

OUR PRAYERS

St. Francis-Mphs	Highlands of Memphis
Bill Whitaker	Chris Simmons
1230	104

Hospice Care
Mary Stanley

At Home
David Weaver
Earl Galloway
Michael Solomon
Lynda Park
John Kernodle

OUR PRESENCE

July 20

Church School	44
Worship	67
Visitors	10

OUR GIFTS

July 20

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,426
MTD	\$ 8,398
Apportionments TD	\$ 3,522

OUR SERVICE

July 27

Greeters	Carolyn McDougal Mary Robbins
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Barry Mathis
Children's Time	Renee Little
Lock-up	Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS

August Scripture Readers

3 Jane Hight
10 Lisa Hughes
17 Tom Lockhart
24 Barry Mathis
31 Renee Little



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THE WRITE REVEREND



Question: *If the angels in heaven rejoice over one new disciple, what do you think they do over 100?*

Yesterday, the Church Council allowed me to share with them an idea with the potential to revolutionize Aldersgate and our parish. Its called "Invite!" Invite! is a model for kingdom building through church renewal and growth. It is centered in a commitment to being accountable in worship attendance, bible study, acts of service, and inviting people to come to church.

The model is very simple. Members who participate in Invite! become part of an Invite! Group of no more than 12 people, who commit themselves to doing five things every week:

1. Spend at least one hour each week in Worship
2. Spend at least one hour each week in group Bible Study
3. Spend at least one hour each week in an intentional act of service
4. Invite at least 5 people to worship each week
5. Share with members of their Invite! group their progress in living out their commitment each week

The Holy Spirit does the rest!

Imagine, 40 people, committed to this model, in the course of one year could invite over 10,000 people to worship! We then ask God for a tithe of those we invite and of those who visit. If 10% of those people who are invited come – that's over 1000 visitors a year. If 10% of those who were invited and visited became part of the congregation, that's over 100 new disciples each year. Excited yet?

Invite!, however, is not about making new members; it is about being and making new disciples. People are invited to worship as an act of discipleship and invited to become disciples and to make other disciples as we work to build the kingdom of God.

Interested? Join me for a brief informational meeting after worship this Sunday.

Herbert

LÖOKING AHEAD

Sun. 7/27	9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Invite! Discussion with Dr. Lester 5:00p The Finchers in Concert 6:00p Church Family Picnic
Mon. 7/28	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 7/29	No Activities
Wed. 7/30	7:00p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 7/31	10:00a Bible Study
Fri. 8/1	Offices Closed
Sat. 8/2	No Activities
Sun. 8/3	9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS

Here is a list of the most needed items. The big, red backpack, in which you may place your gifts, is in the hall by the office. Thanks for your help!

Undies for Girls Undies for Boys
.74 oz. Glue Sticks Belts for Boys
8 ct. Crayola Crayons 24 ct. Crayola Crayons
Ticonderoga #2 pencils
Hand Sanitizer with pump
Large Boxes Facial Tissue
Poly Brad and Pocket Folders (any color)
Notebook Filler Paper-Wide Ruled-200 count
D'Nealian Tablets- Wide Ruled, Blue Baseline
Standard 1 Subj. Wide Ruled, 70 Count Ntbks.
Please have all gifts in by August 17th.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Each person welcomed into your heart
enhances the masterpiece of you!

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
Not being one who likes to be side-lined away from home, your calls, cards and visits have made this illness more bearable. I am so thankful to Tom and Barry, who came to my rescue. If they hadn't, I probably would not be here today. Though I have an extended recovery ahead, I know your care and concern will see me through. May God bless each of you, now and always.

Bill Whitaker



WORKING WITH THE WORD

In the midst of summer, when our thoughts seem occupied with relaxation and fun, we find ourselves confronted with the difficult task of faithful living. Sunday's texts abound with hard work and treachery and puzzling images of the kingdom of God. Yet these texts are tempered with deep love, love of another person and of God. These texts help us to see that no matter what happens in our lives nothing can separate us from the love of God.



IS EXERCISE A DIRTY WORD?

It does not have to be, nor does it have to be dull! Join a team and enjoy the benefits of regular exercise with friends. To help start you off on the right foot, Fit Temple, Inc. is holding a sign up event at Church Health Center, 1115 Union Ave., on Saturday, July 26, at 9 a.m. Teams are organized by community, so you will not have to go far to attend workouts. There is NO COST to participate. Join us! Learn how to improve your exercise habits and have fun at the same time!

UMW NEWS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MEMPHIS: WHAT'S BEING DONE?

Do you know that human trafficking is the 2nd largest crime on the planet? United Methodist Women strive to better comprehend the complexity of this crime and to raise awareness about human trafficking, educating individuals and communities about how to recognize this crime and play an active role in the anti-human trafficking movement.

Mark your calendar now to join us on **Sunday, August 10, at 12:15p** for a light lunch and to hear our speaker. This event is open to men and women, and we encourage you to bring a friend. Please consider bringing supply items to assist the women and children who are in the "A Way Out" program: hand dish washing soap, liquid laundry detergent, paper towels or baby wipes. Thank you.

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August Mission Study

Our leaders have been to 'Mission u' to learn about the studies offered this year and are gearing up for our Mission Study, to take place August 19th and 26th on 'The Church and People with Disabilities'. If you want to prepare in advance, the study book is available online at umwmissionresources.org for \$10. There are many ways we can become a disability friendly church. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us next month.

"WHAT'S NEXT: FACING THE CHALLENGES?"

WHO: Lynn Coffman and Sandy Wilson are presenting the program 'What's Next?'

WHAT: How to handle lifestyle changes as we grow older

WHEN: Thursday, July 24th, 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Aldersgate Fellowship Hall

WHY: To help us keep up with what's available and learn how to get the answers we need.

Lunch of barbecue and all the trimmings (pay by donation) will be at 12:00 noon. Please call the church office, 683-8861, or sign up on the sheet on the office window to make a reservation so we will know how much food to prepare. Everyone welcome!



THE FINCHERS ARE ALMOST HERE

Join us for some great gospel singing on Sunday, July 27th at 5:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. The Finchers will be 'in concert'. Admission is FREE. A love offering will be taken for our singers. There are printed flyers on the tables outside the Sanctuary for you to pass along to your friends and neighbors as invitations.



At 6:00p.m., following the Finchers, we will have our annual church picnic. Sunday School classes are furnishing sandwiches, fruit/vegetable trays and cookies. The church will provide chicken & drinks. If you are not in a Sunday School class, please bring cookies or brownies. We are expecting guests so please prepare a little extra.

FOOD PANTRY FOR JULY

Jam or Jelly Peanut butter
1 qt. Packages of Powdered Milk

