



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 11, 2010

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Defining Moment of Easter

Did you ever play the game "Freeze" as a child? You would run around and play as though everything were normal and then the one who is "it" yells, "Freeze!" Everyone has to freeze exactly as they are when they hear the word. The first person to stumble or move from their "frozen position" is "it" for the next round.

There are moments in all of our lives that are frozen in time and frozen in our memories. They can be good moments, or bad moments. Moments of utter joy and moments of profound grief. Whatever else they may be, these are moments that are locked in our hearts and minds because of the power they hold for our lives. You can almost relive them now.

Remember?

That first kiss.

The time she said, "Yes."

A look on the doctor's face.

The day a child was born.

The time your mortgage was approved on the first house.

The time you lost the person you loved most.

All of these are moments which are locked in place and in some sense time stops when these frozen moments are called to mind. The most dramatic of them all are those moments of life and death that make up the greatest, most wonderful and the worst, most devastating events of our living.

"Defining" moments some folks might call them. In this season of Eastertide, we celebrate the single most important defining moment of our Christian faith - the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Without this moment, none of the other defining moments of our lives would ever make sense.

May we each live, worship, and serve daily in the grace of this most defining event in human history! We are Resurrection People!

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday at Mulberry, where all things are possible, in Jesus Christ.

Joyfully,



Pam Johnston

Director of Children's & Family Ministries

Thanks for the Help!

I want to thank all of you who donated candy or eggs, spent time stuffing them, or helped with set up or clean up on Saturday. The egg hunt was a big success, and we couldn't have done it without all of your help. The hunt is a ministry because many people visit who are not members of the church, so when you help, you are feeding his sheep!

Club 56

Have you ever walked in a tomb like the one Jesus was buried in? Stomped grapes in a vat? Seen an aqueduct-fed water wheel? Come join us as we make our own bread over a fire, go to an archeological dig site, and tour ancient exhibits such as a sheepfold, typical Israelite house, and outdoor altars and temples. We'll leave April 17 at 8 am on the bus and return about 4 pm. Bring a picnic lunch and \$10 to cover the cost of gas and entrance fee.

VBS

Time to sign up for VBS! Let Pam know if you are available to teach or help with GALACTIC BLAST the week of June 14-18. This year we'll travel the universe to learn how amazing our God truly is. We'll do cosmic crafts and learn Green Earth Tips too! So come be a part of an awe-inspiring summer space odyssey.

Space-Related Decorations Needed

Sounds strange, but if you have any NASA-related items, or supplies like large cylinders (to make rockets), space blankets, models of planets, or anything we could use to make a "mission control" room, then bring it to church. I really need a good decorating team this year!

Mark Your Calendars:

Club 56: April 17

Baby Dedication Service: April 24

Rock Ranch Camp Out: May 14-15



Please remember to pray for the health of our children and teachers at The Children's Center at Mulberry at all times, but particularly this spring. Absences due to illness or other medical reasons take a toll on everyone. Children are affected most directly in a physical sense, but moms and dads who must take time off work to care for their children also feel the effects of illness. This situation can easily breed stress for all involved. We are doing our part to teach the Center's children healthy hygiene habits to minimize sickness, but your prayers are appreciated as a reinforcement!

For the next 5-6 weeks or so, Erin will be submitting short bios about the teachers for our newsletter piece so the congregation can learn a little about our staff leading up to Teacher Appreciation Week.

Ushers Needed!



Usher Team 1, which serves January, May and September needs additional members. If you are interested in serving as an usher during these months, please contact Don Ream at 478-361-1315 or dream04@bellsouth.net.



The Methodist Home for Children and Youth Celebration Day Saturday, April 24 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This event is a great day for families and friends and a great way to support our Children's Home.

There will be a 5K Run/Walk -

To sign up contact

elizabeth.hart@themethodisthome.org



Springtime at Macon Outreach

"Children are a gift from the Lord."

Psalm 127:3

Spring break brings many more young guests to our door. Whether it's through the brightly-colored kid-sized meal trays, or the extra books and crayons we share with families visiting the Food Pantry, the volunteers and staff of your Macon Outreach follow the example of Jesus in reaching these youngsters. The smiles on their faces (and ours, too!) provide abundant joy to all.

We are now down to the last box of crayons, and have only one remaining coloring book. Can you help us restock? Donations can be left in the atrium, or brought to Macon Outreach, M-F. Thank you!

Macon Outreach Fund

In honor of Natalie Slocumb by David Sparrow



On Sunday, April 25, we will recognize during the 11 o'clock worship service all the children who have been born into the Mulberry Family who are under 18 months of age. Below is a list of the children we know of. Please contact Pam if you know of another baby who needs to be on the list.

- Waylon Miller
- Martha Golson Rauls
- Dillon Lee Self
- Taylor Walton
- James Wilson

Circle Meeting

The Paula Motes Circle will meet April 14, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please bring items for Macon Outreach and the Children's Home.

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THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY

Sunday, April 11

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel (Communion)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:00 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary (Communion)

12:15 p.m. Children's Ministry Council Mtg/Conf Rm

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

5:00 p.m. UMYF

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Monday, April 12

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

12:00 p.m. Monday Lunch at Mulberry/Parlor

Tuesday, April 13

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

7:00 a.m. Men's Sermon Starter Group/Bob Lovett's Office

8:00 a.m. Cabinet Meeting/Mustard Seed Class

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

9:15 a.m. Chapel/Children's Center

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

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

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

5:30 p.m. Small Groups Mtg/Conf Rm

Wednesday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Cabinet Meeting/Mustard Seed Class

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

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper/Fellowship Hall

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, April 15

8:00 a.m. Cabinet Meeting/Mustard Seed Class

10:30 a.m. Trinity Circle/Parlor

12:00 p.m. DAR Luncheon/Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Carlyle Place Communion

Friday, April 16

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

12:00 p.m. Miller High School Reunion Mtg/Parlor

Friday-Sunday, February 16-18

Mulberry Men's Retreat - Satilla River Hunting Club

Saturday, April 17

Club 56 Field Trip - Explorations in Antiquity Center

Sunday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

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**Wesley Glen Ministries
 Annual**



Saturday, May 15, 2010

Come support the ministry of Wesley Glen. There will be music provided by local praise and worship groups, as well as an Indoor Marketplace and the Fish Fry. Plates are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Bring the whole family and a heart ready to worship! To learn more, call 478-471-3711.

**Ministries Budget Report
 2010 General Fund**

Month	Gifts	Expense	Net	Net Last Year
Jan	78,132	100,172	(22,040)	(22,001)
Feb	61,541	95,097	(33,556)	(27,104)
Total YTD	139,673	195,269	(55,596)	(49,105)

MULBERRY STREET UMC STAFF

Tommy Martin, Senior Pastor Cile Mitchell, Associate Pastor
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