

OUR PRAYERS

Methodist University

Michael Solomon 1006
Rev. Joe Moseley 503 Th

Baptist Memorial

Bernard Rainey 4423

At Home

Rev. Jeff Irwin

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls
from Nigeria
...earthquake victims in
Nepal
...flood victims in Texas
...Taylor Watts & Jordan
Meeks-study trip to
Spain

Our Sympathy. love and prayers go out to
...Lorelle & Tilford Woodard and family in the loss of
their brother-in-law, Jack Baker

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Gerri Colosia
Jack Eaton	Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway
Helen Griffin	Marie Hughes	Margaret Kenley
Doris Palazzini	Mary Grace Petty	Jane Pifer
Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby	Chris Simmons
Emmett Smith	Harold Smith	BettySmithmier
Martha Wallace	Bill Whitaker	

OUR PRESENCE - July 19

Sunday School	39
Worship	59
Visitors	5
Saturday Service	2

OUR GIFTS - July 19

Offering	\$ 2,029
Month to Date	\$ 8,306

OUR SERVICE - July 26

Greeter	Rose Oyoo Faith Gbeneneh
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Judy Stanley
Children's Time	Milton Craft
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

August Scripture Readers

2 Rose Oyoo
9 Dean Tutor
16 Nubari Deekae
23 Peggy Brightwell
30 Tom Lockhart



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Pastor's Ponderings

I tend to be a very ritualistic person, and one of my decades-old rituals is that I read a couple of newspapers (The Commercial Appeal and The Daily Corinthian) every morning while having my coffee. My commitment to the ritual means that I get up at whatever time I need to, in order to have my 'time' before leaving home for any reason. With the 24/7 news coverage these days, the printed news is not really 'news' any more. By the time the paper arrives, we've already heard it or seen it via television or internet. Still I enjoy the working Crossword and Sudoku puzzles. And for as long as I can remember, I've always read the obituaries – even when I was young, which many people found odd. I read obituaries even when I'm traveling, and there's virtually no chance I even know the deceased in the local newspaper wherever I am. (Maybe I *am* weird!) It's just interesting to me to see the totality of one's life wrapped up in a few lines in the newspaper.

Although I never knew him personally, as a longtime Memphian, I was somewhat familiar with the life and work of civil rights activist, Judge D'Army Bailey, who died last week. I've learned even more about him since his death. In the news reports of his eulogy, he was described as a "mover" by former President Bill Clinton. "The Lorraine Motel could be a parking lot, for all you know, today if it hadn't been for D'Army Bailey", Clinton reminded those attending the funeral service. Memphis Mayor A.C. Wharton described Bailey as a person who, though one *in* power, also spoke "truth to power". As a judge, Bailey was described and one who "treated all parties fairly and equally". As a community leader, he was as a "bridge builder". Those are all admirable attributes that served to make our city and community better for us all. May he rest in peace from his considerable labors.

Have you ever thought about what your obituary will say? I have. I never expect to contribute to society in the outstanding ways D'Army Bailey did, nor achieve his level of renown; but I do hope the summation of my life will say that at least in some small way I mattered, and that some little corner of the world is better off because I lived. I hope it will attest to my love of Christ and the Church...my family...my work. In the end, what else really matters?

Just pondering...

Blessings always,
Virginia

Scriptures for the week: II Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

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LOOKING AHEAD	
Sun. 7/26	10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship 5:00p The Finchers Concert and 6:00p Church Family Picnic
Mon. 7/27	Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury
Tue. 7/28	1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury
Wed. 7/29	10:00a Bible Study @ Asbury 5:30p Youth 6:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 7/30	9-Noon Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study @ Aldersgate
Fri. 7/31	Offices Closed
Sat. 8/1	6:00p Spanish Worship Service
Sun. 8/2	10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall 11:30a Worship

SCHOLARSHIP APPS NOW ACCEPTED

The Plant Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications for the coming school year. For more details or an application, please contact Renee Little, 737-9899 or rwlittlepd@yahoo.com.

YOU'LL WANT TO BE THERE
The Finchers & The Picnic
July 26 - 5:00 p.m.

Come hear that good ole gospel music and enjoy the picnic to follow! Invite your friends, family and neighbors! Chicken & drinks will be furnished for the picnic. SS Classes are bringing finger sandwiches, fruit and veggie trays, and cookies. If you are not in a SS Class, please bring cookies, brownies or a pick-up type dessert. See you there!



FOOD PANTRY FOR JULY
Juice, Cereal, Peanut Butter,
Jelly, Pasta & Sauces.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The big, red backpack is back to drop in your gifts of school supplies. Below is a list of needed items to help you with your shopping.

- Undies for Girls & Boys Belts for Boys
- .74 oz. Glue Sticks Ticonderoga #2 pencils
- 8 ct. Crayola Crayons 24 ct. Crayola Crayons
- Large Boxes Facial Tissue
- Poly Brad and Pocket Folders (any color)
- Notebook Filler Paper-Wide Ruled-200 count
- D'Nealian Tablets- Wide Ruled, Blue Baseline
- Standard 1 Subj. Wide Ruled, 70 Count Ntbks.

Thank you!

Lunch

Mark your calendars for August 16, when your gifts will be used to decorate the tables for our Teacher Appreciation Pot Luck lunch.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

No matter how far or fast we run,
we can't escape ourselves.
Is your Christian life in order?



SHARE A MEMORY—SHARE A SMILE
...for our 60th Anniversary Booklet.

We want your thoughts, your pictures and your memories covering the last 60 years at Aldersgate! Is there a youth trip you found memorable? A special teacher who opened your eyes to the love of God? A "2nd" mom or dad who loved and nurtured you in our faith community? If you have a memory to share about 60 years ago, 20 years ago or last month, please submit your writing to Sharon Lockhart or Margaret Ann Ligon, to be included in our Anniversary Booklet.

UMW NEWS

Reading Program Deadline is July 26

UMW Candle Burning Program

Please give your gifts and names/events honored to Margaret Ann Ligon. Forms are on the tables outside the Sanctuary for your convenience. Thank you for helping us support world-wide missions. **Deadline is July 26.**



Our Legacy and Our Future

The UMW Living Timeline is a storytelling project being carried forward to our 150th anniversary and beyond. Be part of the "Timeline" by sharing your story. What are you passionate about? Tell us about it. Think in terms of a dramatic experience that changed the life of an individual or community—changed your life and commitment. Then put it in a creative format: artwork, video, song, poem or scrapbook, for example.

Submit your story, in its creative format to:

livingtimeline@unitedmethodistwomen.org

Have questions? Need info? Contact Anissa New-Walker at:

awalker@unitedmethodistwomen.org



MISSING FROM THE KITCHEN

» Beverage Dispensers «

With our big, church picnic coming up on Sunday, we are going to need all our beverage dispensers. If you can help bring them home, please do so ASAP. We don't want anyone to go thirsty!



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY AT ALDERSGATE

Its not too late! Join us at 10 a.m. each Thursday for our study, "Learning to Walk in the Dark (Because God Sometimes Shows Up at Night)" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Books for this study may be purchased in the church office for \$11.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Jack Baker by

Mary Robbins

CathyBoice

Memorial Fund

In memory of Jack Baker by

Love/Hope UMW Group



"ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL"

An Event for Older Adults

Epworth by the Sea - September 21-24

St. Simons Island, Georgia

Visit Okefenokee Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness Area. Stroll the boardwalk or tour by boat. Learn about early settlers at the Chesser Homestead.

The Georgia Sea Turtle Center is an advanced hospital, open to the public to increase awareness of habitat and conservation challenges and empower individuals to act locally, regionally and globally to protect the environment.

Stop by historical Jekyll Island with its rich legacy of luxury and opulence in its National Register's Historic District and see G.E.O.R.G.I.A., some of the state's intertidal oyster reefs.

Register on line at epworthbythesea.org or by phone at 912-638-8688.

TRAVEL TIME

Have you seen the new, big attraction down town? Here's your chance. We will be touring the Bass Pro Shop at the Pyramid on **August 13**. Please send your \$29.50 fee to Crown Coach, 1697 Bartlett Blvd., 38134. Lunch is on your own. Its not too soon to make your reservation for these upcoming tours:

October 12-15 - Arkansas Fall Foliage - \$100 deposit due now to Crown Coach at above address
December 1-4 - Christmas in Branson
Brochures are available on the bulletin board or call Carolyn for more information, 861-0841.