

OUR PRAYERS

Special Prayers for

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

At Home

Henry Blanks
Marcelle Farrow
Dorothy Goolsby
Wayne Lawrence
Richard Morris
Terry Williamson

Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Edward Caine
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 21

Sunday School	43
Worship	66
Visitors	5

OUR GIFTS - August 21

Offering	\$ 2,333
Month to Date	\$ 7,658
Conference to Date	\$ 3,233

OUR SERVICE - August 28

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

OUR WITNESS

September Scripture Readers

4	Tom Lockhart
11	Faith Gbeneneh
18	UMW Sunday-Jane Hight
25	Barry Mathis

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Going To Heaven

By Ron Boatwright

Our number one priority in this life must be to go to Heaven. Nothing else is as important. Jesus says in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Our soul is the most precious thing we have. There is nothing that can equal its value. We read in Matthew 16:26, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" One certainly does not profit in the tragic loss of his soul.

It is easy in today's materialistic society to get caught up in the pursuit of materialism if we are not careful. Our Lord says in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Our bank account needs to be in heaven.

Everyday we need to tell ourselves that the main thing in this life is to go to Heaven. We read in Colossians 3:2, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." We should regularly think about going to heaven. Heaven is a prepared place (John 14:2-3) for a prepared people. It will be such a wonderful place, which is beyond our wildest dreams. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." There is no way that Heaven can be described so we as mortal human beings can understand how wonderful it will be.

A person will not accidentally go to Heaven. Going to Heaven is a lifelong race as we read in Hebrews 12:1, "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Going to Heaven requires endurance, patience, and persistence. We must finish the race.

Scriptures for the Week:

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14



LOOKING AHEAD

- Sun. 8/28 10:15a Sunday School
11:30a Worship
12:30p Non-member Reception
- Mon. 8/29 Noon Newsletter Deadline
- Tue. 8/30 No Activities
- Wed. 8/31 6:00p Called Charge Conference
6:45p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 9/1 9:00a Food Pantry-**Asbury**
- Fri. 9/2 Offices Closed
- Sat. 9/3 6:00p Spanish Service @
El Redentor
- Sun. 9/4 10:15a Sunday School
11:00a Worship
- Mon. 9/5 
Offices Closed



**JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY
September 8th**

...as we begin the short-term Disciple Bible Study, "Invitation to the New Testament", Thursday morning, Sept. 8, at 10a in the Fellowship Hall. Join us every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. as we journey through the Disciple Study then into Advent and beyond. Invite a friend, as well.

**SEE SANDI PATTY'S FAREWELL
PERFORMANCE 'FOREVER GRATEFUL'**

Tickets are on sale NOW for this October 7th production at Bellevue Baptist Church. General Admission tickets are \$15. \$100 Platinum and \$45 Premium tickets are also available. Tickets for groups of 10 or more-\$12. Complete details are available at PremierProductions.com.

THANK YOU

My friends,
Your prayers, visits, calls and cards were deeply appreciated during my illness. Thank you also for your expressions of concern during my recovery.
Love and Blessings,
Marcelle



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

Your participation in the annual Golf Classic helps ensure Wesley Senior Ministries Foundation's ability to enhance the quality of daily living and well-being of elderly residents living in Wesley communities.

Morning and afternoon flights available. The morning round begins at 7:30a. The afternoon round begins at 1:00p. Multiple sponsorships available. All players will receive lunch, mulligan package, 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. You also may now register and/or become a sponsor online at goldencrossfund.org.

IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY

"Passion and prejudice govern the world; only under the name of reason. It is our part, by religion and reason joined, to counteract them all we can."
—from a letter in the Works of John Wesley

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!



Ladies!
Start planning now for our
Memphis Conference
United Methodist Women's
Annual Day

Rollin' on the River



Saturday, October 1, 11:00a.m.

First United Methodist Church
2000 Jones Blvd., Milan, TN 38358
(731) 686-7431

Step into the rich heritage of the Mississippi River District with lively entertainment, great food, Country Store shopping and an awesome speaker. Mark your calendars and set up a car-pool now.
\$16 person.



**'TEA AND TOUR' FOR SENIORS
AT THE BROOKS**

The Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, 1934 Poplar Ave., starts this season of Tea and Tour with "Renaissance and Baroque Art" on Thursday, September 22. This tour will examine the Brooks' permanent collection. Renaissance, translated from French as 'rebirth', is described as one of the most significant intellectual movements in our history. Whereas, the Baroque period is called a time of intense drama, tension, exuberance and grandeur in art. Admission is free for Brooks members, \$3 for non-members. Come join us for the tour then tea and treats in the Terrace Room.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for
Memorial Fund

In memory of Michael LeClear by
Terry & Margie Williamson

**COLLECTION OF SUPPLIES FOR
WILLOW OAKS IS ON-GOING**

We will continue collecting supplies/cash donations through the end of August for Willow Oaks Elementary. 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!



THE UPPER ROOM

...for Sept/Oct is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick yours up today and don't miss a day of inspiring thoughts and prayers.

OUR PRAYERS (con't)

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| 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 |
| Maira Pomije | Claire Rainey | Wade Reeves |
| Stephanie Roberts | Marie Souder | Cindy Stanfil |
| David Weaver | Shannon Weaver | John Williams |
| Margie Williamson | | |