

The Flame

*Information for the Family and Friends
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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

With the Olympics starting in a few weeks, I was thinking about all the athletes and the amount of practice they have all undertaken to prepare for their events and was reminded of this story.

There's an old story about golf champion Ben Hogan. After Hogan had won a major tournament, a reporter asked him, "How is it that, under pressure, you're able to hit so many miraculous shots?" After reflecting for a moment, Hogan answered, "I guess I'm just lucky." "But, Mr. Hogan", the reporter came back, "you practice more than any other golfer who ever lived." "Well," Hogan said, "the more I practice the luckier I get."

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for July 22
Ephesians 1:3:14

Message:
by The Finchers

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist Memorial

Russell Vollmer 4243
Bertha Morrison 312 ICU

St. Francis

Elizabeth Smith 380 ICU

Baptist Rehab

Phil Weaver 228

Rainbow Rehab

Arthur Brown 213

Please also remember our shut-ins and those recovering at home.

OUR PRESENCE

July 15

Church School 34
Worship 54
Visitors 5

OUR GIFTS

July 15

This Week's Offering \$ 2,666
MTD \$ 12,377

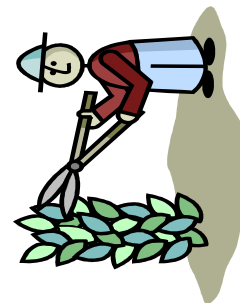
OUR SERVICE

Assisting July 22

Greeters Happy Gbeneneh
Barbara Scheirer
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Brother Paul
Lock-up Emmett Parrish

July Scripture Readers
29 Brother Paul

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BIG
THANK YOU
...to Tom Lockhart for
trimming the bushes
by the drive-through.
Don't they look nice
and neat!

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 7/22	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship with the Finchers 12:15p Church Family Picnic
Mon. 7/23	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 7/24	No Activities
Wed. 7/25	No Activities
Thu. 7/26	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 7/27	Offices Closed
Sat. 7/28	No Activities
Sun. 7/29	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship



BIG DAY AT ALDERSGATE

The Finchers will join us on July 22 for a service of worship and music at 10:55 (a love offering will be taken at the end of the service), and our “ants-free, heat-free” annual picnic to follow in our “cool” Fellowship Hall. Have you decided which of your favorite picnic foods you will bring to go with the fried Chicken, rolls, and beverages to be provided by the church? We are expecting guests that day, so please make a little extra.

OOPS!!!

Last week it was noted that “dessert” would be provided by the church. Sorry! That should have been “beverages”. Please feel free to bring desserts.

CREATION CARE

Teach Your Children Well!

Do your part to help create the next generation of environmental stewards. Involve your kids in recycling and make it fun. Even preschoolers can help with sorting recyclables and they will learn a lot about the world around them. Someday, they may even help with taking out the trash!

Excerpt from “Keep America Beautiful”

THANK YOU NOTE

Once again I want to thank my church family for your thoughts, calls, prayers and cards. Your love and concern mean so much to me. I am improving but will have to continue taking chemo. I am looking forward to being back in church soon.

Love,
Frances Coffman



LET’S THINK ‘BACK TO SCHOOL’

Here is a list of needed items:

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|---|------------------------|
| Belts | Socks & Underwear |
| Glue Sticks | D’Nealean Tablets |
| #2 Ticonderoga pencils | Lg. boxes of Kleenex |
| Black Sharpies fine point | Color pencils 12 count |
| Anti-bacterial wipes | Elmer’s Glue—4 oz |
| Fiskars round-tip 5” scissors | |
| Fiskars or Pearl erasers—large | |
| Socks & undies for boys and girls | |
| Zip Lock bags—gallon & quart size | |
| Crayola crayons—8, 16 & 24 count | |
| Spiral notebooks—70 count, wide rule | |
| Notebook paper—200 count, wide rule | |
| Pocket folders—red, blue, yellow & green | |
| Pocket folders—orange & purple (with brads) | |

A shopping list is available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. We will be collecting items until August 12, the day of our “Back to School Pot-luck Lunch” with Willow Oaks teachers. You can’t help but notice the BIG, red backpack in the hall for your donations. Thank you!

GOING PLACES

Ozark Mountains Foliage Tour

Brochures are on the bulletin board for our motor-coach tour of the mountains and the fun of Branson, MO, October 23-26. A \$100 deposit is needed to hold your reservation. Call Carolyn, 861-0841, for all the details.

UMW NEWS

Our Unit has been invited to join the St. Mark’s United Methodist Women on their trip to Collierville’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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Candle Burning Deadline July 22

Gifts given to the Candle Burning Program will keep aglow our light of love, offering hope and help around the world. Your gifts of \$5 per honoree may be given to Margaret Ann Ligon. Please make all donations by July 22.

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Reading Program Deadline July 22

You still have a few days to complete your reading list for this term. Plan 1 only requires 1 book from each of the 5 categories, along with the *Response* and *New World Outlook*. Many options are available and please be sure your choices are listed in the notebooks in the library.

FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

Crackers Vienna Sausage Dry Milk



VIM TEAM INCLUDED ONE OF OUR OWN

Dean Tutor has recently returned from supervising a Volunteers in Mission trip of 10 men and 7 women to Black, MO, in the SE section of the state, along the Black River. In this “outback” part of the state, the residents have waited a long time for help to come. The team was involved in restoration and construction to repair damages caused by the tornadoes and floods in May of 2011. Ike, one of the elderly homeowners to benefit from this VIM Team visit, was most grateful after having waited so long for assistance to arrive.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Sue Swett by
Jimmy & Jane Hight
In memory of Jimmy Craft by
Neil & Jean DeLong
Jimmy & Jane Hight

Pew Cushions

In memory of Sue Swett by
Lou Pennington

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Sue Swett by
Jeanette Leslie
Tom & Sharon Lockhart
Keith & Frances Coffman
In memory of Jimmy Craft by
Larry, Jennie, David & Ben Allen
Miki Craft
Peggy Brightwell
Tom & Sharon Lockhart
Carolyn McDougal
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold
Keith & Frances Coffman
Joe & Pat Banks

Maintenance Fund

In memory of Sue Swett by
Terry & Margie Williamson
In memory of Jimmy Craft by
Terry & Margie Williamson



B & B ON THURSDAY

Bible study & Bingo! Fun & Fellowship! Bible study at 10a, followed by lunch and our “world famous” bingo at 11:15a on July 19. Please bring salad or sandwiches. Beverages, dessert and prizes will be provided. All are invited.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today is the first day of the rest of your life.
Choose to live it in peace.