

MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 25, 2015

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WITH MUCH GRATITUDE

I love Paul's letter to the Ephesians, especially Chapter 1, verses 15-16. Paul reveals his heart for the church at Ephesus when he writes:

*"Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus
and your love for God's people everywhere,
I have not stopped thanking God for you.
I pray for you constantly..." (NLT)*

I write this front page to offer my deep gratitude for each of you, and your strong faith in the Lord Jesus, in this great church and in your pastors and staff. I know your love for God's people - it is evident from all that you do. Loving people, helping those in need and demonstrating Christ's passion for others is the heart of who we are!

As we discovered this past Sunday, God intends for Mulberry to continue to be "a symbol and a source of blessing." (Zechariah 8:13 NLT) God shared his "why" in Zechariah 8:20-23 "so that many people and powerful nations would come to Jerusalem to seek the Lord ... and to ask for his blessing."

As a church family, we must ask God to continue to use us, individually and as a whole, to be a tangible blessing to those within our church family, in our community and around the world. Would you join me in praying this prayer daily?

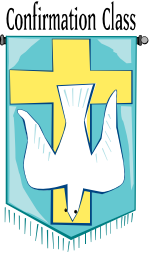
*"Lord, we humbly ask that you make Mulberry St. UMC a symbol and source of blessing.
Make that blessing so evident that others will know that You are with us, and will be
attracted to You through Mulberry! Hear our prayer, O Lord!"*

God has blessed this church for 190 years, and countless men, women and children have been blessed through her. We fully believe that God has more in store for us in the coming years! We can't wait to see what He will do next to draw His people close to Him through this great church!

Thank you for your financial commitments for 2016. If you haven't had a chance to turn in your pledge just yet, it's not too late. You can send it in by mail (or email: bbishop@mulberrymethodist.org), or give Bruce a call in the church office (745-8601).



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



Confirmation Class 2015-2016

Remember the Confirmation Class and their mentors in your prayers.

Confirmands

Cooper Baskette
Gunn Bush, IV
Austin Carter
Olivia Coleman
Isabella Ewing
Maddie Fackler
Will Fackler
Langley Fickling
Carys Fonner
Ben Jamison
Graham Johnston
Akins Manley
Olivia Mann
Georgia Mercer
Niklas Odette

Mentors

Emory Dunn
Baxter James
Gordon Johnston
Paige Mann
Brooke Kinross
Marianne Lokey
Vaughan Smith
Rob Evans
Freeda Chapman
Paul Riley
Creede Hinshaw
Rader Sellers
Courtney Baskette
Nita Smith
Becky Kerner
Xavier Tarbox
Jake Jamison
Joseph Driggers
Gracie Bell
Isabel Newberry
Reilly Brown
Ames Jamison
Micah Johnston
Emma Johnston
Alex Newberry
Joseph Whitten
Matt Newberry
Savannah Stone
Sarah Kate Sellers
Ashley English



Free Seminar

1-2-3 Magic for Christian Parents

Tuesday, October 27

5:00-7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

This free seminar is hosted by the Children's Center at Mulberry. It offers ways to help your family navigate through the everyday ups and downs of parenting. Through this seminar, Dr. Beers will show how using 1-2-3 Magic can help your family do just that! So whether you have a school-age child, teenager, "three-nager", "terrible-two", or even if you are just starting out, this seminar offers a little something for everyone.

Seating is limited and reservations are required.

Contact: Erin 478-745-8621

or email her at mulberrychild@gmail.com

(Dinner and childcare will be provided.)



If you'd like to volunteer at Macon Outreach please 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:

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



Samaritan's Purse

Have you watched the thousands of families marching across western Asia and east Europe with nothing but the clothes they are wearing and wondered "What can I do to help?"

Well, Operation Christmas Child is a start.

Shoebboxes are available in the Atrium (or use your own).

Fill them with fun useful items. (I like the dollar stores for this!) Read the simple suggestions on the "Boy/Girl--Age group" handout, and get the finished box back to me in the church Atrium in early November.

Thanks for being such a caring congregation!

Please call Marilyn Armstrong, 478-335-8363, or email her at marilyn@cox.net if you have any questions or concerns.

Donated Items Needed for Water Well Trip by October 25th

Your Mulberry mission team will take your donated items to Central America as Mulberry's generosity extends by way of a 6th water well expedition — this time to a small community in Rivas, Nicaragua!

Donations may be dropped off in the atrium anytime until Sunday October 25th.

The team is unable to accept or distribute clothing.

TOYS: Wham-O Frisbees, Playground grade jump ropes, soccer balls, footballs, tennis balls/solid rubber balls, ball pump & needles, bubbles
SUPPLIES: glue sticks, construction paper, plain white paper 8.5x11, brown paper lunch bags, paper plates/non-glossy, beads for gospel bracelets (different colors), twine, soap bars, toothbrushes/toothpaste, ziplock bags, playdough, white coffee filters

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)
Jul	80,661	104,878	(24,217)	6,000	(18,217)
Aug	97,141	106,791	(9,650)	6,000	(3,650)
Total YTD	688,092	847,943	(159,852)	36,000	(123,852)

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Rev. Jimmy Towson (538-9067)
Rev. Bill Culpepper (803-673-7860)

This Week at Mulberry

Sunday, October 25

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

Monday, October 26

1:00 pm Cottages on Wesleyan Communion

Tuesday, October 27

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm
10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall
5:00-7:00 pm Seminar: 1-2-3- Magic for Christian
Parents/F-Hall

Wednesday, October 28

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
6:15 pm Youth Fellowship
7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, October 29

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232
1:30 pm Conference Personnel Mtg/Rm 323

Sunday, November 1

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



memorials
& gifts

Memorial Fund

In memory of Lillian Mahone by

*Mr. & Mrs. Joe Wall Mr. & Mrs. Jay Traynham
Mrs. Joyce J. Myers Mr. & Mrs. Tom Richardson*

In memory of Frank Edwards by Mr. & Mrs. Jack K. Lasseter

Music Fund

In honor of Jim & Betsy Abbott by Mr. & Mrs. James A. Berg, Jr.

In memory of H. B. Churchwell by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Loomis

Mulberry Street UMC Staff

*Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
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Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
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Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality Erin Frazier, Director, Children's Center
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