

# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 26, 2009

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## “FIVE PRACTICES” BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

When elementary-age little league baseball players practice their sport, they practice batting, catching pop-ups, scooping up grounders. Fundamentals! When professional major league players practice – adults at the height of their athletic abilities – what do they do? They practice batting, catching pop-ups, scooping up grounders. Players at all stages and abilities repeat and deepen and improve upon the same basic practices. The same is true of congregations. The greatest asset of growing, fruitful churches is that the pastor and staff are constantly learning, the leaders and volunteers are constantly learning, and even the members and guests are practicing and improving the basic elements of ministry.

For the next five weeks, we are exploring as a church Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Those practices include:

**Radical Hospitality**  
**Passionate Worship**  
**Intentional Faith Development**  
**Risk-Taking Mission and Service**  
**Extravagant Generosity**

As we explore these practices together, ask God to open your heart and mind to new learnings and possibilities for our church. Share honestly, listen carefully, think creatively, and dream courageously with others in worship, in SS, and personal study and prayer. Be faithful in your daily readings and prayer from your *Cultivating Fruitfulness* devotional guide. Come to worship expectant and excited. Be open to God's Spirit to lead and guide our meditations.

This Sunday, we begin with Radical Hospitality. Christian Hospitality is the active desire to invite, welcome receive and care for those who are strangers, so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ.

It's easy and tempting to focus on what we expect from the church rather than what the church expects from us, just as it's easy to expect God to do for us what God created us to do for God. We are here in the spirit of Jesus, “not to be served, but to serve.” Do we focus only on how our needs are met, or do we open ourselves to the possibilities that our needs are best met when we place ourselves in service to others in Christ's name?

Radical Hospitality calls for us to:

- Naturally turn outward
- Know that our ministry focuses on those not yet here
- Are missional, open and inviting.

Hospitality streams through scripture. Together, beginning this Sunday, we focus on God's word for us, God's desire for us, God's vision for the church. What new possibilities do you see? What could happen next for us? As Jesus said to his first disciples, “Come and See!”

Remember also, many of our SS classes are simultaneously studying these five practices during the next five weeks. Not in a SS class? Ann Smith and Jack & Carol Head will be leading a group in the Fellowship Hall during the SS hour. This “class” is open to all.

Your servant, in Christ,

# Sunday Worship

April 26, 2009

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

*Five Practices of Fruitful  
Congregations:  
"Radical Hospitality"*

Rev. Tommy Martin

## Assisting with Worship

### Ushers for Nine O'clock

Tim Anderson & Denny Julius

### Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Gary Dunn, Emory Dunn,  
Keith Fackler, Chad Hancock,  
Jim Manley, Don Ream,  
Vaughan Smith, Bill Sparks,  
Lee Stevens & P.M. Watson

### Children's Church

James & Kathryn Manley

### Mulberry's Muggers

Florence Allen  
Wesley & Clare Rauls  
Andy & Louise Watson

## Altar Flowers



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Joane by Arnold Freeman.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. V. (Buncie) and Mary Miller Skinner Family.

### Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	82
Eleven O'clock Worship	208
Total Worship Attendance	290
Sunday School	234



Cam Bishop, Director of Music/Organist

## The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit

Presented by Young Spirit Singers  
Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30  
Come and bring a friend! You'll love it!

**Mary Brooke Quarles To Give Senior Recital**  
Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 at Mercer University

### Reminder!

*Have you picked up your  
devotional book yet?*

Beginning this Sunday, we will begin a church-wide study and preaching series - *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. There are two important opportunities for everyone:

1. There will be a Five Practices Sunday school class offered for everyone not currently attending a Sunday morning class. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will be led by Ann Smith, and Jack & Carol Head. The class lessons will follow the *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* series, and will last for five weeks. Open to all!
2. A free devotional booklet - *Cultivating Fruitfulness, Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice* - is yours as a gift. Each week's scripture and message correspond to the sermon topic for that coming Sunday. You are encouraged to use yours for a time of daily devotion and spiritual preparation as we, the body of Christ, seek to be more faithful and joyful in our daily lives. Copies are available in the atrium.



## National Day of Prayer Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 7

7:30-8:50 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Tickets: \$6.00

Reservations:

Call the church (746-3223) or email:

[maconndp@gmail.com](mailto:maconndp@gmail.com)



Cameron Bishop,  
Director of Youth Ministry

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**Senior Recognition** is May 10<sup>th</sup>. A church-wide luncheon will follow the 11:00 worship service. Doris will be cooking her famous Fried Chicken! Seniors - remember to send in your information/photos this week.

## Confirmation 2009

Please continue to pray for our Confirmation Class and prayer partners. Confirmation Sunday is May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Ice Cream for Sale

We have delicious ice cream left over from the Cherry Blossom Festival. You may buy a 3 gallon container or bring in your own container and we'll fill it for you! See Cameron or Doris or Betsy.



Charles F. Knierim  
April 14, 2009

## Wednesday Night Supper

**This Wednesday April 29**



### Menu

Meat Loaf  
Mac & Cheese  
Garden Peas  
Cabbage  
Tossed Salad  
Peach Cobbler

### Program

Hymn Fest:  
Harold Chapman

### Mission Jars

Wesleyan College



## Celebration Day

### The Methodist Home for Children & Youth

April 25, 2009 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

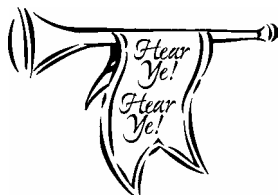
Bake Sale, Live & Silent Auction, Children's Carnival, Arts & Crafts, Food & Entertainment, Celebration Market



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

### Jesus: One and Only

It's not too late to join us on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:15 as we take a cook journey through Israel to see how Jesus lives. All kids grades 1-5 are invited to the children's assembly room for fun, games and Bible study.



### Royal Princess Breakfast

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, All Girls ages 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade (and their moms) should save the date of **Saturday, May 9**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., for a special Royal Princess Breakfast sponsored by Children's and Family Ministries. Polish those tiaras, and get out your gown and sparkly shoes!

### Family Movie Night

May 15

6:00 p.m.

### Fellowship Hall

Come bring the family for pizza, snacks, favors and a movie. Good fellowship and entertainment, and it's all free!

### ATTENTION KIDS

### End of the Year Cookout!

**Marianne and Robin Lokey's farm!**

We will take a hike and have a cookout.

Get ready for some awesome s'mores and a devotion around a bonfire.

Details soon.

### Vacation Bible School - June 14-19



### Men's Softball

Come cheer for our men as they play softball. It is a great opportunity for fellowship. All games are played at Central City Park. Here is the schedule:

Tuesday, April 28	8:45 PM	Field 2
Thursday, April 30	8:45 PM	Field 7
Monday, May 4	8:45 PM	Field 2
Tuesday, May 5	6:45 PM	Field 1
Tuesday, May 12	8:45 PM	Field 2
Thursday, May 14	8:45 PM	Field 1

### Ministries Budget Report 2009 General Fund

Month	Gifts	Expense	Net	Net Last Year
Jan	80,288	102,289	(22,001)	(24,726)
Feb	72,070	99,174	(27,104)	(23,690)
Total YTD	152,358	201,463	(49,105)	(48,416)



To Everett and Elizabeth Drinnon upon the death of Everett's sister, and to Jeff and Joy Amerson upon the death of Jeff's aunt, Dorothy Drinnon on April 13, 2009.

### Memorial Fund

In memory of **Mr. & Mrs. L. Eugene Jessup** by Mr. W. Jessup

### Music Fund

In memory of **Paula Motes** by Ms. Tip Barfield  
In memory of **Shirley Butler** by Ms. Tip Barfield

### Bus Fund

In memory of **Laverne Kinard** by Ms. Tip Barfield  
In memory of **Vivian Bridges** by Ms. Tip Barfield

### Children's Department

In honor of **Carys Fonner** by Dr. & Mrs. Daniel O. Fussell

### *Little Children, Big Hearts*

Thanks to the handiwork of the children's department, recent guests at the emergency food pantry received an "egg-stra" special treat with their groceries: a decorated Easter bag for young children. This was a colorful and delicious reminder that Jesus cares for them. Thank you for making the Easter holiday a special one for our youngest Outreach guests.

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

**Pastor on Call**

May 1-3

Cile Mitchell

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***THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY***

**Sunday, April 26**

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:40 a.m. KIDSPRAISE/Children's Assembly Rm

11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Council Mtg/Youth Rm

12:15 p.m. Young Spirit Singers

5:00 p.m. Way of Discernment Study/Forum

5:30 p.m. S.M.A.K.

6:00 p.m. UMYF

**Monday, April 27**

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting/Mustard Seed Cls

4:45 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg/Conf Rm

5:30 p.m. Church Council Mtg/Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, April 28**

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

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting/Mustard Seed Cls

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

12:00 p.m. Kiwanis Club Luncheon/Fel-Hall

**Wednesday, April 29**

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting/Mustard Seed Cls

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

6:15 p.m. Jesus – The One and Only/Children's Assembly Rm

6:30 p.m. Young Spirit Singers Musical

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

**Thursday, April 30**

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

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

**Friday, May 1**

5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal/Mason-Gunnell

**Friday-Sunday, May 1-3**

Scampers – Stone Mountain

**Saturday, May 2**

6:00 p.m. Wedding/Mason-Gunnell

**Sunday, May 3**

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:40 a.m. KIDSPRAISE/Children's Assembly Rm

11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. UMYF



**Wesley Glen Ministries Annual Fish Fry**

**Saturday, May 2, 2009**

**Wesley Glen Ministries Pavilion**

(4580 North Mumford Road)

**11:00 a.m. until 2:30**

**Fish Fry Plates**

**\$8/Adults \$5/Children under 12**

**For more information call 478-471-3711.**



**Scampers**

**May 1-3**

**Stone Mountain Park**

For information please call

Bobby and Dianne Greene,

Wagonmasters at 474-1038.

***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*

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*Johnny Hathcock, Director, Macon Outreach*

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*Clifton Carswell & Arnold Freeman, Custodians*