

OUR PRAYERS

Vanderbilt
Amy Posey

Allenbrooke Rehab
Bill Whitaker 233W

Allen Morgan Rehab
Bill Quinn 135

Highlands of Mphs
Chris Simmons 104

Hospice Care
Mary Stanley

At Home

Earl Galloway John Kernodle
Mark Lewis Michael Solomon
David Weaver Lynda Park

OUR PRESENCE

July 27

Church School 36
Worship 58
Visitors 3

OUR GIFTS

July 27

This Week's Offering \$ 1,079
MTD \$ 9,477
Apportionments TD \$ 3,522

OUR SERVICE

August 3

Greeters Jeanette Leslie
 Lou Pennington
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Jane Hight
Children's Time Tom & Sharon Lockhart
Lock-up Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

August Scripture Readers

10 Lisa Hughes
17 Tom Lockhart
24 Barry Mathis
31 Renee Little



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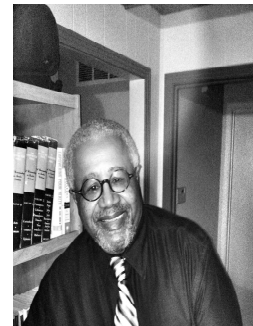
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THE WRITE REVEREND



In God's economy, the key word is abundance. But not even freedom is free. Consider this story:

A humanitarian group in Africa built a clean water and a sewage system for a village. Months later it was back to square one with filthy water, sewage and disease.

The chief told the humanitarian workers: "And what did you expect? These people had been many years without clean water. Then you gave it to them for free in abundance. They took all they could use and more. The people did not work for those water stations. They do not own them, and they could not be persuaded to maintain them."

The humanitarians were silent. The chief had spoken truth. The great gift alone had not been enough and the reasons could be clearly observed. The humanitarians returned to their camp and thought long and hard about how they could help the villagers.

The humanitarians returned, rebuilding the water and sanitation systems with the following conditions:

1. The villagers would have to pay for water and sanitation. Not more than they afford, but there would be no gift giving this time.
2. A group of villagers would work with the contractors to build the systems and would be taught how to repair every aspect of them. These villagers would, in turn, train others so the systems would never fall into disrepair. With these new conditions in place, the water and sanitation systems were restored. This time, the people had respect for the systems because they owned them. This time they were able to repair the systems when they broke down. To this day, the villagers have plenty of clean water and live lives free of filth and disease.

Herbert

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Scriptures for August 3: Genesis 32:22-31; Matthew 14:13-21

Theme: God's blessing is so abundant that there is more than enough to go around.

LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 8/3 9:45a Sunday School
 11:00a Worship
12:15p Finance Committee
12:30p Festival of Cultures Planning Session

Mon. 8/4 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 8/5 No Activities

Wed. 8/6 **10:00a Bible Study (NOTE)**
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 8/7 **NO Bible Study**

Fri. 8/8 Offices Closed

Sat. 8/9 No Activities

Sun. 8/10 9:45a Sunday School
 11:00a Worship
12:15p Social Action Event on Human Trafficking- Lunch will be served



SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR WILLOW OAKS

Undies for Girls Undies for Boys
 .74 oz. Glue Sticks Belts for Boys
 8 ct. Crayola Crayons 24 ct. Crayola Crayons
 Ticonderoga #2 pencils
 Hand Sanitizer with pump
 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.
 Please have all gifts in by August 17th. Thanks for your help!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A word of love makes a world of difference.

“THE WILL OF GOD”

...available for purchase. Brother Herbert still has 6 copies of the book for anyone interested. They are \$7 each.

THANK YOU

What a great night at Aldersgate Sunday evening with the great gospel music from the Finchers. One hundred and nine people present, with visitors from so many churches and friends with whom we could share our fellowship, not to mention the wonderful picnic food. Our Sunday School classes prepared so many wonderful sandwiches, made beautiful fruit and veggie trays and baked delicious cookies, along with many of our members who brought cookies, and we had plenty of fried chicken for everyone. The table decorations and Fellowship Hall were so patriotic in red, white and blue, thanks to Perri Mathis. Your Adult/Family Ministries Committee is super when it comes to getting our food ready and the best clean-up crew to be found! The left over sandwiches were taken to our neighborhood fire station and the remaining cookies to the Willow Oaks faculty. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** for all that each of you did to make this a special evening at our church. What a great time to be a part of the Aldersgate family!

FOOD PANTRY FOR AUGUST
 Dry or Hot Cereals



UMW NEWS

Our Social Action Event, ‘Human Trafficking in Memphis: What’s Being Done?’ is on Sunday, August 10, at 12:15p. A light lunch will be served prior to the program. Open to men and women, we encourage you to bring a friend. Donations of supply items to assist the women and children who are in the program: dish washing soap, liquid laundry detergent, paper towels or baby wipes, would be appreciated. Thank you.

August Mission Study

Have you marked your calendars for August 19 and 26, 10am to 12pm, for our study ‘The Church and People with Disabilities’? And don’t forget the pot luck lunch following the program on the 26th.

Candle Burning

The Candle Burning Program touches many lives devastated by war, political unrest, lack of education and housing, hunger, human trafficking and disease. You may partner with the UMW in offering hope, mercy and help to women and children affected by this devastation by giving to Candle Burning, in celebration or honor or memory of a person or event.

Gifts to Missions

Information and gifts may be given to Margaret Ann Ligon. Honorees will be listed in a special insert on UMW/UMM Sunday in September.

Given by _____

In celebration of _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____



DELTA FAIR DEADLINE APPROACHING

Okay, all you beautiful and talented people—the deadline to enter the Mr. & Ms. Delta Fair Senior American Contest and the Delta Fair Senior American Talent Contest is August 15. Visit www.Deltafest.com, select ‘contests’ and click on ‘senior day’, for all the information. Other contests are also available in crafts, culinary, art, gardening and photography. You may contact Jan Hamilton, the Director of Delta Fest, at 901-487-3075 or Jan@DeltaFest.com, for info and sign-up forms.



7th ANNUAL SILVER STARS TALENT SHOW FOR SENIORS

All of you who are 60 years or older who sing, dance or play an instrument, are invited to audition August 23 & 24 from Noon to 6 p.m. at the McWherter Senior Center, 1355 Estate Dr., for the Cigna-HealthSpring Talent Show coming up in October. Come show off your awesome talent! If your act is chosen, you will perform at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville. First prize is \$5,000. Learn more by calling 901-844-5431 or contact www.hssilverstars.com.



BRING-A-SANDWICH & BINGO

The sandwich is not to feed Bingo, the farmer’s dog, its to feed you as you join us on Thursday, August 21, at 11:30a for lunch and bingo. Feel free to come to Bible Study at 10:00 and you’ll already be here for the games. Bring a sandwich (or 2) for lunch and your beautifully wrapped prizes for bingo!

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17 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Willow Oaks Teacher Appreciation Potluck Lunch 	18 Noon News Deadline	19 10 to 12 UMW Mission Study— The Church and People with Disabilities	20 10:00a Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	21 11:30a Bring-a-Sandwich Lunch & Bingo 	22 Offices Closed	23
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31 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship	September 1 Labor Day Offices Closed					✦ Invite ✦ someone to church



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
15	Nicholas Lung Shelby Ray
16	Brother Herbert
18	Jeff Brightwell
24	Ray Gabriel
25	Jimmie Bedwell
26	Jean DeLong
28	Shannon Weaver
29	Daniel Boice Laura Dalton



Happy Anniversary

Aug. 1	Terry & Margie Williamson
4	Goyo De la Cruz & Luz Campos
27	Tilford & Lorelle Woodard
29	Wade & Pam Young

ASSISTING IN AUGUST

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Lock-up Tom Lockhart

Please help us keep our records current. If there are any omissions or errors, please call the church office, 683-8861, or email office@agumc.org



We celebrate the teachers of our adopted school—Willow Oaks Elementary

Aug. 17 Teacher Appreciation Pot Luck Lunch
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Thanks for your help!



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WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN AUGUST?

- Take your pet pooch to the 'Barking Lot' at Main & Jefferson in downtown Memphis.
- Your horse-drawn carriage awaits you. Arrange pick-up from any downtown hotel.
- August 1 Jennifer Nettles is in concert at Memphis Botanic Gardens.
- August 2 the Memphis Farmers Market is having a watermelon roll.
- August 2-4 is The Sales Tax Free Weekend. Enjoy tax-free purchases of school supplies, clothing, computers and more.
- August 5 is the first day of school for the Unified School District.
- August 9-17 is Elvis Week.
- August 17-18 is The Big One Flea Market at the Agricenter.
- August 22 Styx is playing at Memphis Botanic Gardens.
- August 30 at 10am begins the Memphis Music & Heritage Festival at The Center for Southern Folklore.