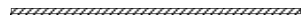


**LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Sunday, January 21, 2007, there will be a Bi-District Leadership Training event from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at Colonial Park UMC. Chairpersons and coordinators from PPRC, Evangelism, Children and Youth, Senior Adult Ministries and clergy are asked to attend.

The session will be led by Dr. Edd Templeton who will be sharing on the subject, "Evangelism in the 21st Century. Deeper understanding for Evangelism in today's church." Edd has just retired from the presidency of the Nashville Area Foundation and has served in several leadership positions for the general church on the conference on Evangelism.

Outstanding teachers and consultants will train and equip our leadership teams from local churches. The workshops are designed to address the needs of all size congregations.



**LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE!!  
A Fun Way to Exercise**

Weekly Basic Square Dance Class  
begins Thursday, February 8, 2007,  
7:00 — 8:00 p.m.

**Dixie Dudes 'N' Dolls Square Dance Club**  
Mullins United Methodist Church

The first 3 lessons are FREE!  
Subsequent lessons are \$3 per couple, per class.

For more information call Cleo or Paul Long, 854-7097

**COME AND TRY IT!!!**



**SPRING SPORTS SIGN UP**

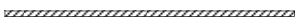
It's time now to sign up for spring soccer and volleyball. The season will begin in March. Soccer - age 7 and under; Volleyball - Junior High through adult. Contact Christie Entreklin for registration forms or more information.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given to:

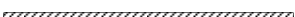
**MUSIC**

In honor of Aaron Foster by Will and Angie Dougan



**HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING  
BEGINS FEBRUARY 16**

Dying can be a lonely time. By simply being a loving presence — holding a hand, reading out loud, listening to life stories, or playing a musical instrument, you can bring comfort and the warmth of companionship to a hospice patient's last days. Please call Jo Sehar, volunteer coordinator, Crossroads Hospice, at 382-9292 for more information.



**LET ME LIVE BY FAITH**

Dear God, let me live by faith:  
Not faith in myself, but in You;  
Not faith in my own abilities,  
But faith in Your Power and Wisdom.

Help me to faithfully  
Walk past any playing field flooded with the glare of  
My own self-centeredness,  
And walk toward the unknown pathways which You  
Have charted for me —  
Some less visible than candle glow.

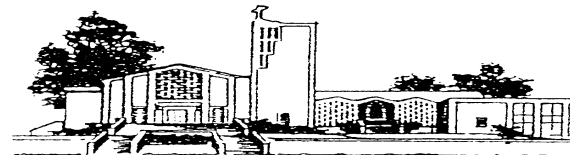
In the midst of the unknown  
I shall find Your gifts to me;  
In the midst of darkness, I shall find the Light  
Of Your Love.

And in the midst of Faith's victory,  
I shall find Your abiding Grace.

Dear God, let me live by faith!

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The Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Shapard, Pastor  
January 21, 2007

Scripture: I Corinthians 12: 12 - 13  
Sermon: 'VICARIOUS PARTICIPATION'

*Weekly Schedule*

*Sunday Worship* 8:45am, 10:50am  
*Sunday School* 9:40 am  
*Wednesday Dinner & Program* 5:45 p.m.



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Several years ago, Julie and I were sitting in a booth in a restaurant in Disneyworld minding our own business and enjoying our lunch, when two giant chipmunks suddenly sat down beside us. Not wanting to appear startled or uncomfortable with the large, furry creatures, I immediately tried to strike up a casual conversation with the one seated next to me. I also didn't want it to think that I was so stupid as to believe that he/she was really a chipmunk, so I opened the conversation by asking "it" if it was a college student working its way through school. "It" shook its head "no", motioned for me to loan it a pen, and wrote on the napkin in front of me: "I am a chipmunk." Not being satisfied with the answer I received, I asked it if it was a man or a woman. Once again, it wrote out: "A chipmunk." I could tell I was getting nowhere fast! The chipmunk was not going to break character no matter how hard I tried to get it to, even though I spent the next few minutes trying. Those chipmunks have been well trained!

Being Christian is much the same. Life's influences, other people, and situations we unexpectedly find ourselves in often tempt us to break character — to set aside our moral and ethical compasses in order to please the whim of those who would want us to be less than God wants us to be. It's important for us to remember who(se) we are wherever we are. We are Christians in church, at home, at work, in school and at play. We are Christians in Tennessee or while traveling in some other state. We are Christians in this country and when we travel abroad. It's important for our sake, for the sake of others, and for the sake of the gospel to not break character no matter how hard life may be.

Dr. Shapard

**WINTER BLOOD DRIVE**

Lifeblood's mobile unit will be at Mullins UMC on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 5:00 p.m. Make plans now to be a blood donor that night! Contact Scott or Tina Campbell, 761-9816, to schedule a time to donate. Remember — donors receive a free meal at Fellowship Dinner that night!

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*We may give without loving, but we cannot love without giving.*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, January 21 - Saturday, January 27**

**SUNDAY** 8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel  
 9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
 3:00 p.m. Leadership Training - Colonial Park UMC  
 5:00 p.m. Youth

**MONDAY** 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class - Gym  
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group  
 6:00 p.m. Woodwinds  
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
 7:00 p.m. Lipscomb Com. - 117-T

**TUESDAY** 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym  
 10:00 a.m. Bridge Group - Lamplighter Rm.  
 6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal  
 6:15 p.m. Pilates Class - Gym  
 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - Gym  
 7:00 p.m. Bowling  
 7:00 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Com. - 212

**WEDNESDAY** 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - FH  
 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym  
 3:00 p.m. Youth - Gym  
 5:00 p.m. Lifeblood Mobile Unit  
 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
 6:15 p.m. Children & Youth Programs  
 6:15 p.m. Maanza Beading Group - Parlor  
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service - FH  
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY** 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym  
 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class - Gym  
 6:00 p.m. Lipscomb UMW Night Circle - Lamplighter Rm.

**FRIDAY** 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym

**SATURDAY** 8:15 a.m. Yoga Class - Gym  
 7:30 p.m. AA Mtg. - Lamplighter Rm.

**THE MENU FOR JANUARY 24**

**Adults \$5, 12 & Under \$3, Family Max \$20**

Adults: Macaroni & Cheese, Turnip Greens, Crowder Peas, Corn Bread, Dessert  
 Kids: Pizza or adult menu

**MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR JANUARY 21**

Children's Message: Terrye Mastin  
 Children's Church: Lisa Weaver, Nick Black

**OUR PRAYERS**

**St. Francis**

Nancy Dean 516

**OUR PRESENCE**

8:45 Service	44
Sunday School	117
10:50 Service	167
Prayer Breakfast	14
Prayer Service	90



**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

for this Sunday are being placed to the glory of God

...in celebration of our 64th anniversary on January 23, by Betty and Ollie Simpson

**FLOWERS NEEDED IN 2007**

Please sign up now for the dates you would like to give Chancel Flowers this year. Remember, this is not a budgeted item, so if no one signs up for a date we will not have flowers in the Sanctuary on that Sunday. The cost is \$30.00 per arrangement. The Flower Calendar is posted on the church office window for your convenience, or you may call the office at 685-8253, and we will be glad to assist you.

**GREAT EXERCISE!**

The gym at Mullins is open Tuesday - Friday, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. for those who would like to walk without worrying about weather conditions. Bad weather is no problem!! The gym is heated and air conditioned!