

**LÖÖKING AHEAD**

Sun 9/22 9:45a Sunday School  
 10:55a Worship with Dr. Steve Parrish, Guest Minister  
 12:15p SS Class Presidents Mtg.

Mon. 9/23 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 9/24 6:00p Cub Scouts

Wed. 9/25 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 9/26 **NO** Bible Study

Fri. 9/27 Offices Closed

Sat. 9/28 9:00a AFLS  
 11:00a UMW Annual Conference Day in Paducah, KY  
 12:00p TAAUMCUMM Golf Tournament @ Cherokee Golf Club, Olive Branch, MS

Sun. 9/29 9:45a Sunday School  
 10:55a Worship  
 12:15p Birthday Bash



**CONGRATULATIONS**

...to Ed & Judy Stanley on the birth of their 6th grandchild, Hartley Tate Nelson, born September 5. Hartley weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Along with her parents, Mack & Kelly Nelson, and grandparents, Hartley was welcomed by her big sister, Madison.

**THANK YOU**

Dear Friends,  
 All of us at Willow Oaks are deeply grateful to you for your warm hospitality and generous gifts for our students. As always, your service was inspiring. The luncheon was delicious, and the school supplies are genuinely appreciated. I want you to know that although we do not see each other often, the men and women of Aldersgate are always in our thoughts and prayers. We are truly blessed to work in a community like the one we share.  
 It is my hope that this partnership between Aldersgate and Willow Oaks continues for a very long time.

Sincerely,  
 Pat Alexander, Principal  
 Willow Oaks Elementary

A big thank you to Aldersgate for the reception given for Pastor Brown and our visitors. We heard many thank yous for making them feel so welcome. We truly are the church of the warm heart.

**TRAVEL TIME**

Tuesday, November 12th is the date for a day tour to Charlene's Tea Room for lunch and checking out the little shops around the Tea Room. After lunch we will visit the Veteran's Museum at the air base in Halls. Brochures are on the bulletin board. Call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841, if you are interested.



**THE ROCKIN' REVEREND ON THE RADIO**

...this Sunday, Sept. 22nd, from 3 to 4 p.m. central time, on WDVR in New Jersey. You may tune in on the internet at the station's website and hear Brother Paul, along with his friend Ken Hastie, spin some rock'n'roll oldies from the 50's and 60's on the show, *Katy's Café*.



**ALDRSGATE FALL FESTIVAL**

...is coming up on October 12.  
 Come join the fun as a vendor, a volunteer, a participant, or all three! Visit the Yard Sale, the Concession Stand, the Book Sale and so much more. Entertainment will be offered by the Peacemakers from the Memphis Police Department and Art for Life's Sake students and maybe a few surprises! Mark your calendars now. Don't miss out on all the excitement! Call Perri, 683-7050 or email her at [bamathis@att.net](mailto:bamathis@att.net), or Judy at 652-4821 or [judy@crumpmortgage.com](mailto:judy@crumpmortgage.com), for all the info. Forms are available at the church.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME**

...for October is on the 6th at 9:15a, hosted by the Fidelis Class.



Its almost here! September 29 is the big day we celebrate our collective birthdays! If you haven't signed up to bring a cake or decorations, you had better hurry. But...signed up or not, plan to join the festivities and celebrate with us. Our great cooks will provide the pot luck lunch. Entertainment will be provided by Art For Life's Sake students. Fun will be had by all! See you there.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given for

**Maintenance Fund**

In memory of Earline Gabriel by  
 Carolyn McDougal

**DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES  
 Distinctive Wesleyan Emphases**

Although Wesley shared with many other Christians a belief in grace justification, assurance and sanctification, he combined them in a powerful manner to create distinctive emphases for living a full Christian life. The evangelical United Brethren tradition, particularly as expressed by Phillip William Otterbein from a Reformed background, gave similar distinctive emphases.

Grace pervades our understanding or Christian faith and life. By grace we mean the undeserved, unmerited, and loving action of God in human existence through the ever-present Holy Spirit. While grace of God is undivided, it precedes salvation as "prevenient grace", continues as "justifying grace" and is brought to fruition in "sanctifying grace".

We assert that God's grace is manifest in all creation even though suffering, violence, and evil, are everywhere present. The goodness of creation is fulfilled in human beings, who are called to covenant partnership with God. God has endowed us with dignity and freedom and has summoned us to responsibility for our lives and the life of the world.

In God's self-revelation, Jesus Christ, we see the splendor of our true humanity. Even our sin, with its destructive consequences for all creation, does not alter God's intention for us—holiness and happiness of heart. Nor does it diminish our accountability for the way we live.

Despite our brokenness, we remain creatures brought into being by a just and merciful God. The restoration of God's image in our lives requires divine grace to renew our fallen nature.



**FOOD PANTRY FOR SEPTEMBER**

Sugar Cake Mixes Flour



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Justice: Taking personal responsibility to uphold what is pure, right and true.



**TAAUMCUMM GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Don't miss the fun of our Thirty-fourth Annual Aldersgate United Methodist Church United Methodist Men's Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 28, at Cherokee Valley Golf Club in Olive Branch, MS, starting at 12 Noon. You may sign up individually or for your team with Dean Tutor, 274-0089. The fee is \$55 per person and includes greens fee, cart, awards and prizes. Call Dean today.

## OUR PRAYERS

### At Home

Betty Ray  
Mark Lewis  
Bill McMullin  
Tom Lockhart

### Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to ...Norris Gabriel and family in the loss of his wife, Earline. Visitation will be at 1 p.m. followed by funeral services at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20, at Aldersgate.

...family & friends of Bill Seddens  
...family & friends of Raymond Wiseman

## OUR PRESENCE

### Sept. 15

Church School	41
Worship	90
Visitors	30

## OUR GIFTS

### Sept. 15

This Week's Offering	\$ 1,985
MTD	\$ 12,241
Apportionments TD	\$ 7,618

## OUR SERVICE

September 22

<b>Greeters</b>	Barine Deekae Fortune Gbeneneh
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Barry Mathis
<b>Children's Time</b>	Judy Stanley
<b>Lock-up</b>	Barry Mathis

## OUR WITNESS

September Scripture Readers

29 Brother Paul



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

I've heard this one before but I thought I'd share it with you.

"If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400 that carried over no balance from day to day, allowed you to keep no cash in your account, and every evening canceled out whatever part of that amount you failed to use during the day, what would you do? Draw out every cent, of course!

Well, you do have such a bank and its name is "time." Every night it rules as lost whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance and allows no overdrafts. If you fail to use the day's deposit, the loss is yours. There is no going back, no drawing against tomorrow. So, invest your seconds so that they will give you the utmost in health, happiness, and success."

And let's not forget the opportunity to serve Christ each and every day of our lives.

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

### Scripture Readings for September 22

Amos 9:7-10

Matthew 8:1-13

### Sermon

"Joe Campbell"

Dr. Steve Parrish, Guest Minister