



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 25, 2010

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## Infant Recognition Service

Not long ago, my 5-year-old son asked me when I was tucking him in "Is God really big and where is He exactly?" Now those are the kinds of questions you like to answer at 9 pm on a Thursday night when you're horizontal in your child's bed wondering if you can stay awake long enough to hear his prayers, fold laundry and then make it to your own bed! But the fact that he asked that question also brought tears to my eyes. How blessed I am to have been charged with the task of raising him, and to have a church like Mulberry Street UMC where the seeds of faith his parents and others plant can be nourished so fully each week.

When we tell the story of Abraham and Sarah, we often focus on the importance of how Abraham fathered the future generations of God's people. The covenant that God makes with Abraham's family is one that defines so much of what the Israelites must endure and also the blessings that they (and we) have received. Now think of how that covenant was brought to life: through the birth of a child, Isaac. That child coming into their lives symbolized so many things--God's faithfulness to keep his promises, the beginning of a great family numbering as many as the stars, and most of all, his will for us to experience joy in our lives. The child's name itself means "laughter" in their language. With these things in mind, we celebrate the new life that has entered into our congregation this year. Join us this Sunday during the 11 o'clock worship service as we recognize the new life God has given us.

- Waylon Hawkins Miller – February 23, 2009
- Martha Golson Rauls – May 19, 2009
- Dillon Lee Self – September 9, 2008
- Taylor Ann Walton – September 2, 2008
- James Newton Wilson – November 16, 2009

Pam Johnston  
Director of Children's & Family Ministries



## Cile Mitchell To Be Appointed To Bloomfield UMC In June

The Staff Parish Committee announces that Cile Mitchell has been appointed as the Sr. Pastor of Bloomfield UMC. This will be a great appointment and opportunity for Cile who is certainly ready to assume full pastoral duties at her own church. This appointment will take place in mid-June. Please congratulate Cile on her new appointment.

We will have a church-wide luncheon on Sunday, June 6, to honor Cile and to share our deep appreciation for her ministry and care to our church family. Please mark that date on your calendar. We will share more information on that celebration next week.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is working closely with Bishop King and the Cabinet to fill our associate minister position, which will be announced in the next two weeks. We also continue our search for a person to fill our Youth / Young Adult position. God has opened some promising doors for Mulberry related to that position, and we are following some strong leads to fill that most important need for our church.





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### Rock Ranch

Join the Children's Department as we head over to the Rock Ranch on May 14-15 for a camp-out in covered wagons under the stars. We will cook-out, play games, sing songs, meet an astronomer, go on a scavenger hike and more. Children ages 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. All families in the church are welcome. Plan to meet at the church at 4 to leave on the bus, and we will return around 11 the next morning.

### **VBS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5  
4:30 PM**

**CHILDREN'S ASSEMBLY ROOM**

### 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!



The Children's Center 2010-2011 school year is filling up fast. If you are interested in your child joining our childcare family, or would like more information about The Children's Center at Mulberry please call Erin at 478-745-8621. We are happy to report space is limited, so please call today!



Congratulations to John & Sherry Culves upon the birth of their daughter, Riley Castine Culves on April 8, 2010.

Congratulations to Bo & Caitlin Walker upon the birth of their son, William Glennon Walker on April 11, 2010.

Proud grandparents are  
Billy & Janet Walker.

### **Center for the Arts Academy Wesleyan College June 6-12, 2010**

Rising high school sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduating seniors can explore a variety of fine arts disciplines with our outstanding faculty during a one-week immersion program. Have fun, explore multiple areas of interest and experience college life. The program is designed specifically for high school students to study, create and perform in studio art, music, or theatre. In addition to advanced study of the arts, you'll experience life at the world's oldest college for women and learn from our world-class faculty. For more information or to register, contact Lisa Sloben, 478-757-5171 or [lsloben@wesleyancollege.edu](mailto:lsloben@wesleyancollege.edu)



### *On The Wall*

Hammers, Hearts, and Hands has made their mark on Macon Outreach once again: this time, installing two new bulletin boards in the dining room. A special thanks goes to Paul Riley, Danny Humphrey, Scott Wangen, and Shellie Inzer for providing their time and expertise to create and install these wonderful community boards.

A job well done, and much appreciated!

### **Macon Outreach Fund**

**In honor of June Jackson**

by Willard Rocker

**In memory of Vashti Jackson**

by Willard Rocker

### ***Welcome New Member***

Mary McDonell  
248 River North Circle  
Macon, GA 31211  
414-254-2839

### **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.

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**Pastor on Call**

April 23-25

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***THIS WEEK AT MULBERRY***

**Sunday, April 25**

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

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 26**

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

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

**Tuesday, April 27**

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

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

**Wednesday, April 28**

10:30 a.m. Macon Outreach Worship Service/Chapel

4:00 p.m. Children's Center Board Mtg/Parlor

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

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

7:15 p.m. Ainsworth Choir

**Friday, April 30**

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

6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal/Willoughby-Peterman

**Saturday, May 1**

6:30 p.m. Wedding/Willoughby-Peterman

**Sunday, May 2**

9:00 a.m. Worship/Chapel

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

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

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**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  
 Bishop C. W. Hancock, Bishop in Residence    Dr. William H. Hurdle, Senior Pastor Emeritus  
 Bruce Bishop, Church Administrator    Camille Bishop, Music Director/Organist  
 Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries  
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