



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 26, 2010

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*'For to us a child is born to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'*

Isaiah 9:6



During this Christmas season, May you be blessed  
With the spirit of the season, which is peace,  
The gladness of the season, which is hope,  
And the heart of the season, which is love.  
From the Mulberry staff & our families,  
May the very best this season has to offer be yours!

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**NOTE:** This edition of the Mulberry Newsletter is a double issue, covering news and events for the next two weeks. Please note special services and events coming up through early January 2011.

# Sunday Worship

December 26, 2010

(No Sunday School)

9:15 – Celebration of Christmas Fellowship with coffee and sweet rolls (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 – Worship in Sanctuary

“Relocation, Relocation, Relocation”

Isaiah 63:7-9

Matthew 2:13-25

Rev. Tommy Perkins



## Assisting with Worship

### Usher for Nine O'clock

Tim Anderson

### Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Russ Barber, Gregory Bushway, Gary Dunn, Emory Dunn, Keith Fackler, Jim Manley, Don Ream, Vaughan Smith, Bill Sparks, Lee Stevens P.M. Watson

### Children's Church

Clare Rauls (2K)

Austin & Karen Carter (3K)

David & Paige Mann (4/5K)



## Altar Flowers



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jeff and Vivian Bridges by their family.

## Attendance Last Week

Nine O'clock Worship	42
Eleven O'clock Worship	320
Macon Outreach Chapel	60
Total Worship Attendance	422
Sunday School	238



Cam Bishop, Director of Music

### Choirs in January

The Children's Choirs, Young Spirit Singers, and Ainsworth Choir will all resume their regular schedules in January.

Children's Choirs – Jan 5 at 6:15

Ainsworth Choir – Jan 5 at 7:15

Young Spirit Singers – Jan 9 at 4:00

### Substitute Organist

A word of thanks to Jim Coleman for playing the services while I'm on vacation December 26 and January 2. The soloist on December 26 is Chris Abbott. Bryson Holloway will be singing on Epiphany Sunday, January 2.



The church office will be closed December 27-31.

If you have an emergency, please call

Tommy Martin, 397-4743,

Tommy Perkins, 615-691-3171

or Ben Gosden, 706-326-1819.

Also see "Pastors on Call" schedule on back



Epiphany is the climax of the Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are usually counted from Dec 25<sup>th</sup> until January 6<sup>th</sup>. In western Christian Tradition, January 3 is celebrated as Epiphany. The season of Epiphany extends from January 6<sup>th</sup> until Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent leading to Easter. The term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known." It remembers the coming of the Wise Men who brought gifts to the Christ child, and who were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as the incarnate Christ. This was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few. The season is now observed as a time of focusing on Christian brotherhood and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God's children.

## Wednesday Night Supper

January 5, 2011



### Menu

Meatloaf

Collards

Black-eyed Peas

Rice



Thomas Hodges, Director of Youth Ministries

**There will be no UMYF on December 26th,**

Merry Christmas and enjoy the time with your family!

**New Years Eve we will have a lock-in!**

Please let Thomas know if you plan to come!

Bring your friends!

**We need chaperons for this event!**

**If you like youth and would like to hang out with them, please consider volunteering your time, we would love to have you!**

**On January 2nd, 2010** we will be taking a mystery trip! Meet at the church at 4:45 and bring \$20. This is going to be a fun evening so please come with us!

### **Thank You!!**

I want to thank you all for a wonderful first few months of my being here at Mulberry! I look forward to a packed and fun year ahead with all of you!

### **Upcoming Events**

*Just for Young Ladies!!!*

**Revolve Tour 2011**

January 28-29, 2011

Duluth, GA

*A two-day event includes speakers Britt Nicole and Jenna Lucado Bishop and bands Hawk Nelson and the Group 1 Crew. Cost is \$79.*

*Call, text or email Thomas to sign up!*

### **Ski Trip**

February 11-13, 2011

Lake Junaluska, NC

*We will be going to INFUSE VI at Lake Junaluska with Rev. David Walters and the band Tied! Cost is \$166 per person. Call, text or email Thomas to sign up!*

## BIBLE PILGRIMS

If you are interested in reading the entire Bible in a year and growing in your faith with daily scripture reading and interaction with fellow Christians by the convenient mode of email, please contact Susan Middleton today to begin participating in the Bible Pilgrims. This group reads a brief bible selection every day and shares reflections on the scripture by email. The Bible Pilgrims are a great group with which to encounter the daily discipline of scripture. If you have an interest or have any questions please contact Susan Middleton at [symiddleton@bellsouth.net](mailto:symiddleton@bellsouth.net).

### **Church Leadership Retreat**

January 8, 2011

Fellowship Hall

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

### **Church Council Dedication**

Sunday, January 9, 2011

11:00 a.m. Service



*Pam Johnston, Director of Children's & Family Ministries*

### **Christmas Tree Donated**

Our Children's Assembly Room now has a beautiful tree to help us celebrate the Christmas spirit. We thank our donor for the care and devotion shown toward the children's ministries of our church.

### **Thank You**

I appreciate all who donated gift cards and gifts for the Methodist Children's Home Mission Project. It takes commitment to help out at this busy time of year, and I couldn't have done it without you. We were able to provide many of the items on the list, and make some teenagers smile Christmas morning. If you need a receipt for tax purposes, please let Pam know.

### **Mentors Needed**

Some of our confirmands still need an adult mentor to pray with them through Confirmation this year. If you have some time to spare, want to get to know a 6th grader in our church a little better, and are ready for God to bless you richly in your own spiritual walk, then contact Pam.

### **Children's Council Meeting**

Our first meeting of the year will be January 9 at 12:15 in the Children's Assembly Room. We need everyone there who cares about the programs and Christian education that Mulberry offers, as we will have a heart-to-heart discussion about our priorities for 2011. Your input is vital!



*Mulberry 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat  
March 18-20, 2011  
New Ebenezer Retreat Center  
Rincon, GA*

*Near to the Heart of God - The Heart of Belonging*

*Speaker: Ellen Shepard*

*Details and Registration: [www.mulberrymethodist.org/womensretreat](http://www.mulberrymethodist.org/womensretreat)*

*Forms also available in Mulberry's Atrium*

### **Bring One for the Chipper!**

**Saturday, January 8, 2011**

**9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Make recycling part of your Holiday season! This event saves precious landfill space by diverting Christmas trees into mulch. Residents can take mulch home to use in their own green space. Bring your undecorated Christmas tree to Central City Park and volunteers will assist in unloading. Contact Jon Lewis, KMBBBC Program Coordinator, 478-751-7412 for more information.



## **MULBERRY SCAMPERS**

The Mulberry Scampers are a group of families that like camping. Normally the group gets together three times per year for camping fellowship at different campgrounds around the state of Georgia. The dates for the 2011 calendar year are as follows; April 8-10 at Indian Springs state Park near Jackson, Georgia, June 3 – 5 at FDR State Park near Pine Mountain, Georgia and most families have already made their reservations for the October 7-9 trip to Bald Mountain Park near Hiawasse, Georgia. As you make your reservations for each trip please make sure you identify yourself as a member of the Mulberry Scampers. As we get nearer to each event you'll hear more and more about the specifics of each event. If you would like more information about the Scampers please contact Scott Wangen at 478-746-7200 or Bob Middleton at 478-476-9849.

### **Circle Meeting**

The Esther Circle will meet January 6, 2011 at the home of Carol Pope, 114 St. James Place at 12:00 p.m. Please bring items for Macon Outreach.

### **Young at Heart Luncheon**

**Thursday, January 13, 2010**

**12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Cost: \$6**

Program: A musical program on piano

by Darius Mayes from the Academy for the Blind

You do not have to be a member of Young at Heart to attend.

Call the church office (745-8601) for reservations

by Monday, January 10.

### **Last Call for Christmas Offering**

Our gifts will go to the missions' budget and to Macon Outreach. The missions committee would like to expand the mission opportunities to make them accessible to the entire church regardless of age. Involvement in missions builds relationships and strengthens the faith of those involved. It provides a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ. Please give generously. Mark your checks "Christmas Offering".

### **Year End Giving Deadline**

2010 contributions must be received or postmarked December 31 if you wish for your gift to be applied to your 2010 tax record. Thank you for your generosity.



To Ben and Katie Gosden upon the death of Ben's brother-in-law, Joseph Lance Knight on December 9, 2010 of Columbus, GA.

To Scott and Wanda Fitzgerald upon the death of Wanda's mother, Lois Whitaker on December 11, 2010.

### **Music Fund**

In memory of Anne Gibbs by the Ainsworth Choir  
In honor of Bruce & Cam Bishop by Mrs. Gloria M. Wynn

### **Memorial Fund**

In memory of Dr. Gordon Jackson by Dr. & Mrs. Robert M. Cates

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### Pastor on Call

December 24-25 – Tommy Perkins  
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December 30-31 – Tommy Perkins

January 1-2 – Tommy Martin  
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### **This Week at Mulberry**

#### Sunday, December 26

9:15 – Celebration of Christmas  
 with coffee and sweet rolls (Fellowship Hall)  
 10:00 – Worship in Sanctuary  
 (No Sunday School)

#### Monday-Friday, December 27-31

Church Office will be closed.

#### Sunday, January 2

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
 9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
 5:00 pm S.M.A.K. & Mini S.M.A.K.  
 6:00 pm UMYF



### **Mulberry Street UMC Staff**

Tommy Martin, Senior Pastor Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
 Ben Gosden, 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  
 Thomas Hodges, Director of Youth Ministries  
 Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality  
 Erin Roberson, Director, Children's Center  
 Johnny Hathcock, Director, Macon Outreach  
 Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary  
 Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian  
Custodians  
 Clifton Carswell Freddie Hollingsworth Arnold Freeman

### **Just for Information...**

We will not be publishing a newsletter for January 2, 2011.  
 The next newsletter will be dated January 9, 2011.  
 Below is information for Sunday Worship for January 2, 2011.

## **Sunday Worship – January 2, 2011**

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

*"Home By Another Way"*  
 Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Tommy Martin

#### Assisting with Worship in January

Ushers for Nine O'clock - Warren Dunn & Scott Wangen

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Charles Bridges, Austin Carter, Scott Davis, Casey Gardner, Ken Harper,  
 David Mann, Nash Mayfield, Bob Middleton, Jim Rice, Blake Sharpton & Jim Wilson

Children's Church - Buzz & Leslie Walton (2/3K) - John & Sherry Culves (3K)



#### **Flowers for January 2, 2011**

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in honor  
 of our children, Connie Tane, Dr. Michael Middleton and Amy Miller  
 by Bob and Susan Middleton.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in  
 loving memory of Cohen James by Dot James and family.

### **Ministries Budget Report 2010 General Fund**

Month	Gifts	Expense	Net	Last Year
January	78,132	100,172	(22,040)	(22,001)
February	61,541	95,097	(33,556)	(27,104)
March	74,029	99,182	(25,153)	(216)
April	68,661	86,453	(17,792)	(26,109)
May	105,486	91,627	13,859	(11,695)
June	83,560	90,960	(7,400)	5,242
July	71,177	104,988	(33,811)	(15,345)
August	89,298	102,724	(13,426)	(9,924)
September	70,360	105,106	(34,746)	6,179
October	112,334	109,277	3,057	(21,278)
November	96,533	83,087	12,446	56,673
<b>Total</b>	<b>911,111</b>	<b>1,068,673</b>	<b>(158,562)</b>	<b>(65,578)</b>