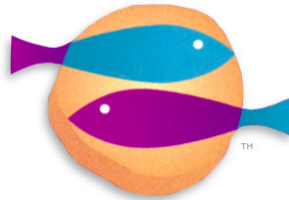


MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20, 2009

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Sharing God's Gifts



ON BEING A GLAD GIVER

You've heard the story before. The minister rises in the pulpit and announces to the congregation – *"Good news. We already have all the money and resources we need as a church!"* Then the punch line – *"Now all we have to do is collect it!"*

But it's true. We do already have all the resources we need. That's particularly true in the United States, in Bibb County, and at Mulberry. We have been showered with abundance, spiritual as well as material. We are on the receiving end of God's abundant generosity, God's marvelous grace. Look around you. The very nature of God is that of Giver! *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof"* is true, and all that is in it is offered to you and me. *"God so loved the world that He gave his only Son."* God did not lend, God gave. And if everything is a gift, it is ours to honor, care for and use wisely.

So giving is rooted in our very being and in God's very being. We can never out-give the Creator, but we are not expected to. We can respond in no less a way than by giving ourselves! Christian giving is giving back in gratitude for all God has given us. Giving is the tangible expression of how we represent God's giving nature to others through the church.

Giving is also indispensable to Christian discipleship. The question we should ask is not what my church needs. Rather it should be, ***"What do I need to give to be a faithful disciple?"*** It is very clear from the Bible that money and what we do with it does matter. Jesus uses money or possessions as the key element in more parables than any other topic. What we do with our money says who we are, what is most important to us, and to what we are committed. Jesus said it clearly: *"Where your treasure is, there will be your heart."* A silent doxology to every offering we give might be offered: *"No matter what we say or do, this is what we think of you!"*

Finally, our membership vows recognize the role of giving. When we joined the church, we pledged to uphold the church "with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness." All of those are part of a covenant we made not with the church, but with our God who calls us into this service and worship.

As we approach Celebration Sunday, let your decision be made as a matter of faith, in response to God's generosity and God's abundance. We are made in God's image and we are called to gratitude. Giving to God's Kingdom is an investment in eternity. It is a gift of joy.

Celebration Sunday is September 27. Come with gladness. Claim God's abundance in your life, and God's love in your heart. Be a Glad Giver.

Tommy

Sunday Worship

September 20, 2009

Nine O'clock – Chapel
Eleven O'clock – Sanctuary

“God’s Financial Planning:
Reaping What You Sow”
Galatians 6: 7-10
Hebrews 13: 16



Assisting with Worship

Ushers for Nine O'clock
Warren Dunn & Scott Wangen

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Charlie Bridges, Austin Carter,
Scott Davis, Ken Harper,
Gary Hobby, David Mann,
Bob Middleton, Mack Minton,
Jim Rice, Blake Sharpton,
Chris Uren & Jim Wilson

Children’s Church

Wesley & Clare Rauls (2/3K)
Tom & Elizabeth Fonner (4/5K)



Altar Flowers



The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. C. R. Price, Sr. by his family.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eden Taylor Persons by her family.

Attendance Last Sunday

Nine O'clock Worship	79
Eleven O'clock Worship	211
Total Worship Attendance	290

Sunday School 247



Cam Bishop, Director of Music

YOUNG SPIRIT SINGERS

Sunday, September 20
4:15-5:00
Choir Room

COVENANT CHOIR SINGS SOON

Mark your calendars
Sunday, September 27 at 11:00
(3rd-6th grade choir)

Children's Home Work Day Offering

The Annual Conference has set aside **this Sunday, September 20th** as the day churches are invited to intentionally support The Children's Home's ministry. This annual offering is a major part of the funding for the home. Please give generously. Make your check out to the church, designating it for the Children's Home. Thanks in advance for your support, love gifts and prayers.

Dear Mulberry Church,

Over the weekend, I tendered my resignation from Mulberry Street United Methodist Church. I appreciate your prayers and support over the past three years as I have served as Director of Youth Ministries and more recently of Young Adults. I will continue to serve until September 30.

Although my decision to leave the church has not been easy, I hold fast to the words found in Romans that “all things work together for good for those who love the Lord.” Mulberry has been a centerpiece in my life for the past 28 years and I will continue to offer my prayerful support as I know she is facing exciting challenges with regards to her future.

Sincerely,
Cameron T. Bishop

First Day: Mondays @ Mulberry



Practical Faith:
Finding Purpose in Life & Work



Thank you for the strong response to this new outreach of our church. We had a great turn out for our first luncheon, and a great fellowship with visitors to our church. This Monday we welcome our own James and Jodi Palmer, Owners / Publishers of Macon Magazine, as our speakers. Join others in welcoming new visitors to our church and our ministries. We are opening our doors wider to the community in which we live and serve.

12 Noon – 12:45 PM
Lunch: \$6.00
Mulberry Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Night Supper

This Wednesday, September 23, 2009



Menu

Doris' Chicken Pot Pie
Salad
Rolls
Sheet Cake

Mission Jars

Global Persons in Mission

Chapel Renovation

In memory of Letha Brigman by Mrs. Rosalyn C. Hullender

Macon Outreach

In honor of Betty Butler by Betty Farr

In memory of Mildred S. & Ralph Griffin by
Jeanette G. Chaffin

In honor of Becky Donovan by Harold & Freeda Chapman

In memory of Glynn Tiller by Harold and Freeda Chapman

In honor of Candy & Malcolm Burgess by Carol Chanin

In honor of Eleanor Castellaw by
Phil and Mary Ann Cawley

Gazelle Ministry

Mulberry Street UMC has over thirty homebound members who can no longer actively participate in the life of the church. I am recruiting a group of volunteers who would be willing to establish a personal relationship with a homebound member through personal visits, phone calls and letters. Each volunteer would be assigned a homebound member for one year. On September 24, there will be a luncheon at noon in the Parlor for current Gazelles and future Gazelles. If you would like to participate in this ministry and/or attend the luncheon, call the church office or Cile.

Rose Hill Cemetery Lots Available

The church still has 12 lots available. The total cost per lot, including fees, is \$3,621.80. Contact Bruce Bishop or Linda Parker in the church office.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries

The Good Book Cooking School

We're rolling along in SMAK this fall making totally cool recipes and learning how people ate during Biblical times. Ever crushed chickpeas with a stone? Or eaten creation mousse? All kids ages 5-11 are invited to bring your own supper on Sunday nights to the Children's Assembly Room at 5:00. Then at 5:30 we begin our circle time and follow up with cooking class. We hope to see you there this Sunday!

Club 56 meets next Sunday

If you're in 5th or 6th grade, come join us from 5:00 to 7:30 on September 27 for dinner, an interesting Bible study about a relevant topic like parents, E-smarts, standing up for yourself in school, and friends. Then we'll go on a mystery field trip to practice what we've learned. Ask somebody who went in August how much fun it was to grocery shop without a parent! It won't be the same without you.



Meet the Newest Outreach Team Member!

Kacie Beach joins us from Mercer University, and has jumped in with both feet as Program Service Coordinator. She fills big shoes by the departure of Michelle Antoine, who is moving to the DC area. We wish Kacie and Michelle much success and happiness in their new adventures!



Hunker Down for the Macon Outreach Tailgate Sale & BBQ!

Don't fumble this opportunity for fun on Saturday, September 26, 8:00am-1:00pm. The match-up promises to be a great one, as Buyers compete for great merchandise – provided by you!

Rent a vendor's space for \$25; then get ready to price, sell, and pocket the profits from your items for sale... or donate to Macon Outreach!

Ready to shop? A donation of \$2 guarantees full-day shopping access to Outreach fans.

Every tailgate party needs great food, and we've got that covered, too!

All proceeds from this event benefit the programs of Macon Outreach.

Have questions? Please call Johnny Hathcock at 743-8026, x101.



To Lois McLain upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Pauline Supple of Michigan Valley, KS on September 8, 2009.

Attention: Joy Class Members! "Looking Back and Looking Forward" 65 Years Old

The Joy Class is having a luncheon on Sunday, October 4th, in the church fellowship hall immediately following 11:00 a.m. worship services. We'll be celebrating our 65 years of service to Mulberry plus the re-decorating of our classroom. The price will be \$7 per person. RSVP to Jan Stevens, 477-3029, by Friday September 25th.



Scampers Trip Bald Mountain Park October 9-11, 2009

For information please call Bobby and Dianne Green, Wagonmasters at 474-1038.

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, September 20

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

4:15 p.m. Young Spirit Singers

4:15 p.m. Children's Handbells

5:00 p.m. S.M.A.K./Children's Assembly Rm

5:00 p.m. UMYF

5:00 p.m. Beth Moore's Study/Parlor

5:00 p.m. Seeing Gray Study/Rosser II

Monday, September 21

10:30 p.m. Daughters of 1812 Mtg/Parlor

3:00 p.m. Cottages on Wesleyan Communion

Tuesday, September 22

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

7:00 a.m. Men's Sermon Starter Group/Joshua Cup

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

5:30 p.m. Wesleyan Heritage Group Mtg/Conf Rm

Wednesday, September 23

10:00 a.m. Invitation to John Study/Flo's Home

5:00 p.m. Altar Guild Mtg/Conf Rm

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs

6:30 p.m. Merry Bells

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Pew Patrol

12:00 p.m. Gazelle Luncheon/Fel-Hall

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

Friday, September 25

7:00 a.m. Market Place Men's Ministry/Joshua Cup

Saturday, September 26

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Macon Outreach Tailgate Sale & BBQ

Sunday, September 27

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

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5:00 p.m. Seeing Gray Study/Rosser II

5:00 p.m. Club 56 (5th & 6th Graders)

Magnolia Manor of Macon

presents...

The John R. Batts Golf Challenge

October 9, 2009

Oakview Golf & Country Club

4 man Scramble - \$300 Team - 8:30 Shotgun Start

Call Tommy Martin for more details and teams.

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's & 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

Custodians

Clifton Carswell, Arnold Freeman & Sherman Ivry