

## OUR PRAYERS

### Special Prayers for

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

### At Home

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

### Hospice Care

Edward Caine

**Our Sympathy**, love and prayers go out to

...Family and friends of Harold Smith

### Homebound and Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	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
Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace	

### **OUR PRESENCE - August 28**

Sunday School	42
Worship	86
Visitors	12

### **OUR GIFTS - August 28**

Offering	\$ 1,653
Month to Date	\$ 9,311
Conference to Date	\$ 3,233

### **OUR SERVICE - September 4**

<b>Greeters</b>	Jeanette Leslie Lou Pennington
<b>Liturgist</b>	Jay Finzel
<b>Scripture</b>	Tom Lockhart
<b>Children's Time</b>	Rev. De la Cruz
<b>Lock-up</b>	Aleita Tutor

### **OUR WITNESS**

#### **September Scripture Readers**

11	Faith Gbeneneh
18	UMW/UMM Sunday-Jane Hight
25	Barry Mathis

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## Flame

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A certain man was troubled with dizzy spells, redness in his face and bulging eyes. Every day when he went to his office, he experienced these things. Weekends were not so bad, so he concluded his work was causing his physical discomfort.

He went from one doctor to another and none could tell him what the problem was. He consulted psychiatrists, psychologists and psychics. What was wrong? Why was he constantly suffering from dizzy spells, redness in his face and bulging eyes?

He tried everything, it seemed. Nothing helped. He finally resigned himself to the fact that whatever was causing all this was fatal. It bothered him so much he began to lose weight. He couldn't sleep at night. He feared he would never overcome this. He became a nervous wreck and his health began to deteriorate. He had lost hope that he would ever recover.

He decided to prepare for the worst. He made out his will, bought a cemetery plot, instructed the preacher what he wanted at his funeral, and even made arrangements with the local undertaker. He was fully convinced of his soon demise. He even decided to buy a new suit of clothes to be buried in.

When he went into the clothing store he was measured for everything. He picked out shoes, socks, coat, and pants. The sales person asked, "What size shirt will you be needing, sir?" "Size 15, please," he replied. The clerk said, "But, sir, I believe that is a bit small. Let me measure your neck size." After the measurement, the sales person said, "I'm sorry sir, but you will need a 16 1/2, not a size 15." But the man insisted, "No, I have worn a size 15 for years."

The sales person tried several times to convince his customer that he needed a 16 1/2, but the man would have nothing of it. Finally, the exasperated sales person said, "Well, sir, if you insist, we'll get out a size 15, but I must warn you, you will have dizzy spells, get red in the face, and your eyes will bulge out."

Some people are so set in their ways, they will never admit the obvious. Some are so unwilling to change they appear to prefer to remain spiritually without comfort. Long ago, a very wise man wrote:

***"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise"*** (Prov. 12:15).

**Scriptures for the Week:**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Philemon 1-21

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Luke 14:25-33


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# Aldersgate UMC



# September 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Virginia Jones Finzel    Outreach Ministries: The Rev. Goyo De la Cruz Choir Director: Lisa Hughes    Organist: Lana Solomon    Pianist: Lynn Coffman 4459 Willow Road    Phone: (901) 683-8861 Memphis, TN 38117    Fax: (901) 683-1374 Website: www.agumc.org    Email: office@agumc.org				1 Bible Study <b>Resumes Next Week</b> 9:00a Food Pantry @ Asbury	2 Offices Closed	3 6:00p Spanish Service-El Redentor
4 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service	5  Offices Closed	6 Noon News Deadline	7 10:00a Bible Study-Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	8 9:00a Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 11:00a Golden Cross Key Women 5:00p Girl Scouts	9 10:30a Senior Games Day- Asbury Offices Closed	10 6:00p Spanish Service-El Redentor
11 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service 2:00p UMW Metro Annual Day Bartlett UMC	12 10:00a Church Women United @ Buntyn Presbyterian Noon News Deadline 6:00p Worship Committee	13 10:00a Koinonia 7:00p Love/Hope	14 10:00a Bible Study-Asbury 10:00a Methodist Hospital Auxiliary Meeting @ Methodist Univ. Hosp. 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	15 9:00a Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 6:00p UM Men-Asbury	16 Offices Closed	17 10:00a Sewing Group 6:00p Spanish Service-El Redentor
18 <b>UMW/UMM Sunday</b> 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service 12:30p UMW Unit Meeting w/ Lunch & guest speaker, Ileatha Washington	19 Noon News Deadline	20	21 10:00a Bible Study-Asbury 10:30a UMNC Key Women 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	22 9:00a Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study 5:00p Girl Scouts	23 11:30a Young @ Heart- Asbury Offices Closed	24 7:00p Spanish Service-El Redentor
25 10:15a Church School 11:30a Worship Service 12:30p Potluck then Carpool to Bartlett for Free Band Concert	26 Noon News Deadline	27	28 10:00a Bible Study-Asbury 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	29 9:00a Food Pantry @ Asbury 10:00a Bible Study	30 Offices Closed	



## Happy Birthday

- Sep 1 Lana Solomon
- 2 Cathy Boice  
Jason King
- 4 Margie Williamson
- 6 Julie Gilbert Eaves  
Laura Schneider
- 7 Will Gabriel  
Robert G. Graham  
Millie Washington
- 9 Carolyn Escue  
Dorothy Goolsby  
Marcia Schmidt
- 10 Rebeca Ernst  
Jimmy Hight
- 12 Diana Bedwell
- 13 Butch Shipley
- 15 Cindy Pilkinton
- 18 Devin Bradsher
- 19 Luz Campos  
Harold Smith
- 20 Lisa Hughes
- 23 Pat Carr
- 24 Ginny Lawrence
- 27 Justin Barber
- 28 Rick Ernst
- 29 Nell Clarke  
Pat Miller  
Mireya Ramos



## Happy Anniversary

- Sep. 16 Glenn & Renee Little

### ASSISTING IN SEPTEMBER

<b>Greeters</b> .....	Jeanette Leslie Lou Pennington
<b>Liturgist</b> .....	Jay Finzel
<b>Scripture</b> .....	4 Tom Lockhart 11 Faith Gbeneneh 18 Jane Hight 25 Barry Mathis
<b>Children's Time</b> .....	4 Goyo De la Cruz 11 Andrew Baker 18 Goyo De la Cruz 25 Dean Tutor
<b>Lock-up</b> .....	Aleita Tutor

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### BIBLE STUDY RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

Join us on Thursday, September 8th, at 10:00 a.m., as we open our Fall session with the Short Term Disciple Bible Study, *Invitation to the New Testament*, written by David DeSilva and Emerson B. Powery.

We will follow this opener with an Advent study then go on to Adam Hamilton's new "Half Truths - God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say".

Mark your calendars now for Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 a.m. See YOU There!

P.S.

If you must miss a Thursday, but are free on Wednesday, you may join Asbury UMC for the same study Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.



### GOLDEN CROSS KEY WOMEN MEET SEPTEMBER 8th



The Golden Cross Senior Residents Fund is a service of the Wesley Senior Ministries Foundation. Serving those living in Wesley Communities, your loving gifts give the residents a feeling of warmth and belonging and help them know they are not alone. Every gift and every dollar help change someone's life.

Our representative, Audrey Weaver, will attend the meeting on Sept. 8, and would love to have many of the items below to take with her:

Paper Towels	Toilet Paper	Kleenex
New sheet sets	New towel sets	4-ply yarn
Tooth Brushes	Tooth Paste	Bath Soap
Dish Cloths	Dish Towels	Pot Holders
Stationery	Stamps	Puzzles
	Cash/Checks	

FREE

### MEMPHIS WIND SYMPHONY

Presents

### Children's Concert

Featuring

### "Peter and the Wolf"


St. Ann Catholic Church  
6529 Stage Road

Sunday, Sept. 25, 3:00 p.m.

For Kids Ages 1 to 100



**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Sun. 9/4 10:15a Sunday School  
11:00a Worship
- Mon. 9/5   
Offices Closed
- Tue. 9/6 Noon Newsletter Deadline
- Wed. 9/7 10:00a Bible Study -**Asbury**  
6:45p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 9/8 9:00a Food Pantry-**Asbury**  
10:00a Bible Study Resumes  
11:00a Golden Cross Key Women  
5:00p Girl Scouts
- Fri. 9/9 Offices Closed  
10:30a Senior Games Day-**Asbury**
- Sat. 9/10 6:00p Spanish Service @  
**El Redentor**
- Sun. 9/11 10:15a Sunday School  
11:30a Worship



**BIBLE STUDY RESUMES  
September 8th**

...with the short-term Disciple Bible Study, "Invitation to the New Testament". Join us every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend, as well. Study books are available in the church office.

**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.

**IN THE WORDS OF WESLEY**

"God grant that I may never live to be useless."  
~ John Wesley ~

**REMINDER**

Aldersgate's Worship Committee will meet on Monday, September 12, at 6 p.m.



**THANK YOU NOTES**

We are grateful to our Aldersgate friends who helped us prepare for, and who participated with us in the baptism our great-granddaughter, Vella Virginia Crowell. It was a glorious day! Thank you for extending to our family a warm Aldersgate welcome.

Joy in Christ,  
Virginia & Jay

With the generosity and giving spirit of both Aldersgate and Asbury UMC's, we delivered 58 Health Kits to Mullins UMC for delivery to UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. These will be used for the Louisiana flood victims and displaced families.

A BIG thank you to Judy Stanley, Aleita Tutor and the Sunday School children: Presley, Byron, Alexis, Nelson, Faith, and Millie—great job! They help pack all of these kits. Special thanks to Judy Stanley, who coordinated this effort, and to all who contributed, individuals and Sunday School classes, too.

Aldersgate Friends,  
Thanks for all you do for us at Willow Oaks. You made the 1st week back awesome!  
Willow Oaks Staff & Teachers

**FOOD PANTRY FOR SEPTEMBER**

- Macaroni & Cheese**
- Baked Beans**
- Canned Tuna**

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.



United Methodist Women  
United Methodist Men's Sunday  
September 18  
11:30a  
and  
September UMW Unit Meeting  
12:30p

We will have a "Gift Shower" for the Food Pantry at UMNC. Because of computer issues at the Mid South Food Bank, UMNC had to close their food pantry. Your gifts will help them re-open. Suggestions: Non-perishables such as canned meats, canned vegetables, canned or boxed complete meals, pastas and sauces. **NO glass containers, please.** Cash is also welcome.



**Coming Up**  
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  
\$16 person  
Forms available in church office



**HAVE YOU SEEN US?**

We are 2 tops and 2 bases for the drink dispensers used at our events. If you know where we are, please let the office know or return to the Aldersgate kitchen. Thanks!

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given for  
**Honorarium Fund**  
In Honor of Laurie & Steve Welch, who were married at Aldersgate on August 27th by  
Neil & Jean DeLong

**Memorial Fund**  
In Memory of AJ Walton by  
Ben & Pat Carr



**JOB FAIR  
"WHO'S HIRING MEMPHIS"**

Interested in a new job? Join us on Tuesday, September 13, at the Botanic Gardens, 750 Cherry Rd, from 10a to 3p, and see what's available in the Memphis area. Opportunities are waiting in many fields: Clerical, Customer Service, Wait Staff, RN's, LPN's, Managers, Asst. Managers, Bus Drivers, Guards, Tech & IT Jobs, Computer Repair, and many more. Admission is free. Dress to impress and bring plenty of resumes.

**OUR PRAYERS (con't)**

Kristen Boggs	Tom Boillot	Palma Borgognoni
Birdie Boyd	Jim Brazile	Brenda Brazile
Phil Cannon	Melissa Cole	Jaunay Davis
Sonny Davis	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
Helen McClure	Eloise Miller	Lorraine Mitchell
Glenn Moore	Lou Ella Morris	Joe Moseley
Moira Pomije	Claire Rainey	Wade Reeves
Stephanie Roberts	Marie Souder	Cindy Stanfil
David Weaver	Shannon Weaver	John Williams
Margie Williamson		

**Update on Birdie**

Birdie Boyd, our care-giver in the nursery for 15 years, has been diagnosed with bone marrow cancer. She checked in to Methodist University Hospital on the 29th for a 3 week stay, and IS NOT looking forward to it. Please keep her in your prayers and also pray that the treatment she will be receiving is successful.