



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 23, 2015

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## ARE YOU A FANATIC?

Unless you have been hiding under a rock, then you know that the college football season is here at last! It kicks off this week and, it comes as no surprise that some people live and breathe this sport!

There is nothing wrong with being an enthusiastic fan for your favorite sports team, provided we do so in moderation. I've been to enough college football games to see the good, the bad and the ugly of fanatics! One online source defined a "fanatic" as "a person whose enthusiasm or zeal for something is extreme or beyond normal limits."

You would think that Jesus would like to have fanatics, but as we are learning during our "Not a Fan" series, Jesus is interested in "followers", not fans. He called the Disciples to "follow Him", not cheer for Him. He wanted men and women who were willing to get in the game, move the Kingdom of God forward on earth and change the world! And, that's just what His followers did.

I have to admit that I'm a serious Georgia Bulldog fan, but I've never been "in" a game. I walked on the field at Sanford Stadium once when I was a kid, and I've done a lot of cheering for them from the stands and the couch! Yet, I haven't played a single down for them.

But, I pray that I'm in the game for Christ - all the way for the rest of my life! Here's what I hope to say with confidence: "I'm Jimmy Towson, and I'm not a fan of Jesus Christ!"

What about you? Are a fan or a follower of Jesus Christ? Be with us during the rest of this sermon series to learn more!

Love you guys!

# Sunday Worship

August 23, 2015

9:00 am Chapel  
11:00 am Sanctuary

Not a Fan:

Decision or Commitment?  
John 3:1-10 (NIV)

Rev. Jimmy Towson

Assisting with Worship

Usher for Nine O'clock  
Tim Anderson

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Russ Barber, Gregory Bushway, Gary Dunn,  
Emory Dunn, Jim Manley, Drew Mercer,  
Don Ream, Vaughan Smith, Bill Sparks,  
Joe Stephens & Lee Stevens

Children's Church

Jason & Allison Hawkins (2/3K)  
Robert & Heather Evans (4/5K)



The flowers in the chapel are given to the  
glory of God and in loving memory of  
his brother, Billy Jullius  
by Denny and Julie Julius.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the  
glory of God and in loving memory of  
Budd S. Moss by his wife Jace Moss,  
Carter and Susan Moss,  
the grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Gospel Reading  
for the Week

Mark 10:46-52

### Attendance Last Week

Nine O'clock Worship	45
Eleven O'clock Worship	322
Total Worship Attendance	367
Sunday School	221

# MUSIC News

Cam Bishop, Director of Music

## Children's Choir Rehearsals Start August 26

Our choir leaders are ready for another great year of exploring music with our preschool and elementary children. Rehearsals begin on August 26 at 6:15. Registration forms will be available in the atrium or on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor just outside the children's choir rooms. Parents, please fill out a form and have your child bring it to the rehearsal that evening.

Two children's choirs are available:

**Cherub Choir for K3-K5**

**Wesley Choir for Grades 1-5**

If you have any questions or need further information about children's choirs, please call me at 745-8601 or email me at [cambishop@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:cambishop@mulberrymethodist.org).

**Ainsworth Choir**  
Wednesdays, 7:15 pm

## memorials & gifts

### Macon Outreach Fund

In honor of Carolyn Bradley on her Birthday by  
Mr. & Mrs. Hines Wommack

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Al Greenway by  
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Shockley



August 26

### Menu:

Spaghetti & Meatless Spaghetti  
Tossed Salad  
Texas Toast  
Lemon Icebox Pie

### Children's Menu

Spaghetti  
Peanut Butter Sandwiches

### Program:

Children's Center at Mulberry



Rev. Bill Culpepper,  
Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

**Anchored**  
Sundays  
5:00 pm



Jesus never asked us to sit on the sidelines and cheer for his cause. He wants us in the game! This sermon series will challenge you to grow from a fair weather fan to a fully devoted follower of Christ.

## Not a Fan Sermon Series

August 30  
Something Missing?  
Luke 18:18-30 (NLT)

September 6  
If Anyone  
Luke 9:23 (NIV)

September 13  
Come After Me  
John 21:1-10 (NIV)

September 20  
The Symbol of a Follower  
Luke 9:18-27 (NIV)

## New Small Group Study: Discovering God's Vision for Your Life You and Your Spiritual Gifts

Sunday nights:  
September 13 - October 4  
5:00-7:00 pm - Parlor

You and all your friends are invited to a Sunday evening class that will help you discover your spiritual gifts and use them in ministry. Dr. Kenneth Haugk developed the Stephen Ministries Spiritual Gifts Inventory and thousands have found it to be an extremely accurate tool for identifying spiritual gifts and plugging into ministry (whether it be Stephen Ministry or some other important part of Kingdom work). Nursery will be available if needed. For more information or to register, please contact Judy Martin [j29martin@gmail.com](mailto:j29martin@gmail.com) 478.994.2579 or Tommy Perkins [tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org) 478.745.8601. Price will be \$15 per participant. Make checks out to MSUMC.



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



**Half Lock-In for Grades 1-6**

September 18  
5:00-10:00 pm

**Welcome our New Nursery Coordinator**

Please welcome Holly Driggers to our nursery staff. She and her family are regular attendees at Mulberry and she teaches preschool at Vineville Baptist Morning School. You will now see her on Sundays and special events helping out in the nursery and preschool areas. Thanks to all of our nursery workers who stepped up to fill gaps in a period of transition over the summer. Our staff is the best and I appreciate them so much!

**Big Parent Meeting**

Sunday, August 30, 12:15-1:15

Join us in the Children's Assembly Room to hear what's coming up and to have vital input on where we are headed for the new year! Childcare and snacks provided.

**Kidzquest**

Check out this link if you want to register your 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grader for a fall retreat to Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons. We will be taking a group from Mulberry for the weekend of Oct 2-4. The cost of \$125 includes travel, food, programming, cabin rental and a t-shirt. Many memories are made here! Call Pam for questions or if you're available to chaperone. <http://www.sgauhc.org/kidzquest>

**PARENTING BIBLE STUDY**



A 4-week Bible Study  
Starting Sept. 1 at 5:30 pm  
Childcare provided  
  
Call Erin Frazier – 745-8621  
to register.

*Best Parenting Advice I ever heard ... and opposite of most of what we've been told!*  
Kim Konrad  
  
*The principles we learned made parenting a joy and being with our kids fun!*  
Ian & Jennifer Kilpatrick



**Pantry Needs**  
**Peanut Butter**  
**Rice**

**Volunteer to Register Our Clients for Lunch**  
11:00-12:00

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays  
Warm and friendly faces Apply!!!

**If you'd like to volunteer call Robin or Debbie at 478-743-8026 or email [dtowson@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:dtowson@mulberrymethodist.org)**

**Kroger Community Rewards Re-enrollment**

Kroger Community Rewards Re-enrollment starts today, Tuesday, August 4, 2015 until August 31<sup>st</sup>! Now is the time to designate Macon Outreach as your charity to receive funds every time you use your Kroger Plus Card! It's easy, visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and sign up today. We just received a \$53 check from Kroger for these rewards. This year, Kroger is proud to donate \$600,000 to local schools and nonprofits through this Kroger Plus Card based fundraiser. Help us, just click and look for our name!

**DAYBREAK**

*There is a bucket in the atrium to receive donations to Daybreak.*

*Supplies Needed:*

- Paper Towels*
- Disinfectant/deodorizing Spray (Lysol)*
- Baking Soda Men's Crew Socks*
- Disposable Razors Spray Deodorant*

**Living Water Well**

**Mission Trip to Nicaragua**



PRICE DROP Announcement! October 24-31 we are sending a team to drill a well and teach hygiene for a community in need. The cost is \$1000 + \$29 online LWI background check. Spots are currently available! Please contact Drew Mercer (478) 919-3842 or [drewmercergmail.com](mailto:drewmercergmail.com) and visit [www.water.cc](http://www.water.cc).

**Budget Report 2015**

Month	Revenue	Expense	Net	Endowment	
				Revenue	Net
Jan	65,946	96,592	(30,646)	0	(30,646)
Feb	83,166	105,627	(22,462)	0	(22,462)
Mar	102,146	113,483	(11,337)	6,000	(5,337)
Apr	86,112	107,031	(20,919)	6,000	(14,919)
May	98,658	99,700	(1,042)	6,000	4,958
Jun	74,263	113,841	(39,578)	6,000	(33,578)
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>510,290</b>	<b>636,275</b>	<b>(125,985)</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>(101,985)</b>

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Our 11 a.m. service is broadcast live  
over Radio Station AM 940 WMAC.



Rev. Jimmy Towson (538-9067)  
Rev. Tommy Perkins (615-691-3171)  
Rev. Bill Culpepper (803-673-7860)

## This Week at Mulberry

### Sunday, August 23

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
5:00 pm ANCHORED

### Monday, August 24

1:00 pm Cottages on Wesleyan Communion  
5:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg/Conf Rm  
6:00 pm Church Council Mtg/Parlor

### Tuesday, August 25

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm  
10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm  
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall

### Wednesday, August 26

9:15 am CCM Chapel  
10:30 am M/O Worship  
12:30 pm Centering Prayer  
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:15 pm Children's Choirs  
7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

### Thursday, August 27

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232

### Friday, August 28

12:00 pm Heart of GA Ambassadors Luncheon/Parlor

### Sunday, August 30

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
5:00 pm ANCHORED



## Wednesday Morning Bible Study at Riverside UMC

September 16 – October 28, 2015  
and January 13 – February 24, 2016  
10:30-11:30 am

Edith Schwartz will lead the Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
at Riverside UMC in a study of The Gospels as depicted in the stained  
glass windows of Mulberry Street UMC.



## Children's Center at Mulberry Needs Your Help!

The beginning of our school year is fast approaching and we need  
your help to make this school year as successful as the ones before.

The following items are always in high demand throughout the year:

Copy Paper    Glue Sticks    Pens    White Out  
Construction Paper    Dry Erase Markers    Masking Tape  
Scotch Tape    Wash Cloths    Paper Clips  
Bibs (New or Gently Used)    Sharpie Markers  
Packaging Tape

CCM will have a box in the atrium to collect items for the entire  
month of August.

Any donations would be helpful and greatly appreciated.

## Thursday Morning Bible Study Taste & See

7:00 am

Join Jimmy & others each Thursday as we study together.

## Mulberry Street UMC Staff

Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor  
Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor  
Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries  
Bruce Bishop, Church Administrator    Camille Bishop, Music Director/Organist  
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality    Erin Frazier, Director, Children's Center  
Ann Smith, Spiritual Director    Johnny Hathcock, Director, Macon Outreach  
Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary    Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary  
Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian  
Custodians  
Clifton Carswell    Jeffrey Smith