

OUR PRAYERS

St. Francis		At Home
Henry Blanks	531	Marcelle Farrow
		Richard Morris
Bright Glade		Dorothy Goolsby
Ed Caine	212A	Terry Williamson
		Wayne Lawrence

Special Prayers for
 ...kidnapped girls/Nigeria
 ...disaster victims

Homebound and Assisted Care

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

OUR PRESENCE - August 14

Sunday School	49
Worship	70
Visitors	2

OUR GIFTS - August 14

Offering	\$ 1,770
Month to Date	\$ 5,325
Conference to Date	\$ 3,233

OUR SERVICE - August 21

Greeters	Joyce Kernodle Frances Molnar
Liturgist	Barry Mathis
Scripture	Nubari Deekay
Children's Time	Dr. Finzel
Lock-up	Mary Robbins

OUR WITNESS
August Scripture Readers
 28 Peggy Brightwell

ALDERSGATE United Methodist Church
 4459 Willow Road
 Memphis, TN 38117-6917



UMW
Social Action Day
 Saturday, August 20
 9:00a - 3:00p

Program on
 Human Trafficking
 Lead by
 Dr. Cynthia Davis
 and
 Rev. Gerry Campbell

Aldersgate UMC
 1050 North Parkway
 Jackson, TN

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The Peace of Division

by Kayla McClure

Luke 12:49:56

No doubt about it, Jesus' teachings can be difficult. Maybe he wants to shake us from the complacency of a quiet discipleship and the comfortable rhythms we come to enjoy. Maybe he sees how we tend to choose cozy companions and soft, safe prayers, so sometimes, instead of whispering more sweet blessing in our ear, he shouts: "Wake up!" He knows we don't always need more assurance; what we need sometimes is to wake up and face what's happening. "I have come to bring fire to the earth," Jesus says, "and I wish it were already kindled! Don't you see what is happening? I have a baptism to go through, and great is the stress I am under until it is completed."

Fire? Stress? Are these, too, the marks of following Jesus? They are not the usual images we have of the Prince of Peace or the promises of our baptism. Jesus says he has not come to bring peace to the earth, but division. We can expect families and households to be divided—fathers and mothers against sons and daughters, and the in-laws too. He doesn't say he *wants* it to be this way, but that it simply *will be* this way. Just as the clouds rise in the west and you know it is going to rain, he tells the crowds, or the south wind is followed by scorching heat, so you can count on things being torn apart before they are bound back together.

Having just come through the narrow gate of my mother's sudden death, I see how easy it is for things to tear apart. What we have learned to anticipate is not necessarily the way it is. Families bound together by the sturdy thread of one person's presence sometimes fly apart, while frayed relationships sometimes start to mend. Stress can utterly deplete us, while the humility of our newfound weakness can help to build us up. Even Jesus feels the stress. Even he wishes it could be otherwise. But the fire does not keep him from completing the promise of his baptism. Despite how much we wish our lives, our world's life, were already healed and whole, we can choose again and again to join God's healing, mending work. We can submit to the fire of our baptism, trusting the master welder to forge us together into a new kind of family, divided no more.

Scriptures for the Week:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 8/21 10:15a Sunday School
11:00a Worship

Mon. 8/22 Noon Newsletter Deadline

Tue. 8/23 No Activities

Wed. 8/24 6:45p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 8/25 9:00a Food Pantry-Asbury
5:00p Girl Scouts

Fri. 8/26 Offices Closed
11:30a Young @ Heart-Asbury

Sat. 8/27 5:30p Howell/Welch Wedding
6:00p Spanish Service @
El Redentor

Sun. 8/28 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
12:30p Non-member Reception

JAZZ JEANS AND JESUS
5th Annual Concert

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Saturday, August 27, 4:00 p.m.
Capleville UMC
4725 Riverdale Rd.
Memphis, TN 38141
Tickets: \$10 363-1859

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES
September 8th

Join us as we explore the short-term Disciple Bible Study, "Invitation to the New Testament", to begin Thursday morning, Sept. 8, at 10a in the Fellowship Hall.

THE UPPER ROOM

...for Sept/Oct is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick yours up today. Read some inspiring thoughts written by students and teachers, doctors and musicians, engineers and inmates.

IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY

"Every one, though born of God in an instant, yet undoubtedly grows by slow degrees."
—from a letter in the *Works of John Wesley*

THANK YOU NOTES

Friends,
Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, visits and concerns. I miss being with you and look forward to the time I can return.
Henry Blanks

**Thank You For the Successful Benefit
For the Scholarship Fund**

The thanks go to YOU. Those who shopped, set-up, cooked, served, those who joined us for lunch and were so generous, those who cleaned up and put away. You made it possible. Our Scholarship Fund will see an increase of \$655 from your gifts and labors. You are very much appreciated!

**GOLDEN CROSS
ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
Thursday, Sept. 15
Wyndyke Country Club**

You may now register and/or become a sponsor online at goldencrossfund.org.
The morning round begins at 7:30a. The afternoon round begins at 1:00p.
All players will receive lunch, mulligan package (Putting Contest, 2 mulligans and 1 red tee), cart, green fees, range balls and a Golf Classic gift.
You may phone 901-213-1930 or send an email to: david.kabakoff@goldencrossfund.org or kristi.owens@goldencrossfund.org for complete information.
Please make checks payable to Wesley Senior Ministries Fund.

A NOTE FROM FRIENDS

Hello Everyone,
We miss you already. Sorry I haven't been in contact but I was a little busy with all the moving. We haven't found a house to rent so we are still staying with my aunt and uncle. My husband has already found a shop to rent and he is doing good work. Linsy is starting school Monday because we had some problems with registration, but all is good and she is excited to start. We hope everyone is doing good!! We miss you and love you guys.

Gaby, Jesus, Linsy & Brandon



Congratulations to the Miriam Daycare Center
...on again receiving a 3-Star rating from the Tennessee Department of Human Services. Each year TDHS raises the requirements, but under lletha Washington's direction, the staff is up to the task. lletha will join us at our Unit Meeting on Sept. 18 and we hope everyone will join us for her review of the agency.

**Golden Cross Key Women
Meet Sept. 8**

We are collecting items needed for our friends in Wesley housing. Here are a few suggestions:

Toilet Paper	Paper Towels
Hand Soap	Stamps
Hats	Gloves
Scarves	Socks
DVD Movies	Puzzles

Please leave your gifts in the basket near the Sunday School Office, in the church office or give to Audrey Weaver. Thank you for supporting our seniors.

**TEAM SPIRIT AWARDS BANQUET
PRESENTED BY HARCAngel**

Join us on Sept. 8, 6:00p.m., at St. Luke's UMC for a silent auction, dinner and program emceed by Ron Childers. Dr. Roz Nichols is the guest speaker. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$120 table for 8. Complete information and tickets are available at 901-428-4633 or 901-485-6808 or online at memtheny@gmail.com.

**CHURCH HEALTH CENTER'S
'ROCK FOR LOVE' BENEFIT CONCERTS
ARE SEPTEMBER 2-4**

Over the 3-day event, shows will be held at the Hi-Tone, in the heart of Crosstown, Otherlands Coffee Bar, in the Cooper-Young District/Midtown, and the Levitt Shell in Overton Park. Log on to rockforlove.org for complete details on locations, times, and line-ups for this free event.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for
Memorial Fund
In memory of AJ Walton by
Dean & Aleita Tutor
In memory of David Dalton by
Dean & Aleita Tutor

SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS

We will continue school collecting supplies/cash donations until the end of August for Willow Oaks Elementary. This year you may purchase a Pre-Pack, gift any amount to help purchase pre-packs, as well as donate individual items.
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. 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!

FOOD PANTRY FOR AUGUST



**Soup & Crackers
Jiffy Corn Bread Mix**
Cash is also welcome.



Cash is used to purchase goods by the pound, at a great discount. Please make checks out to Aldersgate and note 'Food Pantry' in the memo line.
Thank you!

OUR PRAYERS (con't)

Kristen Boggs	Tom Boillot	Palma Borgognoni
Birdie Boyd	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
Moiria Pomije	Claire Rainey	Wade Reeves
Stephanie Roberts	Marie Souder	Cindy Stanfil
David Weaver	Shannon Weaver	John Williams
Margie Williamson		