



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 12, 2009

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Summer Time and the Living Is Why Not Go Swimming?

Hot, dry weather; long days -- make you dream of cool water and long dips in a nearby lake. Summer-time trips to the water are a long standing summer tradition.

Here's another opportunity to "go swimming". For the next three weeks, I am preaching a series on the Book of Jonah. Most of us know the story, at least the part about Jonah being swallowed by a "whale". But what about the rest of the story? Jonah is a marvelous offering about the nature of God. It is also about you and me – how we sometimes act, and react to God. And it is about how God's does not give up on us. Jonah was an Old Testament Prophet. This prophetic book is not about Jonah's pronouncements; it is about Jonah himself. Just four short chapters, it bombards the reader with verbal activity from the heavens through the sea and the dry land into the nether world. Four chapters, only 48 verses. Yet there is a gospel within the more obvious story that is as meaningful as it is timely. The series begin this Sunday and runs through July 26.

July 12: Swimming with Jonah Part 1: Running From God
Jonah 1: 1 – 2:1

July 19: Swimming with Jonah Part 2: Running Into God
Jonah 2: 1 – 6; 3:1 – 4:3

July 26: Swimming with Jonah Part 3: Running With God
Jonah 3:10 – 4:11 & Acts 27: 20 - 25

Worship itself will be a little different also during July. Feel free to come dressed a little more casually and comfortably to beat the heat. We will sing a few more of some of our favorite hymns. We will have time at our beautiful altar for prayer and thanksgiving.

So get comfortable, and bring your Bible – you will want to follow along as we explore this powerful account of Jonah's repeated encounters with God. What a great time to invite a friend or neighbor. You can tell them they will hear a great fish story.

9:00 AM Worship Continues in the Sanctuary

Thank you for the great turnout we have had for the 9:00 AM worship services in the Sanctuary. The Chapel Renovation continues and is expected to take 6 – 8 weeks.

New Signs Are Up!! Really!

When you come to church this Sunday, notice the new directional signs posted around the parking lots. After much planning and some unavoidable delays, they have finally arrived. For those who have been here for years, entrance ways and different ministry locations may be familiar. For new members and the many visitors to our church, they will signal a friendlier, more welcoming place to worship and call home.

Thanks to the Trustees, Shannon Fickling, and others for their work and design, and for clearing some hurdles in getting the signs displayed.

Joyful in all things,

Tommy



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Children's Council Meeting

Sunday, July 12, 12:15 pm

Pot-Luck in the Children's Assembly Room

Planning for upcoming year. Yes, we need you there!

Family Trip to Splash in the 'Boro

Thursday, July 16

Meet at the church at 8 am, and we'll take the bus to Statesboro to ride water slides, a lazy river, a surf machine, and visit splash island. The price is right, too--only \$10/person! We'll bring our own packed lunches (or buy reasonable food at their concession stands) and then stop for fast food as we leave. All kids must be accompanied by a parent or responsible party. Must RSVP to Pam by July 13.

Extreme Games and Blizzards

July 28

Bring your already-fed kids to the church at 6 for an hour of fun Bible Quiz Bowl Games, and then we'll go to the Marble Slab. Kids under 5 must be accompanied by parent. The cost is \$5, and you can pick them up at the ice cream places at 9.

Godly Play Workday

Saturday, August 8

Meet at the church from 9 until 3 to help prepare our classrooms for the upcoming year. We need you to make our rooms look great and stock the shelves with Godly Play supplies. Call Pam for more details.

Parent Meeting/Orientation

Monday, August 10, 6-7 pm

Come hear about all our plans for the coming year. We'll explain how Children's Church, SMAK, Wednesday night activities, and Confirmation will work. We need your input, too. Childcare and pizza will be provided.

Kids Lock-In the Summer

Friday, August 14

Meet at the church at 5 pm. We'll go on a mystery fun trip, return to the church for a movie and snacks, have a devotion, get some sleep (yeah right!), and then help give out school supplies at Macon Outreach on Saturday morning. The cost is \$15 and some school supplies of your choice. You can pick up your kids at 11 am.

Promotion Sunday and Bibles for 3rd Graders

Sunday, August 16

This is a big day in our children's department! We'll be kicking off our new Sunday School classes and the Godly Play program, unveiling the renovated Children's Assembly Room, recognizing the children in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour, and then proceeding with the "Blessing of the Backpacks" liturgy and presenting Bibles to our third graders during the worship service. More details later. . .

Memorial Fund

In memory of Charles McCrary by

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Chapel Renovation

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The Ten Commandments in Verse

Thou shalt have no gods but me.

Before no idol bow thy knee.

Take not the name of God in vain,

Nor date his Sabbath to profane.

Give both thy parents honor due,

And see that thou no murder do.

Abstain from thoughts and deeds unclean,

Nor steal, though thou be poor or mean,

Nor make a willful lie and love it.

What is thy neighbor's, never covet.

Ministries Budget Report

2009 General Fund

Month	Gifts	Expense	Net	Last Year
Jan	80,288	102,289	(22,001)	(24,726)
Feb	72,070	99,174	(27,104)	(23,690)
Mar	102,764	102,991	(227)	6,979
Apr	81,652	107,761	(26,109)	229
May	85,482	97,177	(11,695)	(5,960)
Total YTD	422,256	509,381	(87,125)	(47,168)

**Everybody, Somebody,
Anybody and Nobody**

This is a little story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, July 12

9:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary
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. Children's Ministry Council/
Children's Assembly Rm
5:00 p.m. UMYF
5:30 p.m. Godly Play Training

Monday, July 13

6:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Tuesday, July 14

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study/Conf Rm
8:30 a.m. Prayer Group/Conf Rm
9:15 a.m. Chapel for Daycare/Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
12:00 p.m. Kiwanis Club Luncheon/Fel-Hall

Wednesday, July 15

4:30 p.m. Macon Outreach Exec. Com. Mtg/Conf Rm

Thursday, July 16

8:00 a.m. Family Trip to Splash in the 'Boro
1:00 p.m. Carlyle Place Communion
5:30 p.m. Devotional Group/Panera Bread

Friday, July 17

7:00 a.m. Market Place Men's Ministry/Joshua Cup
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal/Bryant-McMichael

Saturday, July 18

5:30 p.m. Wedding/Bryant-McMichael

Sunday, July 19

9:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary
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. Children's Ministry Council/
Children's Assembly Rm
5:30 p.m. Godly Play Training



Scampers

Scamper reservation deadline for
Bald Mountain trip is **July 15, 2009**
(fall trip) October 9-11, 2009.
See bulletin board for sign up sheet.

Dianne & Bobby Greene,
Wagonmasters



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Tommy Martin, Senior Pastor
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