

OUR PRAYERS
The Village @ Germantown
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St. Francis **Baptist Mem'l.**
Charles Goddard (Charles) Richard Morris
 Paul DeLong

Camden Rehab
Gabe Colosia

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
...Rev. Brent Porterfield and family in the loss
of his wife, Valerie
...Tilford and Lorelle Woodard in the loss of his
mother, Sara Woodard

OUR PRESENCE

February 5
Church School 51
Worship 75
Visitors 4

OUR GIFTS

February 5
This Week's Offering \$ 4,833
MTD \$ 4,833

OUR SERVICE

Assisting February 12

Greeters Elizabeth Godbold
 Jeanette Leslie
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Warren Petty
Children's Time Judy Stanley
Lock Up Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

February Scripture Readers
19 Judy Stanley
26 Dean Tutor

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

In professional football, like other sports, during the playoffs the teams play in single elimination games. In playoff games such as these, small mistakes can be very costly; sometimes one error by a player can mean the difference between winning or losing the game.

Sometimes our own lives can mirror these types of games. We can make decisions, some that have little impact upon our lives, and others that have a big impact.

So what should we do? May we, in all our decisions, seek God's guidance and direction, and even if they are difficult ones, we can rest assured of the outcome.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Feb. 12th

Psalm 30
Mark 1:40-45

Sermon Title

"A Contagious Faith"

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 2/12 Sunglasses Sunday
 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 12:15p Valentine Banquet
- Mon. 2/13 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 2/14 Valentine's Day
 10:00a Koinonia Group
 7:00p Love/Hope Group
- Wed. 2/15 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 2/16 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 2/17 Offices Closed
- Sat. 2/18 9:00a AFLS
- Sun. 2/19 Transfiguration Sunday
 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship



TRANSFIGURATION

The Transfiguration of the Lord is recorded in three of the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark & Luke and anticipates Jesus' resurrection. Through the transfiguration God confirms that suffering and vindication are central to Jesus' identity and mission and that Jesus is commissioned as God's saving presence. The mountain location recalls Moses on Sinai receiving the Decalogue. Today, Mt. Tabor is commonly accepted as the Mount of the Transfiguration, though the mountain is never named in the Bible. Other links include the time of six days, the "select" group, the shining face, the bright cloud and the voice in the cloud repeating the baptismal announcement, "This is my Son, in whom I am well pleased", and adding, "listen to Him", meaning understand and live accordingly.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
You make me feel soooo good, even when I feel bad! I can't thank you enough for the love and concern shown through your calls and cards, notes and prayers. You really make me feel special. Thank you so much.

Carolyn McDougal

VALENTINE BANQUET

Feb. 12 12:15p Fellowship Hall
Made your reservations yet? Time is running out! You may do so by calling the church office, 683-8861.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Wesley Senior Ministries Foundation is filling the part-time position of Director, currently held by Selena Henson. Selena is resigning, effective May 31, 2012. For a copy of the job description or if interested in applying, send resumes to info@goldencrossfund.org before February 24.

**MUSIC @ NOON CONCERT SERIES
February Offerings**

- ...at Bartlett UMC, 5676 Stage Rd., Bartlett, TN
 - 8 James Harr, Tenor, is a Rhodes College Professor
 - 15 Andy Cohen, Guitar, is a Songwriter, Historian and Picker
 - 29 Mike Meeks, Organ, is a former organist at Bartlett United Methodist Church.
- All concerts begin at 12:10 and end at 12:40. A light lunch is available for purchase immediately following each performance.

CUB SCOUTS TO MEET AT ALDERSGATE

Starting this month Cub Scout Pack 240 will be meeting at Aldersgate on Tuesday nights. Cub Scouts is for boys in 1st through 5th grades. For info on Pack 240, contact Don Dodson, 230-0087.

UMW NEWS

District UMW Mission Study Is Feb. 18

"Haiti: Challenges and Hopes" will be presented by Rev. Birgitte French at Capleville UMC on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 10 to 2. Open to all, registration begins at 9:30a. There is a \$5 fee for lunch to be served on site. Please make reservations with Marilyn Hathaway, 901-757-1742.

'A Day Apart' Mini Retreat

March 17 — 9 a.m. to 12 Noon

...will be held at **Aldersgate UMC** and will be led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Cynthia Davis. Make plans now to attend!



CREATION CARE

The U.S. Census Bureau reports 1 in 6 Americans lives below the poverty line. Among African American and Hispanic families the rate is 1 in 4. What would happen if we sat at the table with some of these persons? Would we begin to think differently about creating a sustainable economy?

Excerpt from the UMW *response* magazine

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Life is a blessing. Use yours to bless others.



"There must be another way to record attendance for our services."



**ASH WEDNESDAY
February 22**



In observance of Ash Wednesday we will have two services with the imposition of ashes, one at 12 Noon and the other at 6:30 p.m.

CARING FOR OTHERS

**Sunglasses Sunday - Feb. 12
"Meet the Need"**



Often, volunteer teams provide the only professional care the poor ever receive. In 2011, Project 20/20 helped over 3,000 people in 11 countries. Many others could not be helped because we simply ran out of glasses. Your gifts of new or used sunglasses, eye glasses or cash will help us "meet that need". This Sunday, Feb. 12, is "Sunglasses Sunday". You may place your gifts in the box near the Sanctuary door. Thanks!

**Needed at UMNC
Food Pantry:**

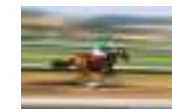
- Peanut Butter
- Dry Milk
- Canned Tuna Fish
- Canned Vegetables

The blue bin is in the hall!

**Needed at Methodist
Hospital Auxiliary:**

- Deodorant
- White Elephant Items

The wooden box is next to the blue bin in the hall.



GOING PLACES

We're Off to the Races!

...at Oaklawn Racetrack in Hot Springs, AR, March 22-23. We have reserved seating in the Carousel Room for a buffet lunch and inside seating for the races, then check in at Embassy Suites. Dinner is on your own. After a hot breakfast at the hotel on Friday morning, we'll tour Garvan Gardens then head for home, to arrive about 4 p.m. Payment is due by Feb. 17. Call Carolyn McDougal, 413-9081, to sign up.