

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist East

Martha Burford 5394
Mary Williams 5352

At Home

Kathryn Clark John Meeks
Ed Stanley

OUR PRESENCE

August 15 Church School 52
Worship 94
Visitors 23

OUR GIFTS

August 15
Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 3028
Church School \$ 20
Total Rec'd \$ 3048

MTD \$ 11972

YTD apportionments \$ 10938

OUR SERVICE

Assisting August 22

Greeters Lou Pennington
Sue Swett
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Barry Mathis
Children's Time Barbara Scheirer
Lock-up Barry Mathis

August Scripture Readers
29 Brother Paul



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FROM THE PASTOR

According to a recent survey almost three-quarters of Americans who haven't darkened the door of a church in the last six months think its "full of hypocrites," and even more of them consider Christianity to be more about organized religion than about loving God and people.

Almost half of those surveyed – 44 percent – agree that "Christians get on my nerves." But the survey of "un-churched" Americans by LifeWay Research also found that 78 percent said they would be willing to listen to someone who wanted to tell them about his or her Christian beliefs.

Never pass up the opportunity to share your faith with someone. As some of us discovered when we studied the parable of the sower during Vacation Bible School, (Matthew 13) we never know the soil of a person's life and how our witness may influence that person coming to know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for August 22

Psalm 71:1-6
Luke 13:10-17

Sermon Title
"The Sabbath"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Aug. 22 - Sat., Aug. 28

Sun. 8/22 9:00a UMW Nominating
 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship

Mon. 8/23 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 8/24 10:00a UMW Mission Study
 4:30p Confirmation Class

Wed. 8/25 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 8/26 No Activities

Fri. 8/27 Offices Closed

Sat. 8/28 8:00a AFLS

THE UPPER ROOM

...for September/October is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick yours up today!
 If you are able to help deliver the Upper Room to our homebound members, please see Lynn Coffman after church on Sunday.



BISHOP REQUESTS SPECIAL FLOOD OFFERING

The spring of 2010 saw Tennessee overwhelmed by flooding. Bishop Wills has requested that all churches in our Conference take up a special offering for our Conference Disaster Response Teams to use in their work helping those still recovering from this disaster. Much work remains to be done and our teams will be involved for the long run.
 Sunday, August 22, is the day the flood relief offering will be emphasized but gifts may be given at any time. Please make checks out to Aldersgate and put "flood offering" in the memo line. Thank you.

THANK YOU



Thanks to all who participated in set-up, hosting, cooking and clean up for the back-to-school potluck. The food was yummy and the fellowship with the Willow Oaks teachers was great! The collected and purchased items will be delivered to the school this week. Thanks again!

GRIEFSHARE OFFERED AT ST. PAUL The Journey from Mourning to Joy

GriefShare is a recovery seminar and support group for those who have lost loved ones. Beginning Sept. 12 and running through Dec. 12, you may join at any time. Child care is provided for children up to fifth grade. A promo video may be seen at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQKonzmrw-8> The cost is \$15 and scholarships are available. Call Deb Sud-darth, 387-0007, for more information.



NEED A RIDE?

Please let the office know (683-8861).



USED BOOK SALE COMING

We are collecting books to sell at the Fall Festival. Bring them to the Health Room at church or call Barbara for pick-up, 746-8949. Barbara will also provide you with empty boxes to pack your books in, if you like.

NEW ADDRESS FOR AN OLD FRIEND

Mrs. Tina Gift
 The Arbors at Shilling Gardens
 15 Shilling Bend Commons
 Collierville, TN 38017

UMW NEWS

What a busy time for United Methodist Women. Reservations are still coming in for our study on the Epistles of John - 15 other churches so far. We hope you will help us with the first display-an assortment of different translations of the Bible.

Sunday, Aug. 22, we will have our group picture made. Please plan to stay for it. We are once again a Platinum Unit. Please welcome Cindy Pilkington, our newest member, address: 5373 S. Hayne Circle, 38119; birthday: Sept. 16.

Our scrapbook will be taken to District Annual Meeting at St. Mark's on Sept. 12. Please turn in any items you may have as soon as possible.

UMW Sunday, Sept. 19, will feature Selena Henson, speaking on the Golden Cross project. 2011 officers will be elected at the Unit Meeting following the service.

Conference Annual Meeting will be Sept. 25 at Dresden First UMC, 105 S. Church St., Dresden, TN, 731-364-2419. Please note change of venue.

Please plan to attend all of these activities.

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CANDLE BURNING REMINDER

Your gifts to the Candle Burning Second Mile Giving through United Methodist Women are greatly appreciated. It is not too late for a minimum gift of \$5.00 in honor or in memory of someone and you will know your money is helping those in need. The deadline is August 29.

Margaret Ann Ligon
 Mission Coordinator

THINK ABOUT IT

The more blessings I perceive
 the more blessings I receive.

GOING PLACES!



Come to a slide presentation of the 2011 tours presented by Collette Tours, on August 30 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend who loves to travel!



And its time to plan for that trip to Branson at Christmas, Nov. 30 - Dec. 3. Call Carolyn for more info at 861-084.

ANGEL FOOD INFO



Angel Food Distribution is on Sat., Aug. 21, 10 to 11am. Assistance is needed. Call Rebeca Ernst, 484-7385, to volunteer.

ITS TIME FOR

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Yes, its early, but coordinating and shipping take time. Shoeboxes are now available to be made ready for the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child". Please choose either a boy or girl and fill a box with appropriate gifts for ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14, being mindful of what CANNOT be included with these gifts.

Boxes are on the table outside the Sanctuary and have a list of suggestions inside, as well as labels and instructions.

Cash donations are also gratefully accepted. Please make checks out to Samaritan's Purse and note "OCC" (Operation Christmas Child), on the memo line.

Filled boxes and donations may be brought to the church. We will deliver them to the collection site for you.

You will bring a smile to a child's face who otherwise would not receive a Christmas gift.