

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Baptist Memorial**  
Jimmy Craft 4102

**Methodist G'town**  
Marjie Ferguson 304S

**Methodist Dallas**  
Gladys Dennis ICU

**At Home**  
Tom Earl

**Appling Wood Healthcare**  
Bernice Shelby 306A

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to Mike and Pat, family and friends in the loss of their mother, Aleda Kelly.

**OUR PRESENCE**

**May 13**  
Church School 45  
Worship 82  
Visitors 8

**OUR GIFTS**

**May 13**  
This Week's Offering \$ 3015  
MTD \$ 7286

**OUR SERVICE**  
**Assisting May 20**

**Greeters** Jean DeLong  
Neil DeLong  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Renee Little  
**Children's Time**  
**Lock-up** Wayne Lawrence

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**May Scripture Readers**  
27 Judy Stanley

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Another reason for the importance for Christian fellowship: Researchers have long known that regular church-goers tend to be happier, on the average, than the general population. They just haven't known why. A 2010 study conducted at the Univ. of Wisconsin found that 28% of people who attend church weekly say they are "extremely satisfied" with life. Only 20% of non-attendees made a similar claim. The heightened satisfaction, the researchers discovered, comes from participating in a religious congregation along with friends, rather than a private spiritual experience, the study found. Regular church-goers who have no close friends in their congregation are no more likely to report being "very satisfied" with their lives than those who never attend church.

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Psalm 47  
John 17:6-19

Sermon Title  
"Let Us Pray"

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Sun. 5/20 9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship

Mon. 5/21 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 5/22 6:00p Cub Scouts

Wed. 5/23 6:00p Fellowship & Study  
7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 5/24 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 5/25 Offices Closed

Sat. 5/26 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 5/27 Day of Pentecost  
9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship

Mon. 5/28 Memorial Day Observed  
Offices Closed

**GENERAL CONFERENCE SENDS 40 INTO THE WORLD MISSION FIELD**

Commissioning is a holy act in which the church, as sign and symbol of the Missionary God, sends forth people into the world. 23 missionaries and 17 deaconesses (women) and home missionaries (men), from 11 countries were commissioned at General Conference this year and sent into the world to witness to God’s love, mercy and justice. The missionaries will serve in such places as Senegal, Costa Rica, Argentina, Russia, Northern Ireland and Tanzania. The deaconesses and home missionaries will serve ministries of justice in the United States.

Excerpts by Elliott Wright

**FOR ALL YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE AT ALDERSGATE**

I would like to thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, cards, and the delicious food. It has been so appreciated. I will be running around soon. Aldersgate is the church with the warm heart, and the most wonderful people around. Thanks again for everything.

Lorelle Woodard



**CAMP ALDERSGATE 2012**

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” ...for ages 0 to 100 is coming June 2, 10a to 2p, with a pizza lunch and June 3, 9:45a to a cook-out after church. Come join the fun with music, crafts, Bible study, games and much more.

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

Please call 683-8861 to register so we can plan for crafts, pizza lunch and cookout.

**BOOK SIGNING**

Rev. Shane Stanford, senior pastor at Christ UMC, will sign copies of his new book, “Making Life Matter: Embracing the Joy in the Everyday”, on Wednesday, May 23, at The Booksellers at Laurelwood Shopping Center, beginning at 6pm. Books are available for \$10 and sales will support The Mosaic Ministry.

Rev. Stanford will also be preaching at the opening worship service for Memphis Annual Conference in Jackson, TN on June 3rd.



**ADOPT A COUNSELOR AT LAKESHORE**

Adoption means praying for the counselor, sending an occasional care package and sending notes and cards of encouragement. “The goal of the program is to make our staff feel loved and appreciated for the work they do and show them the same love and care they exhibit for our campers”, says Bill Walker, Director of Development at Lakeshore. There will be 33 college-age counselors this summer. To adopt one, call Mr. Walker at 731-584-6102.

**UMW NEWS**

**UMW Southeastern Jurisdictional Quadrennial Meeting**

...will be held at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, June 1-2, 2012, with lodging and meeting rooms in one location. The SEJ Team and Women’s Division Directors will be elected at this time. The Bible study leader for this event will be retired bishop, Violet Fisher. You may contact Kathy Booker at bookerk2@aol.com for all the details.

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**CMEE Coming to Brownsville First**

July 12-14 will see our Christian Mission Education Event 2012, “That All May Have Life”, at a new venue—First UMC in Brownsville. Though this is a change, it is a good one, and we appreciate the ladies of First Church hosting the event. Leaders will be:

- » Virginia Mohundro & Betty Jo Masters- - Immigration and the Bible
  - » Neils French- -Haiti
  - » Bishop William Morris & Shirley Corry- - Poverty
  - » Holly Jackson Mitchener- -Haiti (Youth Study)
- Mark your calendars now for this event.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Every challenge we face can become a blessing.



**CREATION CARE**

Did you know there are more that 30 recycling centers around Memphis that handle everything from waste paper to scrap metal, salvaged wood to auto parts and more? Before you dump the refuse from your next project in the trash, rethink and try to recycle.



**FARMERS MARKET AT CHC**

The Church Health Center and MIFA are hosting a Farmers Market at the Church Health Center Wellness, 1115 Union Ave., running May through September on Tuesdays from 10a to 2p. For more information, contact Esther Wills at 259-4673, ext. 1604 or visit on line at [ChurchHealthCenter.org](http://ChurchHealthCenter.org).



**GENERATIONS TOGETHER Summer Camp for Grandparents and Their Grandchildren**

Pack up your elementary age grandchildren and be sure to bring your swimsuits, sandals and sunscreen to Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA, June 22-25. This intergenerational camp, led by Dr. Ron Hall, ordained UM minister, will be an unforgettable experience. View accommodations and/or register on line at [www.epworthbythesea.org](http://www.epworthbythesea.org). Send reservations to Epworth by the Sea, Attn: Tiffany Benson, P.O. Box 20407, St. Simons Island, GA 31422.

**THANK YOU** to each of the Sunday School Classes who provided the muffins, juice, and milk for our **Muffins for Mom**. We were so pleased to have so many pictures of our Moms on display. I’m sure that all our mothers who were honored with honorariums and memorials would be so pleased that you have remembered them this special way. Note: If you did not pick up your mother’s picture Sunday, please check in the office.