/Parlor

6:30 p.m. Staff Christmas Party/Martin's

### **Tuesday, January 13**

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study/Conf Rm

7:00 a.m. Men's Sermon Starter Group/Panera Bread

8:30 a.m. Prayer Group/Conf Rm

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting/Conf Rm

12:00 p.m. Kiwanis Club Luncheon/Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, January 14**

4:00 p.m. Paula Motes Circle/Conf Rm

5:00 p.m. Children's Handbells

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m. Adults/Sr. High Handbells

6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs

7:30 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

### **Thursday, January 15**

10:00 a.m. Cabinet Meeting/Conf Rm

10:00 a.m. Chapel for Daycare/Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Trinity Circle/Parlor

5:30 p.m. Devotional Group/Panera Bread

### **Saturday, January 17**

9:00 a.m. Pathways Team Follow-up Mtg/Conf Rm

### **Sunday, January 18**

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary

4:45 p.m. Young Spirit Singers

6:00 p.m. UMYF



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## **MULBERRY STREET UMC STAFF**

*Tommy Martin, Senior Pastor*

*Cile Mitchell, 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*

*Cameron Bishop, Director of Youth Ministries*

*Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries*

*Erin Roberson, Director, Children's Center*

*Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality*

*Johnny Hathcock, Director, Macon Outreach*

*Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary*

*Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary*

*Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian*

*Clifton Carswell & Arnold Freeman, Custodians*