



Our thanks and gratitude to our youth and their leaders, Heather Evans and Craig Tate, for the wonderful worship service on September 16, 2007! The youth did a fantastic job leading us in worship and we look forward to their next Youth Sunday!!



After reviews, interviews, auditions and lengthy consideration, the Staff/Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Bryan Dunn has accepted the position of Director of Music Ministries at Mullins UMC. Mr. Dunn is a native of Louisiana, a graduate of Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi holding a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Master of Music in choral conducting. He has extensive experience in conducting and performing. Bryan will begin Wednesday, Sept. 19, with rehearsal for Sunday, Sept. 23. We know that you will want to welcome Bryan to the Mullins family!

BOX CITY RETURNS!

On Friday, October 12, Mullins youth will once again experience a night of "homelessness". Their only shelter will be boxes - their only food will be what YOU provide; their warmth will come from coats, sweaters, blankets etc. that YOU donate! All donated items, including canned goods and non-perishable items will be delivered to MIFA and/or UMNC. Hats off to our youth, who are concerned about the homeless in our community! Please help them in their efforts to help others!!!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

In memory of Doug Bethay by Lou Bethay and family

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In honor of Mullins youth, who led such an uplifting service on Sept. 16, by Joe and Diana Wright

**FUNNY BONES FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27**

We need your help to make this family event a success! Contact Christie Entrekin, Kimberly Dunigan, Amber Mock or Craig Tate and tell them how you will help with the Funny Bones Festival.

- Help Decorate
- Donate Food and Candy
- Provide a Tractor/Wagon for Hayride
- Parking/Security
- Serve Food
- Dress in Costume
- Help with Games

Children from our church and community look forward to this event. With your help, it will be lots of fun for everyone!!

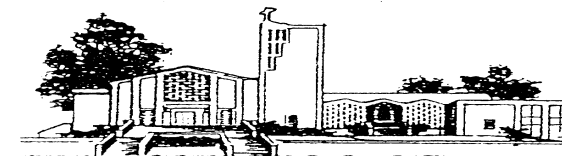
UPPER ROOM

Current issues of the Upper Room are now available on tables outside the Sanctuary. The cost is \$1.00 per copy. Start your day off right with great devotional reading!

TODAY'S CHRISTIAN

September/October issues are available in the Hall of the Apostles. The cost is \$2.00 each. This magazine is little, but it's packed with a lot! Highlights from this issue include: *Tony Dungy: Heart of a Champion* - Indiana Colts coach who led his team to a Super Bowl victory. His journey to the top was filled with setbacks and personal tragedy. Read his inspiring story of faith and perseverance. *Lessons from Children's Church* - Teaching the kids one Sunday a month helped Beverly Dillard discover spiritual truths she never quite grasped in the grownup service. *Racism vs. Gracism* - Recent news headlines remind us that race is still a dividing point in our nation. Pastor David Anderson explains how diversity and inclusion in the body of Christ can help overcome our cultural divisions.

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor
September 23, 2007

Scripture: I Kings 17: 1 - 16
Sermon: 'BEGINNING WITH GOD'

Weekly Schedule

<i>Sunday Worship</i>	<i>8:45 & 10:50 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>9:40 am</i>
<i>Wednesday Dinner & Program</i>	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>

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Dear Mullins Family,

As most of you have discovered, the more involved you become in a church's activities and committees, the more you learn about the inner workings of the church. This leads to a realization of the magnitude of the finances required to maintain a facility the size and mature age of Mullins United Methodist Church.

In addition to the cost of daily function — i.e. utilities, insurance, adequate staffing and the yearly commitments to the Methodist conference in the form of apportionments, special needs have developed including a long needed new roof for the Sanctuary and education building. Many other improvements related to safety, increased accessibility and thoughtful use of space to accommodate everyone have been made, including the addition of a new parking area in the Mendenhall circle drive, the addition of new handicapped parking places and the striping of all parking places so that they are more visible.

We need to be able to provide for the community, continue our mission work, and maintain the safety of our facility in order to remain a vital church. It is through the Grace of God that we have been given this church, these friends and families. Mullins United Methodist Church is the base for our spiritual nourishment — a body of Christ that sustains and supports us. It is also through God's Grace that we are given the opportunity to give back to God by nourishing our church to insure that it will not only survive, but thrive and continue to be our mainstay.

Thank you for being generous with your gifts during our Stewardship Drive and all during the year.

In His Love,
Kathryn Black

"FLOCKING" SEASON CONTINUES!

Pink flamingoes are still popping up on lawns of Mullins church members and will continue through the month of September. Have YOU been "flocked"?? If not, you could be next! Thanks for the gracious reception and support of this youth fundraiser.

"Flocking" is also a great way to surprise a friend or family member — birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions all during the year. Contact Craig Tate at 685-8253, and he'll be glad to help with your "flocking" needs!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 23 - Saturday, September 29

- SUNDAY** 8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Youth
- MONDAY** 9:30 a.m. Yoga
10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Bible Study - 212
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - FH
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Gym
- TUESDAY** 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
10:00 a.m. Bridge Group - Lamplighter Class
6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym
7:00 p.m. Yoga Class
7:00 p.m. Bowling
7:00 p.m. Nominating/Leadership Com. - 117
- WEDNESDAY** 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - FH
8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH
6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs
6:15 p.m. Beading - Parlor
6:30 p.m. Program - 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. UMW Night Circle - Lamplighter Class
- FRIDAY** 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
7:30 p.m. Kallen Esperian Concert at Union Avenue United Methodist Church
- SATURDAY** 8:15 a.m. Yoga Class - Gym
9:00 a.m. 1st/2nd Boys Soccer - 2nd Bapt.
11:00 a.m. 1st/2nd Girls Soccer - 2nd Bapt.

THE MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 26

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

Adults: Spaghetti, Italian Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
Kids: Pizza or adult menu

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 16

Children's Message: Cyndi Watkins
Children's Church: Lynn Bergwerk, Casey Black

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Marguerite Higginbotham
Juanita Acree

OUR SYMPATHY

love and prayers go out to

...Marge Gresham in the loss of her cousin, Jack Houston

...Dick and Gerry Gardner in the loss of her aunt, Margaret Sanner

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	29
Sunday School	125
10:50 Service	131
Prayer Breakfast	14
Prayer Service	97



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in honor of my parents, Betty and Bill Pickel,
for their 58th anniversary,
by Ann Smith

...in loving memory of John Foote,
by Becky Foote and Wolf Foote

KALLEN ESPERIAN CONCERT

Tickets are still available for the Kallen Esperian concert on September 28, 7:30 p.m. at Union Avenue UMC. In addition to opera, Ms. Esperian is a wonderful recitalist and concert performer. She is one of the "Three Sopranos" who have concretized throughout the world. Proceeds will benefit the Sanctuary Restoration of Union Ave UMC, so that the missions ministries of this church may continue. Tickets are \$25 general admission, \$10 students, and may be purchased in the church office at Mullins UMC.