

ACOLYTE COORDINATOR NEEDED!

With access to a telephone and a minimum amount of time, you can fulfill a great need in our church! The Worship Committee is looking for an Acolyte Coordinator. This is a great way to get to know the wonderful children in our congregation! Children typically serve as acolytes from 2nd through 6th grades. For more information, please call Gerry Gardner at 685-1825, or the church office, 685-8253.

RALLY DAY

...is THIS SUNDAY, September 7, 2008!!! All Sunday School classes, adults and children, are invited to join in the celebration in Fellowship Hall at 9:40 a.m. We will sing, praise God, promote the children to the next grade level and recognize our wonderful, dedicated Sunday School teachers. Pastries, juice and coffee will be served. Hope to see you there!

HELP REPLENISH BREAD SHELVES!

As many of you know, our bread supply was lost last week when one of our freezers at the church had to be replaced. Please help by baking a few loaves of your favorite bread, double wrap for freezing, label with type of bread, dated baked and donor's name. Bring the bread to the church and place in the new white freezer downstairs. Your continued support of this ministry to first-time visitors is greatly appreciated!

You are invited to
the dedication of

**Hilliard Hall
Memphis Theological Seminary**

Saturday, September 13, 2008
11:00 a.m.

Reception to follow
Parking is available at MTS and
Lindenwood Christian Church

Please R.S.V.P. to Linda Lawson
901-334-5855 or llawson@MemphisSeminary.edu

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor of Jim Bland by George & Jean Sibley
In memory of Marguerite Francis Higginbotham by Dr. David A. Tipton

PLAYGROUND

In honor of my great-grandson, Nathan Givens, for his 1st birthday by Lucille Givens

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY

Sign ups are underway for "Jesus in the Gospels". This 30 week study, led by Dr. Brad Gabriel, will be on Sundays from 5:00—7:00 p.m., in Room 117, beginning September 7. The cost for materials is \$47.00 per person.

Kimberly Dunigan, Director of Parents Day Out, will lead a study for young women, "Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering", at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 2. The group will meet at Kimberly's home. To sign up, or for more information, call Kimberly at 681-9217.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Lifeblood will be at Mullins UMC on Wednesday, September 17, for our fall blood drive. Please make plans now to donate that night! All donors will receive a free meal that evening. Give blood, save a life!

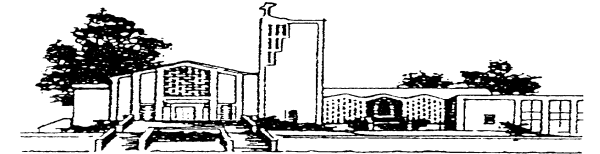
JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning September 21, there will be a new Sunday School class for Junior High (6th, 7th and 8th graders). Cyndi Watkins will lead the class, which promises to be lots of fun as well as educational. If you are currently in Junior High, make plans to attend this great new class!

MULLINS MUSIC CONSERVATORY

...classes begin soon! Watch your newsletter in the coming weeks for details!

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - September 7, 2008

Scripture: Exodus 12: 1 - 14, Matthew 18: 15 - 20

Sermon: 'FAMILY SACRIFICE'

Weekly Schedule

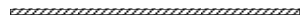
<i>Sunday Worship</i>	<i>8:45 & 10:50 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>9:40 am</i>
<i>Wednesday Dinner & Program</i>	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>

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Dear Friends,

So why, exactly, did I remove my shoes before preaching this past Sunday? I had not planned to do so, but I was moved by the Exodus text Terrye Mastin read earlier in the service. In the presence of God, it noted, we remove our shoes. There are plenty of ancient customs and traditions we don't need to go into that explain all that "bare footing". The point simply being that Mullins UMC is a holy place — a place where we may rest assured that God is present with us. "Well", you might ask, "Why not remove your shoes every Sunday then?" That is a good question for which I have no totally satisfactory answer. Perhaps there are symbolic actions we take some times but not all the time. Perhaps some moments we are reminded of who we are, and in Whose presence we are, more than other times. Perhaps it is simply a good thing to be reminded on occasion that church is not about what we can control as much as it is about what God might be up to in our lives. What I know for sure is that when we enter the Sanctuary on Sunday morning we are entering the presence of God in a way that is unique of all the experiences we might have. We enter into something that is special and different and good. We are on Holy Ground, and sometimes we need to open our hearts, minds and doors and allow God to move us where we need to be.

In His Service,
Brad



HOMECOMING — SEPTEMBER 21

On September 21, we will recognize our 50 year members! Following the 10:50 service, we will enjoy a Potluck Bring-a-Dish meal. Be sure to bring enough to feed your family, plus a few more! We'll enjoy the Mullins Musical Review, and more, at this time.

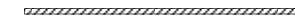
This Sunday, we will have names and telephone numbers of our members who are presently inactive or who have transferred away from Mullins. Please look over the lists during Sunday School or after worship. Find people you know. Take their name and number and call and invite them to join us for worship and fellowship. In addition, this is the Sunday to invite family, friends and neighbors who are not regularly attending church elsewhere. Invite them to be with us. Offer to give them a ride to church. Invite them to be with us at the Potluck and include them in the food you bring. Let's help everyone know that Mullins is the place to come back home to, or to come home for the very first time!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13	
SUNDAY	Rally Day!!! 8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel 9:40 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class - 117-T 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels - 117
MONDAY	10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group 6:00 p.m. Brownies - 100 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 9:30 a.m. UMW Board Mtg. - 117 10:30 a.m. UMW General Mtg. - Chapel 6:00 p.m. Evangelism/Witness Mtg. - 117 6:01 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal 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 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service - FH 7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:13 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Finance Com. - 117
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym 7:30 p.m. AA Mtg. - Lamplighter Rm.



MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 7

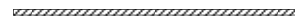
No Children's Message - Communion Sunday



THE MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 10

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

- Adults: Beef Brisket, Rice/Gravy, Lima Beans, Salad, Bread, Dessert
- Kids: Pizza or adult menu

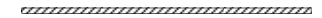


To schedule a nursery for church meetings, please contact Stephanie Bowen, 483-4747, or the church office, 685-8253.

OUR PRAYERS

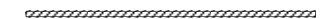
At Home

- Jack Mason
- Amber Mock
- Kathy Gillespie



OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	39
Sunday School	86
10:50 Service	134
Prayer Breakfast	11
Prayer Service	80



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in honor of Dr. Marguerite Cooper for her birthday — 91 years young, by her family

NARTHEX FLOWERS

...in honor of Jim Bland for his 90th birthday, Sept. 7, by his family



COMMUNION OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 7

Bishop Richard J. Wills, Jr. asks churches in the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences to join in a special offering for Africa University on September 7. Twenty years ago the University was just a dream. Today it is a center for change in this part of the world and is educating more than 1300 students each year. Its graduates are already leaders in many of the nations of that continent, bringing the skills and insights that will make a significant difference in the lives of the people there. Remembering the words of John Wesley, "The world is our parish", let us give generously for Africa University.