



Please give a warm welcome to Nell Long and Margaret Carbaugh, who joined our Mullins family on October 14, 2007. Nell lives at 6370 Ferncrest Dr., Memphis, 38135. Margaret resides at 4924 Marion Ave., Memphis, 38117.

OUR THANKS

...to Craig Tate, Debi Gray, Camille and Charles Bradley for their participation in the Laity Day Service on October 21, 2007. We appreciate their commitment and dedication to Mullins UMC!

COPING WITH GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Sponsored by Baptist Trinity Hospice, this workshop will provide grieving adults a place of support to explore their feelings about the loss of a loved one. The program is free of charge. It will be held at Baptist Trinity Center for Good Grief, 1038 Oakhaven Rd. on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Call 767-6767 ext 767 to register.

BABY SHOWER

All ladies of Mullins UMC are invited to attend a Baby Shower for Julie Tolbert, hosted by the MOMS Group. The Shower will be held on Sunday, October 28, at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Julie and Steve are expecting a little boy to join their family in the near future! They are registered at Wal-Mart, Target and Babies-R-Us. Join with us in celebrating this blessing for the Tolbert family!



FUNNY BONES FESTIVAL

...is this Saturday, October 27, at 4:44 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of family fun!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor & in memory of Edward & Lena Melsa & Leslie Lee Melsa by Col. Otto Melsa, Larry Edward Melsa

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!

Members of the Woodwind Ensemble and Handbell ringers will meet on Tuesday, October 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We will discuss days and times for rehearsal. Please be there!!

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE!

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 4, there will be no Children's Chancel Time on Communion Sundays. However, **children age 4 through 3rd grade**, may still go to Children's Church in the Sprouts Room immediately following the first hymn.

DON'T FORGET YOUR FLU SHOT!

We had a "healthy turnout" of over 25 members on Sunday, October 21, for the influenza vaccine. Methodist Healthcare will return to Mullins UMC on Wednesday, November 7, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Reception Room). The cost will be \$25. You can pay by cash or check, (made payable to Methodist Minor Med). If you have Medicare Part B AND have your card WITH you, there is NO CHARGE! Please contact Scott or Tina Campbell at 761-9816 if you want to be vaccinated.

50 YEAR MEMBERS

Join us as we celebrate with our 50 year members on Sunday, November 4. They will receive special recognition during the 10:50 worship service.

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| Tom Bell | Mary Jane Melton |
| Jane Cannon | Barbara Newman |
| Kathy Logan | Bill & June Phillips |
| Barney & Louise Magargel | Lee Pitts |
| Trudy Ryland | Peter Schuyler |
| Frances & Jim Herbert | D. Franklin Moore, Jr. |

BOY SCOUT NEWS

At the Court of Honor of October 1, 2007, Bob Harding, Quartermaster for Troop 75, was presented the H. C. Williamson Award for Excellence in Scouting. This annual award, given in memory of H. C. Williamson, is presented to an adult leader of Troop 75 in recognition of outstanding service to Scouting. Mr. Harding is the 11th recipient of this prestigious award.

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor
October 28, 2007

Scripture: Luke 18: 9 - 14
Sermon: 'PERSPECTIVE'

Weekly Schedule

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

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Dear Friends,

“Zacchaeus was a wee little man, and a wee little man was he. He climbed up in a Sycamore tree, for the Lord he wanted to see. And as the Savior passed him by, He looked up in the tree. And he said, ‘Zacchaeus, you come down from there; for I’m going to your house today, for I’m going to your house today.’ Zacchaeus came down from that tree, as happy as he could be. He gave his money to the poor, and said: ‘What a better man I’ll be.’”

We learned to sing this in VBS when I was a much younger child than I am today. There is profound theology in the song. We all are in need of salvation. Zacchaeus collaborates with those oppressing his fellow Jews, living outside the structure that would provide him with reconciliation to God and his neighbors. Zacchaeus exemplifies the human condition in which no part of our lives are not corrupted by living in a fallen world. Now comes the good part, the Wesleyan part. God provides a tree which Zacchaeus may climb to see Jesus, “the Lord”. Zacchaeus did not plant or grow the tree. It is a gift of God’s grace. Jesus comes to Zacchaeus in his need, before he is good or moral or anything like that. “God loves us while we are still sinners.” Prevenient grace. Zacchaeus accepts the invitation to allow Jesus into his home, and by extension, into his life. His past will no longer be held against him. That is Justifying grace. Zacchaeus comes down from the tree and takes steps to put his new spirituality into practical action. That is Sanctifying grace. Zacchaeus’ life is marked by: 1) God coming to him before he knows what it is he needs; 2) his accepting the gift of new life and a new relationship with God and his neighbors even before he is aware of all that such a life will be; and 3) a willingness to sacrifice, and to live a disciplined life so as to grow into the new person God allows him to see as a possibility.

Prevenient grace. Justifying grace. Sanctifying grace. God in children’s songs. Maybe we should sing that some Sunday.

In His Service,
Brad Gabriel

WHO ARE YOU???

We are grateful that many of you have returned your financial commitment cards for 2008. However, we have some cards returned but not signed, and some with illegible signatures. Please be sure to print or sign your name very carefully so that it can be easily read. If we can’t read it, we can’t count it! Thanks so much for your help in this very important matter.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

SUNDAY 8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Youth/Hayride
4:00 p.m. Baby Shower for Julie Tolbert - FH

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
7:00 p.m. Trustees - 209

TUESDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym
6:30 p.m. Woodwinds & Handbells - Choir Rm.
7:00 p.m. Yoga Class
7:00 p.m. Bowling

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. Youth Programs (No Sprouts!)
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

FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
5:30 p.m. Kindergarten Soccer - IPC #2
6:00 p.m. Concord Academy - FH

SATURDAY 8:15 a.m. Yoga
11:00 a.m. 1st/2nd Boys Soccer - HC #2
12:00 Noon 1st/2nd Girls Soccer - HC #

SET CLOCKS **BACK** ONE HOUR TONIGHT!!!

THE MENU FOR OCTOBER 31

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

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

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR OCTOBER 28

Children’s Message: Lane Traylor
Children’s Church: Lane Traylor, Payton Campbell

To schedule a nursery for church meetings, please contact Stephanie Bowen, 483-4747, or the church office, 685-8253.

OUR PRAYERS

St. Francis
Nancy Dean 1030

Methodist North
Bill Peck 330

Methodist Germantown
Danny Coulombe 305 West

At Home
Rick Crews
Matt Washburn

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	38
Sunday School	134
10:50 Service	162
Prayer Breakfast	12
Prayer Service	80



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God
...in honor of John and Gwen Augustine
by a friend

CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE IS NOVEMBER 10

The countdown has begun — UMW Craft Fair and Bake Sale is Nov. 10!! Your help is needed to make this the best Craft Fair ever! We need volunteers for Friday afternoon and all day on Saturday. It’s a great way to get to know fellow church members, make new friends, and get in the holiday spirit! Contact Sandy Scruggs at 754-4790, and let her know how you will help. Remember — all proceeds go to missions!

PUT ON THOSE APRONS AND LET’S START BAKING!

Bread, cakes, cookies, pies??? What are YOU baking for this year’s Bake Sale? All of these are in great demand, as are candies, jams and jellies. No custards, please, due to Health Department regulations. Please bring at least 3 of your favorite items on Friday afternoon, Nov. 9, or early Saturday, Nov. 10. Customers will be waiting for the doors to open to buy our delicious homemade items. We don’t want to disappoint them!!