

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Baptist Memorial**

Russell Vollmer 4243  
Bertha Morrison 2417  
Billy Wakham 4121

**St. Francis**

Elizabeth Smith 380 ICU

**Baptist Rehab**

Phil Weaver 228

**Rainbow Rehab**

Arthur Brown 213

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**OUR PRESENCE**

**July 22**

Church School 39  
Worship 100  
Visitors 11

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**OUR GIFTS**

**July 22**

This Week's Offering \$ 2,523  
MTD \$ 14,900

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**OUR SERVICE**

**Assisting July 29**

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

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**August Scripture Readers**

5 Brother Paul  
12 Earline Gabriel  
19 Renee Little  
26 Warren Petty

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Jackie Fincher talked this past Sunday about the importance of keeping a positive attitude in life, I couldn't agree more. Here is a little story that speaks to how our expectations also influence our attitude about life.

It is said that two kinds of birds fly over the California deserts: the hummingbird and the vulture.

All the vulture can see is rotting meat because that is all he looks for. He thrives on that diet. But the hummingbird ignores the carcasses and the smelly flesh of dead animals. Instead, he looks for the tiny blossoms of the cactus flowers. He buzzes around until he finds the colorful blooms almost hidden from view by the rocks. Each bird finds what it is looking for.

What are you looking for? Better still--what are you finding? What you are finding tells what you are really looking for. Your expectations of life will determine your outcome.

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for July 29

Ephesians 3:14-21  
2 Samuel 11:1-15

Sermon Title

"David's Watergate"

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 7/29	9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 7/30	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 7/31	No Activities
Wed. 8/1	7:30p Choir Rehearsals Resume
Thu. 8/2	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 8/3	Offices Closed 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal
Sat. 8/4	5:30p Duval/Kernodle Wedding
Sun. 8/5	9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship



## ARE YOU THINKING 'BACK TO SCHOOL'?

A shopping list is available on the tables outside the Sanctuary and please notice the desk in the hall with the basket for your donations to our adopted school. The big, red backpack will appear shortly. With your help, there will be smiles on many faces at our 'Back to School' Pot Luck Lunch with Willow Oaks teachers on Aug. 12. Thank you for your generosity.

## MLGW PRESENTS 'ITS EASY BEING GREEN'

...the theme for this year's Neighborhood Leaders Conference. Join us on Friday, Aug. 3 from 8:30a to 3p at 4949 Raleigh-LaGrange to learn about easy ways to 'go green'. Included will be workshops on water conservation, cutting utility costs, alternative vehicles & transportation options, organic gardening, recycling and more. The cost is \$5 and includes a continental breakfast and buffet lunch. To receive a conference notebook, registration must be paid in advance. To register, call 528-4820 or register on line at [www.mlgw.com/neighborhoodleaders](http://www.mlgw.com/neighborhoodleaders).

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To each of you who helped make Sunday a special day at Aldersgate, I want to say thank you. For your presence, preparing delicious food, setting up and cleaning up, greeting and ushering, for everything you did, thank you, and a special thank you to Perri Mathis for the table decorations.

For your generous contributions for the Finchers, another big thank you. In spite of the mix-up with the date, we appreciate Jackie & Stephen and the granddaughter making that special effort to be here.

For our many friends, former members and guests who came, you made it even more special for us.

May God bless each of you for everything you did to honor Him.

To let you know — from the many desserts that were left, we sent big pans to three fire stations for the firefighters.

Carolyn McDougal and the  
Adult/Family Ministries Team

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Thank you, Aldersgate congregation, for the food sent to UMNC's pantry at Asbury. As you know, the Food Bank supply seems nonexistent and 99% of our stock comes from our own members. We are grateful for your interest and thank you for partnering with us to support this ministry.

In His Service,  
Floy Pike



## NEW BISHOP CONSECRATED JULY 20

Among the 11 bishops consecrated on July 20 at the SEJ Conference was Rev. William T. "Bill" McAlilly, the newly elected bishop of the Nashville Area. Rev. McAlilly is currently serving as District Superintendent of the Seashore District in the Mississippi Conference. He will take his episcopal office on September 1. Remember him in prayer as he begins his new duties.

## UMW NEWS

Memphis Conference United Methodist Women will have a Social Action Workshop on Saturday, August 18, from 9:30a to 3p at St. Paul UMC in Lakeland. Sessions on Health Care, Battered Women, and Human Trafficking will be offered, encouraging United Methodist Women to make a difference in the lives of women, youth and children around the world.

The fee of \$10 includes a box lunch. Registration forms are available in the church office or you may contact Sandy Mauney at [methodist-woman61@yahoo.com](mailto:methodist-woman61@yahoo.com) or 901-465-1364.

## GOING FOR THE GOLD

The Olympians headed for the summer games in London are not the only ones going for the gold. Our own Dean Tutor recently competed in the Tennessee Senior Olympics and came home with several wins and he took Gold in the Softball Throw with a toss of 146'8"! Congratulations, Dean! Way to go!!!



## GOING PLACES Ozark Fall Foliage and Branson Tour

October 23-26

Enjoy the gorgeous fall color of the Ozarks and several shows in Branson, including *Joseph, OH What a Night*, *The Oak Ridge Boys* and more.



## Country Christmas

At Pigeon Forge and Nashville  
November 27-30

Shopping at the Christmas Store, seeing the Festival of Lights, watching the shows *Country Tonight*, *ICE*, *Lumberjack Feud* and *The Rockettes*...it will be a great tour!

Call Carolyn, 861-0841, for all the details.

**FOR THE FOOD PANTRY THIS MONTH**  
Crackers Vienna Sausages Dry Milk

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

### Honorarium Fund

In honor of Tom & Sharon Lockhart by  
Norris & Earline Gabriel

In honor of Rebeca Ernst by  
Norris & Earline Gabriel

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Charles Goddard by  
Ben & Pat Carr

In memory of Aleda Kelly by  
Ben & Pat Carr

In memory of Sue Swett by  
Norris & Earline Gabriel  
Joyce Price  
Nancy & James Segars

In memory of Jimmy Craft by  
Norris & Earline Gabriel  
Ben & Pat Carr

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be thankful for arms that reach out to you,  
words that encourage you and the  
love that nourishes you, body and soul.







## SENIOR EXPO AND HEALTH FAIR August 1

The Best Times is hosting a Senior Expo on Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 9a to 3p at Oak Court Mall, 4465 Poplar Ave. Free admittance, free parking, entertainment, vendor's exhibits, health screenings for BP, blood sugar, glaucoma and more, flu shots, antique show with free evaluation of your antiques and collectibles and great fun for all. Questions? Call 901-458-2911.

# ALDRSGATE U M C



## August 2012

MONDAY		TUESDAY	THURSDAY		FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN 38117  Pastor: Dr. Paul I. Scheirer Director of Music: Perry Wilson Organist: Lana Solomon		Phone: (901) 683-8861 Fax: (901) 683-1374  Email: office@agumc.org Website: www.agumc.org	1  7:30p Choir Rehearsal	2  10:00a Bible Study	3 Offices Closed  6:00p Wedding Rehearsal	4 5:30p  Duval/Kernodle Wedding
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### Happy Birthday

- Aug 4 Andy Washington
- 6 Jackson Little
- Lili Turner
- 7 Rick Bellott
- Betty Smithmier
- 9 Sandra Taylor
- 10 Shirley Hancock
- 11 Joy Swain
- 13 Charles Swain
- Wanda Tabor
- 15 Nicholas Lung
- Shelby Ray
- 18 Jeff Brightwell
- 24 Ray Gabriel
- 25 Jimmie Bedwell
- Betty Clegg
- 25 Jean DeLong
- 28 Shannon Weaver
- 29 Daniel Boice
- Laura Dalton



### Happy Anniversary

- Aug 1 Terry & Margie Williamson
- 22 Harold & Joye Smith
- 27 Tilford & Lorelle Woodard
- 29 Wade & Pam Young

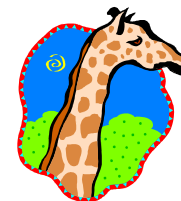
#### ASSISTING IN AUGUST

- Greeters..... Marcelle Farrow  
Margaret Ann Ligon
- Liturgist..... Bruce Hughes
- Scripture..... Brother Paul  
Earline Gabriel  
Renee Little  
Warren Petty
- Children's Time.....
- Lock-up..... Jimmie Bedwell



Have you laid on your back watching the clouds  
 And waved at the ship sailing by?  
 Have you spied a giraffe run 'cross the plain  
 Or a hot air balloon drift to high?  
 The memories of this happy pursuit  
 Bring thoughts of days long gone by.  
 I think its still done by children today,  
 Why don't we, too - you and I?

Anonymous



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