

## OUR PRAYERS

### The Med

(William) Brad Weaver  
C507

### Corinth MS

Virginia Kemp Jones

### Mexico

Misael Hildago

### Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls/Nigeria  
...disaster victims

### At Home

Peggy Brightwell  
Doris Bellott

Dorothy Goolsby

(new address in this  
issue)

Terry Williamson

Marcelle Farrow

Wayne Lawrence

April Lawrence

### Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Ed Caine
Carolyn Escue	Ray Escue	Mava Dell Fry
Earl Galloway	Helen Griffin	Antinette Guy-Scott
Doris Hight	Marie Hughes	Margaret Kenley
Ted Lewis	Doris Palazzini	Betty Ray
Elmer Ray	Bernice Shelby	Chris Simmons
Emmett Smith	Harold Smith	Betty Smithmier
Martha Wallace		

### **OUR PRESENCE - July 31**

Sunday School	59
Worship	76
Visitors	3

### **OUR GIFTS - July 31**

Offering	\$ 1,692
Month to Date	\$ 14,809
Conference to Date	\$ 3,233

### **OUR SERVICE - August 7**

<b>Greeters</b>	Joyce Kernodle Frances Molnar
<b>Liturgist</b>	Barry Mathis
<b>Scripture</b>	Jay Finzel
<b>Children's Time</b>	Dr. Finzel
<b>Lock-up</b>	Henry Blanks

### **OUR WITNESS**

#### **August Scripture Readers**

14	Dean Tutor
21	Nubari Deekae
28	Peggy Brightwell

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## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

### All Kinds of Greed (Luke 12:13-21)

[Kayla McClurg](#)

Hardly anything arouses as much angst for us as sensing that we are not getting our fair share. Luke says a voice from the crowd, maybe it is the classic voice of Everyman, calls out to Jesus: "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." That seems fair enough, an equal portion for each member of the family. But Jesus refuses to get involved, saying, "Who placed me in the position of being judge and arbitrator over you?" And then he cuts right to what is undoubtedly at the heart of the matter: "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed."

ALL kinds of greed, even the greed that looks like fairness. We must take care lest greed lurks at the heart of our wanting more and more and more of all kinds of things—more possessions, yes, but also more assurance that we are right, more favor from others and God, even more justice. When we try to do right and make sure others do the same, when we insist that things turn out pleasantly and equally for all, might our efforts be subterfuge for our own greed? When we seek fairness, might we be hoping for easier lives for ourselves? Do we want equality with our sisters and brothers, or do we want to love them so lavishly that we would relinquish equality for their greater abundance?

Jesus tells them a parable about a rich man who already has everything he needs and whose land keeps producing abundantly. Instead of being concerned about how to share it all, he becomes concerned about where to store all these crops. All he can imagine doing is tearing down the old barns and building larger ones to preserve his bounty. All he can imagine is telling his soul to relax, take it easy in the years ahead and live off his growing piles of resources. God calls him a fool because that very day would be his last day. That very day was the last day to imagine something new.

Only the abundance we relinquish is ultimately ours. Only when we open the doors of our silos and barns can the winds of a new Spirit blow through.

Blessings,  
*Virginia*

**Scriptures for the Week:**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Luke 12:32-40



<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>	
Sun. 8/7	10:15a Sunday School
Mon. 8/8	Noon Newsletter Deadline
Tue. 8/9	10:00a Koinonia Group
Wed. 8/10	6:45p Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:59p One Harvest Order Deadine- <b>Asbury</b>
Thu. 8/11	9:00a Food Pantry- <b>Asbury</b>
Fri. 8/12	Offices Closed
Sat. 8/13	6:00p Spanish Service @ <b>El Redentor</b>
Sun. 8/14	9:00a Scholarship Committee 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a Worship 12:30p Spaghetti Lunch to Benefit the Scholarship Fund



### PLEASE SIGN UP

...as a Worship Assistant. We still need greeters for September through November, and continue to need Children's Time Leaders. Sign-up sheets are on the office window. If you prefer, you may call the office, 683-8861, and give Kathy your preferences.



### HOUSE FOR SALE

...at 1611 Ivy Road:  
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for Additional Information

**MANY THANKS**  
...to Jean & Neil DeLong for their hard work giving our campus a neat, limbless look. They did a great job picking up the limbs and branches!



### SPAGHETTI LUNCH TO BENEFIT MARGARET CRAFT PLANT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Please make plans to stay after church on August 14th for a Spaghetti Luncheon. There is no charge for lunch but a donation to benefit the Margaret Craft Plant Scholarship Fund will be greatly appreciated!

Recipients of this scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year are Daniel Boice and Christopher Little. We have several kids coming up in the next few years and want to be assured we can help them out as well.

If you have any questions please contact Renee Little at [relittlepd@yahoo.com](mailto:relittlepd@yahoo.com) or 901-634-7342. If you know you can attend lunch, please sign up on the office window. If you're not sure, please come anyway! It will be a great time for fellowship and I'll bet you will see two very grateful and good-looking boys serving you!

### NEW ADDRESS FOR OUR FRIEND

To my dear friends and fellow church members of Aldersgate UMC,

I have been unable to attend services in recent weeks because of my health. Even though I can't be with you in person, I am with you in spirit. I have been keeping up with what's going on at church by reading the bulletin and newsletter provided to me by email.

I recently moved to my daughter's house, so my physical address has changed, as has my email address. My telephone number remains the same.

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### SOCIAL ACTION DAY AT ALDERSGATE-JACKSON TN

Join us on Saturday, August 20, from 9 to 3, at Aldersgate UMC in Jackson, TN, for a program on Human Trafficking. Ms. Susie Johnson, executive and leader from United Methodist Women-Washington Office of Public Policy, will be our special guest.

Sign-in/refreshments begin at 9 a.m., invocation at 9:30, and workshops from 10 to 3. The fee of \$10 includes a box lunch.

The registration deadline is August 15. Forms are available in the church office. The deadline to request childcare is August 8. Please contact Barbara Boden at [boden1926@gmail.com](mailto:boden1926@gmail.com) or 731-642-0671, with any questions and to confirm childcare.

### IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY

Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may.

Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.

~ John Wesley ~

### ALL ARE INVITED

...to the **Metro District Celebration** on Sunday, August 14, at 3 p.m.—Bartlett UMC, 5676 Stage Rd., Bartlett, TN. Join us for worship and formation for the new Metro Dist., installation of the District Superintendent, recognition of lay leaders and welcoming new clergy and families.

A reception will follow.

### FOOD PANTRY FOR AUGUST

**Soup & Crackers**  
**Jiffy Corn Bread Mix**

Cash is also welcome.

Thank you!



### HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

#### Memorial Fund

In memory of David Dalton by

Jimmy & Jane Hight

Joy Mitchell

Johnny Mitchell

In memory of Michael LeClear by

Jimmy & Jane Hight

### SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS

August 8 is the first day of school! However, we will continue to collect supplies until August 15. Something new is being offered this year—Pre-Packs. These packs come with everything a child needs for the grade they are entering. No more guessing if they need notebook paper or a notebook, fat or skinny crayons, glue or a glue stick. If you would prefer to purchase a 'pre-pack' for grades K-5, these are the prices: K-\$55; 1st-\$52; 2nd-\$50; 3rd-\$57; 4th-\$48 and 5th-\$54. Any amount to help purchase pre-packs will be gratefully accepted, as well as other individual items.

Items NOT covered in the packs are:

Underwear for boys and girls

Belts for boys

Please make checks out to Aldersgate and note Willow Oaks in the memo line. Thank you!

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The Margaret Plant Craft **Scholarship Committee** will met on Sunday, **August 14**, at 9:00a.m.

### OUR PRAYERS (con't)

Kristen Boggs	Tom Boillot	Palma Borgognoni
Jim Brazile	Brenda Brazile	Phil Cannon
Melissa Cole	Jaunay Davis	Sonny Davis
Goyo De la Cruz	Doug Dennis	Corella Edwards
John Elkins	Andrew Hamilton	Diane Harrison
John Hight	Mildred Hight	Jeff Irwin
Mark Jones	Freda Lipford	Ursula Lewis
The Martin Family	Bill McClain	Jesse McClerkin
Eloise Miller	Lorraine Mitchell	Glenn Moore
Lou Ella Morris	Joe Moseley	Jack Pollard
Moiria Pomije	Claire Rainey	Wade Reeves
Stephanie Roberts	Lana Solomon	Marie Souder
Cindy Stanfil	Brad Weaver	David Weaver
Shannon Weaver	John Williams	Margie Williamson