

**OUR PRAYERS**  
**Baptist Memorial**  
Russell Vollmer 4243

**Baptist Rehab**  
Phil Weaver

**Rainbow Rehab**  
Arthur Brown 213

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to  
...The Craft family and friends in the loss of  
James M. "Jimmy" Craft, Sr.  
...Family and friends of Trey Erwin

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**OUR PRESENCE**

**July 8**  
Church School 40  
Worship 58  
Visitors 4

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**OUR GIFTS**

**July 8**  
This Week's Offering \$ 5,055  
MTD \$ 9,711

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**OUR SERVICE**  
**Assisting July 15**

**Greeters** Happy Gbeneneh  
Barbara Scheirer  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Tom Lockhart  
**Children's Time**  
**Lock-up** Emmett Parrish

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**July Scripture Readers**  
22 Barry Mathis  
29 Brother Paul



# The Flame

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

For my personal devotional material I am starting to read a book entitled *The Cloud of Unknowing* which is about the practice of contemplative prayer. I'm almost afraid to read it because the anonymous author stresses not undertaking this reading without a total commitment to what it teaches. It's not a new book and some believe it was written by an English monk during the time of the plague. He writes it's "worth more than all other exercises," namely lifting up our hearts to God and having God alone as our aim.

May we all strive to reach out to our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer with such passion and commitment.

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for July 15

Psalm 24

Mark 6:14-29

Sermon Title

"Risky Business"

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### LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 7/15 9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship  
12:15p Adult/Family Ministries

Mon. 7/16 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 7/17 9:00a Life Line Screening

Wed. 7/18 Jurisdictional Conference  
through July 20 @ Lake  
Junaluska

Thu. 7/19 10:00a Bible Study  
11:15a Lunch & Bingo

Fri. 7/20 Offices Closed

Sat. 7/21 No Activities

Sun. 7/22 9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship w/the Finchers  
12:15p Family Pot Luck Picnic

### BIBLE STUDY, LUNCH & BINGO

Join us on July 19  
Bible study 10a Lunch/Bingo 11a  
Sign up to bring salad or sandwiches.  
All are invited! Prizes will be furnished!



### BIG DAY AT ALDERSGATE

Join us July 22 as we celebrate our faith and a feast. The Finchers will have a special message at our 10:55 service in song and witness that you won't want to miss. A love offering will be taken at the end of the service to help with their travel expenses. Following the service, we will have our annual church picnic in the COOL Fellowship Hall. Don't forget those special picnic side dishes...potato salad, deviled eggs, slaw, beans or what ever you like best...to go with the fried chicken, rolls and dessert to be provided by the church. We are expecting guests that day, so please make a little extra. This will be a Special Day at Aldersgate!

### ADULT/FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM TO MEET

...on July 15 at 12:15p for a short meeting to go over our final plans for the 22nd when the Finchers come for our church picnic. All who have been called for special jobs for the 22nd, please come to this meeting.



### LIFE LINE SCREENING AT ALDERSGATE

...July 17, 2012. Have your appointment yet? You may call 1-800-324-9458 to sign up.

### BE IN PRAYER

...for all who are involved in our Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference July 18-20 at Lake Junaluska. Jurisdictional Conferences happen every 4 years and have the responsibility, power and duty to: elect our bishops; promote the evangelistic, educational, missionary and benevolent interests of the church and provide for interests and institutions within their boundaries; establish and constitute jurisdictional conference boards as auxiliaries to the general boards of the church; determine boundaries of Annual Conferences; make rules and regulations for the administration of the church's work within the Jurisdiction; and appoint a committee on appeals. The Conference will open on Wed., July 18, and our newly elected bishops will be consecrated on Friday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m.

### NEW ADDRESS

We told you that Cokesbury Book Store had moved to Christ UMC as of June 18. Here is their new contact information:

Christ Church Bookstore  
A Ministry of Cokesbury  
407 Grove Park Road  
Memphis, TN 38117  
On line @ [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com)  
Toll free @ 800-672-1789  
Or  
877-221-8638

Local (Memphis) number: 901-261-4367

### FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

July & August

Crackers Vienna Sausage Dry Milk

### UMW NEWS

Our Unit has been invited to join the St. Mark's United Methodist Women on their trip to Collier-ville's Biblical Resource Center (and lunch!) on Saturday, July 21. Interested? Let Rebeca know, 484-7385 or 291-6040, if you would like to go. We'll carpool!

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### The UMW Reading Program

July 22 is the cut-off for this term's Reading Program. Information must be turned in to the District shortly thereafter.

Any time, every time of year is a good time to flop on your favorite chair or sofa to read a good book. We have many Reading Program books in the library from all five categories:

Education for Mission Nurturing for Community  
Social Action Spiritual Growth  
Leadership Development

If you wish, you may participate in any of 4 plans each term. Plan 1 would require 1 book from each category, Plan 2, two books and so on. Or, you could read for pleasure, nurture and growth. But remember, you don't have to be a UMW member to read these books. They are good for everybody!

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Light of the Spirit transforms us.  
Let your light shine!



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS

Lists of needed supplies are on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Cash will also be gratefully accepted. Please make checks out to Aldersgate and note 'school supplies' in the memo line. Be looking for back-to-school specials and the BIG, red backpack in the hall outside the Sanctuary for your donations. THANK YOU!

### HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

#### Memorial Fund

In loving memory of Maisie Smith on the 20th anniversary of her death, July 7, by  
Emmett Smith

In memory of Sue Swett by

Don & Tillie Speraw  
Dean & Aleita Tutor  
Betty Lott  
Evelyn Goddard

In memory of Jimmy Craft by

Dean & Aleita Tutor  
Evelyn Goddard  
Doris Bellott

#### Scholarship Fund

In memory of Sue Swett by

Carolyn McDougal  
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold

In memory of Jimmy Craft by

Joyce Kernodle  
Mary Robbins  
Cathy Boice

#### Pew Cushions

In memory of Sue Swett by

Martha Wallace  
Doris Palazzini  
Joyce Kernodle  
The Fellowship Class



### HOT TIPS for a COOL SUMMER

Overexposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun can result in painful sunburn, skin cancer, eye damage and many more health risks. Be "sun wise": do not burn; do not sun tan or bed tan, generously apply sunscreen that provides BOTH UVA and UVB protection with a minimum SPF factor of 15, and wear protective clothing when possible. Seek shade while outdoors and use caution near water and sand, which reflect the damaging UV rays. Remember, children are especially at risk, so keep them protected.