



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 19, 2015

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Driven by Delight: A Reflection on Gideon

Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" Judges 6:14

The strength you have—it sounds to me like an affirmation that what Gideon has is sufficient for the task to which God is calling him. If God said this to us while giving us a massive mission, I expect we'd react much as Gideon did. He reminded God that he was the least of the least; not only was Gideon from the weakest family in the area, he was also the runt of the litter (*The Message* paraphrase of this text).

Go with the strength you have. Why do we discount the gifts God has given us? We who are created by God often forget that we have divine DNA. Jesus even acknowledges how gifted we are when he says that those who follow him will do greater works than he did (John 14:12). What can drive us to go in the strength we have, the strength God has given us?

I'm a big fan of Julian of Norwich. For over a year now, I've been reading a book called *All Will Be Well: 30 Days with Julian of Norwich*. There is such wisdom in each day's reading that I end up spending weeks with it, sometimes focusing on a phrase for several days.

Immersing myself in her teachings has deepened my faith by teaching me that God does not simply love us, God delights in us. Since I grew up in a hyper-critical family, and have for nearly all my life had critical scripts running through my head, it was for me a major revelation to recognize that God delights in me.

That God delights in us is really good news! It is knowledge that should move us from living under the fear of condemnation and judgment into the freedom that grace and forgiveness offer us. And when we move from fear into freedom, we move from a mentality of scarcity to a mentality of abundance. We delight in God when we know that God delights in us.

Knowing that God delights in us gives me the confidence to go with the strength we have, sustained by God's love and aware of the gifts we've been given. With great joy and delight we use the gifts God has given us to fulfill our calling to love and delight in others.

Go with the strength you have, the strength of delight!

Ann Smith
Spiritual Director

Sunday Worship

July 19, 2015

9:00 am Chapel
11:00 am Sanctuary

*Once Upon a Time...
Bible Stories You Need
to Know: Gideon —
Mighty Warrior
"Can You See It?"
Judges 6:11-16 (NLT)*

Rev. Jimmy Towson

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Assisting with Worship

Usher for Nine O'clock

Clay Washburn

Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Art Banks, Waverly Golson, Mel Jamison,
Martin Magda, Darin McClure, Ian McMullen,
Jason Mott, Ed Powell, Doyle Powers,
Bert Thompson, Ben Vaughn
& Tom Woodcock

Children's Church

Clay & Sherry Singleton (2/3K)
Steve & Amy Moretti (4/5K)

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*The flowers in the chapel are given
to the glory of God and in honor of
Cam Bishop and the Ainsworth Choir.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given
to the glory of God and in honor and
appreciation of our pastors and their wives,
Jimmy and Debbie Towson,
Tommy and Caroline Perkins,
and Bill and Lindsey Culpepper
by Bill and Cindy Jarrard.*



Gospel Reading
for the Week

Mark 9:30-37

Attendance Last Week

Nine O'clock Worship	48
Eleven O'clock Worship	201
Total Worship Attendance	249
Sunday School	152



**These are not fairy tales.
They are true stories that every
Christ-follower needs to know!**

July 19

Can You See It?
Judges 6:11-16 (NLT)
Gideon —Mighty Warrior

July 26

Who Me?
Mark 2:13-17 (NLT)
Matthew Meets Jesus



Rev. Bill Culpepper,
Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

Anchored
Sundays 5:00 pm
(Beginning August 2)



*In honor of Florence Grenade by
Mr. Harold Downs*



Pathways to Discipleship August 8, 2015 Trinity UMC (Warner Robins) 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

Churches looking for new ideas, networking opportunities and practical, quality training for their pastors, parishioners, staff and leaders need look no further than this year's Pathways to Discipleship conference. The training event will offer participants more than 30 workshops, plus five all-day workshops, to choose from, each designed to help congregations become healthier and to fulfill the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

The registration deadline is July 26, and the conference costs \$20 per person. A boxed lunch from Chick-Fil-A is included in the registration fee. Safe Sanctuaries compliant childcare is available for newborn to fifth-grade children at a cost of \$10 per child, which covers the cost of their lunch. Registration forms are available in the church office or go to www.sgaumc.org to register.



*Macon Outreach Fund
In memory of Carlo Emilio by
Charles R. Jackson*



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.



Beginning August 19



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



FroYo Pool Party
Wednesday, July 22
6:00- 9:00 pm
Location: TBA



August 16, 2015

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year.

All kids are invited to bring their backpacks for a blessing and prayer during our 11:00 am worship service.

Third graders will receive their own Bibles.

The following are the students we know who will be entering the third grade. Their names will be engraved on the Bibles, so please make sure we have spelled your child's name correctly.

- John Hampton Carter
- F. Stebin Horne, IV
- Chase Elaine Kiernan
- Jackson James Kinross
- Thomas David Mann
- Hannah Spencer Mayfield
- Alice Elizabeth Rauls
- Lewis Matthew Tharp
- Stewart Crosswell Vernon, Jr.
- Laura McCutchen Wilson

If for any reason your child will not be participating in the service, please contact Pam Johnston (745- 8601).



Pantry Needs
Canned Tomatoes
Canned Fruit

Help Needed to Pick Up Deliveries

Chipotle – Tom Hill Sr. Blvd.
Saturdays – 2:00 pm – Pick up food

The food can be stored in your refrigerator and be brought to Macon Outreach the next day or on Sunday at church.

If you'd like to volunteer call Robin or Debbie at 478-743-8026 or email dtowson@mulberrymethodist.org

DAYBREAK

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

- Supplies Needed:*
- Disinfectant/deodorizing Spray (Lysol)*
 - Baking Soda*
 - Disposable Razors*

Wear

Your dollar makes change.

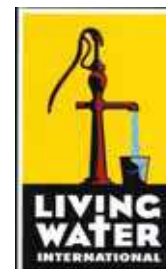
Macon's best kept secret for new and gently used clothing, designer brands, shoes and accessories!

Men's, Women's & Children's

*Monday-Saturday
11:00 am – 7:00 pm*

*Wear Location: 464 First Street
#DonateShopRepeat*

Proceeds from Wear support DAYBREAK, Depaul USA's day resource center for homeless men and women in Macon, GA.



**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 drewmercer@gmail.com and visit www.water.cc.

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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, July 19

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

Tuesday, July 21

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm
 10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
 12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall
 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, July 22

9:15 am CCM Chapel
 10:30 am M/O Worship
 12:30 pm Centering Prayer
 6:00 pm Children's FroYo Pool Party

Thursday, July 23

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

Friday, July 24

12:00 pm Heart of Georgia Ambassadors/Parlor

Sunday, July 26

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



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
Total YTD	436,027	522,434	(86,407)	18,000	(68,407)

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