

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist East **Camden Rehab**
 Kathryn Clark 3206 Gabe Colosia 508A

Sr. Care, Midland, TX **Jacksonville, FL**
 Rev. Gladys Dennis Gene Gabriel surg 9/26

At Home

Betty Smithmier Brad Gabriel
 Charles Howard

Hospice Care

Bea Harris L.J. Hall Valerie Porterfield
 Bill Scott Nathan Nichols

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to
 ...family and friends of Ruth Knowles

OUR PRESENCE

September 25

Church School	51
Worship	60
Visitors	0

OUR GIFTS

September 25

Total Rec'd	\$ 2,168
MTD	\$ 15,648
Apportionments TD	\$ 11,800

OUR SERVICE

Assisting October 2

Greeters	Ginny Lawrence Wayne Lawrence
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul
Children's Time	Brother Paul
Lock-up	Wayne Lawrence

OUR WITNESS

October Scripture Readers

9 Earline Gabriel
 16 Renee Little
 23 Warren Petty
 30 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

We each face challenges and decisions every day that color the way we live in this world and its very easy for us to see where others are doing wrong or making mistakes but very hard "to first take the log out of our own eye".

We've all heard it said, "I may not always be right but I'm never wrong!" Is being right more important than being good? Is getting our own way better than abiding by the rules?

Many situations don't even have a right or wrong, only choosing between doing something or doing nothing. Whether it's a question of buying those \$100 jeans that are oh so-o-o stylish or that newest model of power tool or making a donation to charity; listening to a friend with a problem or tuning them out; or even helping some older or handicapped person load their groceries in the car or letting them struggle along on their own.

There are ways of facing challenges and making decisions that can benefit all involved. We just have to be willing to try them:

Truly listen and don't interrupt.

Help where you can lend a hand.

Insist on a conflict resolution both parties can accept.

Never open your mouth before your brain is in gear.

Know that kindness reaps its own reward.

Peace and Grace,
 Brother Paul

Scripture for October 2:

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:2-14

Sermon:

"Press On!"

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 10/2 9:15a Fellowship Time
 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship

Mon. 10/3 10:00a Church Women United
 @ Buntyn Presbyterian
 Noon News Deadline
 6:30p Spiritual Growth Study

Tue. 10/4 No Activities

Wed. 10/5 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 10/6 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 10/7 Offices Closed

Sat. 10/8 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 10/9 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 Dr. Lee Ramsey, Preaching
 6:00p Women of Zion



- **Oct. 1 Church Work Day**
 Come lend a hand! 9am
- **Oct. 15 Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk**
 An inspiring expression of hope in ending this dreaded disease. 8am at Laurelwood.
- **Oct. 16 Children's Sabbath**
 A reminder to advocate for our children year-round, creating a persistent, faithful voice for justice. 10:55a
- **Oct. 22 UMW Prog. Planning.** Aleda's 10am
- **Oct. 29 Fall Festival**
 Open to all, we celebrate autumn. 8am
- **Oct. 30 Church Council**
 Taking care of business. 12:15pm
- **Oct. 30 Trick or Trunk**
 Fun for the children. Contact Rebeca Ernst, 484-7385, for details. 4pm

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Faithful Disciples of Aldersgate, Congratulations for a superb job in remembering others with your VBS activity of filling flood buckets. Your theme, "We Are One in Christ", taken from I Corinthians 12:12-26, was very fitting. The kingdom of God is here on earth and you are a beautiful representation! God's blessings for continued successful ministry!

Grace & Peace,
 Cynthia Davis
 District Superintendent

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Congratulations and kudos to William E. Gabriel, who graduated from the University of Memphis, summer session, with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He now plans to go into the Peace Corps. Way to go, William!



WORK DAY PLANNED OCT. 1

Gotta' brush: scrub, paint or tooth? How 'bout a towel: paper or cloth? Screwdriver, hammer, rake or wrench? There's something for everyone to do on Saturday, October 1, from 9 to 2, to spruce things up around the church. Everyone is invited. It is time to work your magic on the church and grounds! Many hands make light work and much more fun, as well. See you on the 1st!

NEW APARTMENT NUMBER

...for Martha Meyer. She is still at 6539 Knight Arnold Ext., but now in Apt.105.

FYI



To aid in scheduling activities for next year, the calendar for 2012 in on the door UNDER the 2011 calendar.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Count your blessings every day. They'll multiply in every way.

UMW NEWS

We have several BIG activities ahead of us this quarter:

1. Preparing our 2012 Yearbook - please give Aleda your sub-group page ASAP.
2. Children's Sabbath on October 16 - followed by an Executive Meeting to set 2012 goals and budget.
3. 2012 Program Planning at Aleda's on Oct. 22 at 10 a.m.

October & November Sub-group programs are Pledge Service and World Thank Offering. We hope to have a District officer install our officers at our December 11th Unit meeting.



CREATION CARE

Styrofoam is forever! It is not bio-degradable. Every year, in America alone, we use enough styrofoam cups to circle the earth 436 times. And what of those take-out containers, foam plates and bowls and packaging materials, etc., that add up to 1,400 TONS, that's 3 million pounds, put in landfills annually? While styrofoam/polystyrene products have their uses in the building and other industries, lets stay away from them for our coffee and sodas, snacks, take-home foods and picnics. Paper is eco-friendly, recyclable and bio-degradable.

GOING PLACES

You Are Invited

A slide presentation of the 2012 tours by Collette Vacations will be given Monday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will also have the schedule of bus tours for next year. Please come and bring a friend.

Branson at Christmas



There are only a few spaces left for this exciting tour of Christmas shows. Brochures are on the bulletin board by the kitchen or you may call Carolyn, 861-0841, for additional information.



CHILDREN IN NEED AT UMNC

Keeping children's welfare a top priority is one of our goals as United Methodists. With so many parents out of work, many are unable to provide needed items.

The Day Care at UMNC needs the following:
 Diapers-sizes 3,4,5 Laundry Detergent
 Training pants-sizes 3T, 4T Baby Wipes
 Crib Sheets Baby Food
 Please help as you are able.

FELLOWSHIP TIME - OCT. 2



Please make plans to come and enjoy fellowship and food with your friends. This event is hosted by the Fidelis Class.

ARE YOU READY

FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL?



Come join the fun on Saturday, October 29, 2011, at this year's Fall Festival. We will open to the community at 8 a.m. Booths are available to rent, help is needed manning our book room, and other areas, as well as for set-up and clean-up. To sign up or to volunteer your help, you may call:

- ~ The church office: 683-8861
- ~ Perri Mathis, 683-7050 or 831-2217 or email her at bamathis@att.net
- ~ Judy Stanley, 652-4821 or email her at judy@crumpmorgate.com



Share with others those great books you've already enjoyed. Bring your used books to the Health Room at the church or call Barbara, 746-8949, for pick-up.

We have the best cooks in Memphis so tie on those aprons and bake, bake, bake for the Bake Sale. The more, the better.



Everyone loves a special treat! Mark your calendar NOW for this BIG day. There will be something for everyone, so remember to invite all your family and friends. Vendor forms are available in the church office.

