

## THANK YOU

I take this opportunity to thank those members of Mullins who were so attentive to me with their cards, phone calls, food, visits and prayers, during my recent long recuperation period — which I refer to as “the last summer”.

The classic movie, *‘It’s a Wonderful Life’*, ends with this quotation: “No man is a failure who has friends.” No member of Mullins will ever be a failure who has friends such as those at Mullins!

Don Dunavant



Children and youth are an integral part of the ministry of Mullins UMC. We want to be sure that our children are well cared for, and that they have opportunities for worship, learning and fun. Children and youth are invited to participate in the following activities:

SPROUTS - age 4 through 5th Grade

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - age 4 through 3rd Grade

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - 6th Grade through 12th Grade

Nursery care is available for infants through age 3  
(to schedule a nursery for meetings, contact Stephanie Bowen, 483-4747)

Jesus said, *“Let the children come to me and hinder them not.”*

## KAIROS OUTSIDE GARAGE SALE

For the past few years the Crossroads Sunday School Class has supported the West Tennessee Kairos Organization with their Cookie Ministry. Kairos is a ministry which takes the word of God to men at the West Tennessee State Prison in Henning Tennessee, and to women at the Mark Luttrell Center for Women here in Shelby County. Kairos Outside ministers to the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of inmates at West Tennessee State or Mark Luttrell Center.

Saturday, October 6, there will be a gigantic GARAGE SALE from 8:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. at Decatur Trinity Christian Church, 2449 Altruria Road. All proceeds will benefit West Tennessee Kairos Outside. Come out and shop! If you have items cluttering your garage, donate them to this wonderful ministry! For information, contact Diane Rose at 324-9531.

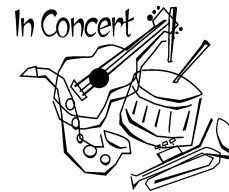
## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

### BUDGET

In memory of Margaret Sanner by Mrs. E. F. Luton, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hausmann

In memory of Jack Houston by Mrs. E. F. Luton

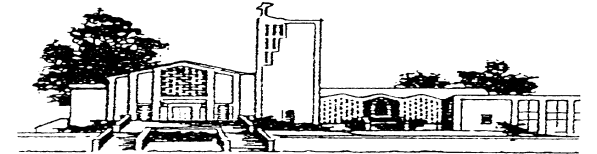


The youth of Mullins UMC invite you to join them on Sunday, October 14, 2007, 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a concert featuring Adam Wheatley. Adam is the Worship Leader for *THE VINEYARD*, at Collierville United Methodist Church. He released his first album entitled, *“Bring the Morning, Bring the Sun”*, in August, 2007. Adam is originally from Jackson, Tennessee and is a graduate of Lambuth University with a Bachelor's Degree in Music. Come enjoy the musical gifts of Adam Wheatley on October 14! Admission is free!! His CD will be available for purchase. For more information, please call Craig Tate, 685-8253.

## BOX CITY RETURNS OCTOBER 13

Mullins youth ask for your help to make this a success! The youth will be sleeping outside in boxes to understand what it is like to be homeless. We need donations of warm clothes, blankets and non-perishable food items which will be distributed to MIFA and United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. Monetary donations will be accepted as well. Please be in prayer for the homeless in our community and also for the youth of Mullins as they do their part to fight poverty.

# MULLINS MESSENGER



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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor  
October 7, 2007

Scripture: Luke 21: 1 - 4  
Sermon: 'SAMARITAN WALK'

### Weekly Schedule

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

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Dear Friends,

During my time as a member of the Finance Committee, I have learned something about costs of operating a church, and the importance of pledged, undesignated income which can be used for the most needed purposes.

There are lots of ongoing activities at Mullins, and the thing which will keep the wheels turning is the amount of pledges received during our upcoming fund-raising drive. Our largest expenses are for staffing, debt retirement, utilities, insurance, and building maintenance. Then there are apportionments, missions, postage, music, literature, printing, supplies, nursery. . .just to name a few.

The main factor used in our budgeting is pledges. Once the budgeted income total is developed for the new year, the Finance Committee deducts fixed expenses such as insurance, debt, utilities estimates, and then allocates program funding requested by the staff and committees.

Some of our activities are paid or subsidized outside the budget through fund-raisers or grants to named funds. Examples include the Zambia mission program, many youth activities, gym leagues, ministry school scholarships, and music instruction. While giving to specific funds plays an important part in the Mullins ministry, the need is real for our pledges to come first so the regular operating expenses can be met, and our family life events, children's ministries, the music, conference apportionments, an other ongoing programs can flourish.

We have a unique, busy, wonderful church. We can make 2008 great by being generous with God's money. Please. . .let's all complete a pledge card for the new year.

Cecil Harris

### SPECIAL THANKS!

...to Lawrence Lewis, for serving as our Stewardship Speaker on Sunday, September 30, 2007!

### OUR COMMUNION OFFERING

Sunday, October 7, is for World Communion Sunday.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Sunday, October 7- Saturday, October 13

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
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 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. Children/Youth Programs 6:15 p.m. Beading - Parlor 6:30 p.m. Program: Brenda Carson, Debi Gray & Cyndi Watkins 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class - Gym 11:30 a.m. Clergy Women's Group - 209
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga Class - Gym 11:30 a.m. UMW Fashion Show - St. Paul UMC 4:30 p.m. Box City

### THE MENU FOR OCTOBER 10

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

Adults: Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Peas, Cranberry Salad, Dessert

Kids: Pizza or adult menu

### MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR OCTOBER 7

Children's Message: Gwen Augustine  
Children's Church: Debi Gray, Colleen Mason

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

### OUR PRAYERS

#### Baptist Memorial

Ruth Meyer 2906

Marguerite Higginbotham 4369

#### At Home

George Sibley

### OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	37
Sunday School	103
10:50 Service	171
Prayer Breakfast	12
Prayer Service	82



### CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in memory of my son, Michael W. Thomas,  
by J. R. Thomas

...in memory of Clarence Herrington,  
by Betty & Phillip Hendon



### SEPTEMBER

Budget Needs to Date:	\$421,803
Budget Received to Date:	\$378,060