

OUR PRAYERS

Allenbrooke Rehab

Bill Whitaker 208

Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

Special Prayers for

....kidnapped girls from Nigeria

At Home

Herbert Lester
Sharon Lockhart
Marcelle Farrow
Lynda Park
Jeanette Leslie
Barbara Scheirer

Homebound/Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Mava Dell Fry
Earl Galloway	Helen Griffin	Marie Hughes
James Matlock	Doris Palazzini	Linda Park
Jane Pifer	Betty Ray	Bernice Shelby
Chris Simmons	Emmett Smith	Harold Smith
Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace	

OUR PRESENCE

December 14

Church School	49
Worship	76
Visitors	11

OUR GIFTS

December 14

This Week's Offering	\$ 2,476
MTD	\$ 21,574
Apportionments TD	\$ 10,657

OUR SERVICE

December 21, 2014

Greeters	Sobari Deekae Faith Gbeneneh
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Lisa Hughes
Children's Time	Perri Mathis
Lock-up	Tom Lockhart

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers

28 Tom Lockhart



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**Wishing you many blessings
as we celebrate the birth of our Lord & Savior!**



Andrew Baker
Jimmie & Diana Bedwell
Henry & Nancy Blanks
Chris & Leslie Bond, Harley,
Hayden & Elise
Cathy Boice & Daniel
Peggy Brightwell & Jeff
Keith Coffman
Lynn Coffman
Alex & Evan Craft
Neil & Jean DeLong
Tom & Kathy Earl
Earl Galloway & Justin
Emily Gift
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold
Dorothy Goolsby
Richard & Karen Hall

Shirley Hancock
Jimmy & Jane Hight
Bruce & Lisa Hughes
Joyce Kernodle
Jeanette Leslie
Margaret Ann Ligon
Glenn & Renee Little, Jackson,
Alyssa & Christopher
Sharon & Tom Lockhart
Barry, Perri, Alan, Courtney,
Wilson & Mary Wilson
Lisa Matlock
Carolyn McDougal
Joy Mitchell
Frances Molnar
Richard & Frances Morris
Wayne & Elizabeth Quarles

Marie Park
Pam & Emmett Parrish
Lou Pennington
Warren & Tyson Petty
Barry & Cindy Pilkinton &
Tyler
Mary Robbins
JoAnn Shelton
Lana Solomon
Michael & Alycia Solomon
& Zachary
Don & Tillie Speraw
Ed & Judy Stanley
Dean & Aleita Tutor
Audrey Weaver
Margie & Terry Williamson
Tilford & Lorelle Woodard

Merry Christmas to our church family from the supporters of the Oxford Class Christmas Card Project

LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 12/21 9:15a Koffee in the Kitchen
 10:00a Church School/Advent Study
 11:00a Worship

Mon. 12/22 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 12/23 1:00p Gift Wrap Open @ Asbury

Wed. 12/24 Christmas Eve
 6:30 p.m. Communion Service
 Offices Closed

Thu. 12/25 Christmas Blessings to All
 Offices Closed

Fri. 12/26 Offices Closed

Sat. 12/27 No Activities

Sun. 12/28 9:15a Koffee in the Kitchen
 10:00a Church School/Final Advent Study
 11:00a Worship



Dear Friends,
 Aldersgate has been blessed for many years to have such a wonderful music program and we will continue to build on that tradition. To keep all informed, here is an update on our music program at this time.

Jo Ann Shelton has agreed to stay on as our Music Director until she finalizes her plans for moving to Florida, which will allow her to be closer to her daughter. She will be out the next two weeks and Lisa Hughes has agreed to fill that roll for those two weeks. The Staff/Parish Relations Committee will be in search of a new Music Director when the time is necessary.

Thank you all—Music Director, choir members and musicians, for the beautiful Christmas Cantata and the awesome music provided throughout the year. Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee

THANK YOU NOTES

Your prayers, visits, calls and cards were a great source of strength during my recent illness.

With much appreciation,
 Marcelle Farrow

The birthday basket was a great surprise and brought a smile to my heart. Your cards, calls and visits are what help keep me going. My love to all of you for keeping me in your prayers. Thank you.

Bill Whitaker

A big Merry Christmas and thank you from the Miriam Day Care Center and Miriam Pre-k children. Because of your generosity in giving to the Oxford Class Christmas Card Project, we were able to provide toys for 11 children, and a local family, as well as supplies for the Day Care children when they are assessed by the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

THE UPPER ROOM

...for January/February is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick one up today and don't miss a single day of these great devotionals.

MARCH TO THE MANGER

Our traditional March to the Manger will take place at our 11:00 a.m. worship service on December 21st. This annual offering helps support our Margaret Plant Scholarship Fund and special needs of the church. Your gifts have always been generous. Thank you for your continued support.

ADVENT STUDY

...for adults continues at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning in the Fellowship/Fidelis Classroom. Only two weeks left. Our teacher this week will be Sharon Lockhart. Please plan to attend.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Think about ways to serve people who may be lonely—shut-ins, a busy single mom, the recently widowed.....



CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

December 24 - 6:30 p.m.

Our Communion table is open to everyone so invite your family, friends and neighbors.

ARE YOU KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES?

The first Sunday of the new year, January 4, 2015, will see our Sunday morning schedule change! Sunday School classes will begin at 10:15, with worship time at 11:30, giving our ministers time to better serve our Parish churches and us plenty of time for fellowship and coffee.



FOOD PANTRY FOR DECEMBER

Soup Crackers
 Peanut Butter



KOFFEE IN THE KITCHEN

Every Sunday morning at 9:15, join us for coffee and fellowship before the Sunday School hour.

BRAINTEASER

Can you change the second letter of each word to make a new word and that, when read downward, will reveal an 11 letter word?

- BAKE -
- SWAP -
- OPAL -
- DYED -
- ARKS -
- SNOW -
- LUMP -
- ACES -
- MELT -
- SPUN -
- RANT -

Puzzles devised by © Kevin Stone (www.brainbashers.com)

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

Memorial Fund

In memory of Earline Gabriel by
 Gene & Becky Gabriel

2015 GREETERS NEEDED

The new year is not far away and greeters will be needed each month. The sign-up list is on the office window for your convenience. Please sign up for your favorite month!



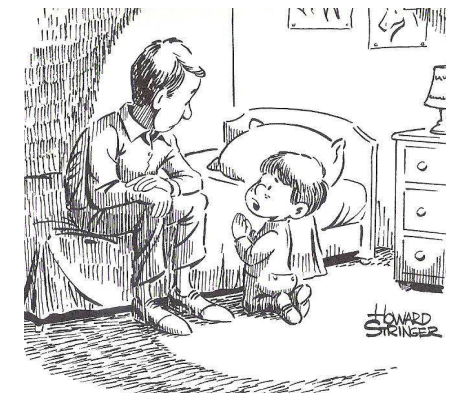
CHURCH CALENDAR CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Place your orders now for our 60th Anniversary Photo Calendar. They are only \$15 each and you will find many cherished memories inside. Look for order forms in the hall, see Aleita Tutor at church or call the church office to place your order.



ITS NOT TOO LATE!

You may still turn in your Commitment cards by dropping them in the offering plate, mailing them or leaving them in the church office. Need a Commitment Card? They are on the tables outside the Sanctuary or call the office, 683-8861, to have one mailed to you.



HOLD YOUR EARS FOR A MINUTE. I WANT TO TELL GOD A SECRET.