



We are delighted to welcome Shelley Lacaden and her daughters, Brooke, Megan and Carly as the newest members of our Mullins family! The Lacaden family resides at 583 N. Foy Circle, Memphis, 38122.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the many cards, calls, visits and prayers during my hospital stay. A special thank you to Dr. Gabriel for his visits and concern. We are blessed to be a part of this wonderful church!

George Sibley

NEW YOGA & RELAXATION CLASSES

...led by Dr. Bob Hughes, begins Saturday, March 15, 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., in Room 117-T. The cost is \$48 for four classes, or you may pay \$12 per class. A Sunday evening class starts on March 16, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 for four classes or \$11 per class. These classes are suitable for all levels. Dr. Hughes has been an instructor since 1975. To sign up, call 682-0855, between 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

EASTER LILIES

Beautiful lilies will adorn our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order lilies in honor or in memory of loved ones, please complete the form and return, with payment, to the church office. The cost is \$9 each, and the deadline to place orders is Sunday, March 16.

Name _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Lilies _____ Amount Paid _____

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor & in memory of Lena & Edward Melsa & Leslie Lee Melsa by Col. Otto Melsa, Larry Edward Melsa
In memory of Ollie Simpson by Mrs. David Moore
In memory of J. W. Lawson by Mrs. David Moore
In memory of Bill Foreman by Mrs. E. F. Luton

CHOIR FUND

In memory of Ollie Simpson by Marion Haynes, Betty Carr
In memory of J. W. Lawson by Betty Carr

NEW IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!

Margaret Carbaugh, Church Librarian, has purchased the following for our library:

Children's Books:

Judy Blume, *Are You There, God, It's Me, Margaret* (BEST Judy Blume book ever!)
Four Feet, Two Sandals (story of the friendship of two Afghan girls; recently reviewed on NPR)
Angels on Assignment
Dear God, It's Me Again

Women's Books:

In Pursuit of Peace by Dr. Joyce Meyer
A New Song by Jan Karon
The Biblical novel, *Hagar, God's Beloved Stranger*

Men's Books:

Raising a Modern-Day Knight, A Father's Tale in Guiding His Son to Authentic Manhood

Youth:

Audio version of *The Giver* by Lois Lowery
More Than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell

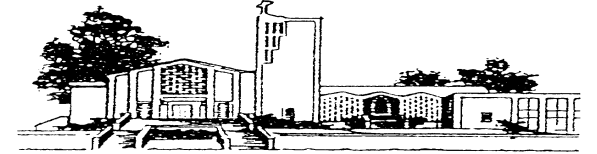
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New Testament on audio cassettes
Jesus, The Greatest Story of All Time (2 VHS cassettes)

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March 9, 2008
Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14; John 11: 1 - 45
Sermon: 'BE THE MIRACLE'
Craig Tate, Guest Speaker

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,

We can see the finish line from here. One more week and then it is Palm Sunday. After that, we get to celebrate Easter. With Easter, all the unusual issues of Lent are over and we can return to the way things were. Or maybe not. A retired pastor friend of mine is a runner. He has participated in many races, including the Boston Marathon. On the wall of his office was a poster. This poster showed a solitary figure running in front of a line of trees. Underneath were the words, "There is no finish line." True. There is no finish line. The course ahead of us may be straight or it may bend, dip or turn. The race goes on. We continue to press forward all lifelong. Since we are always moving, we ought to follow some simple instructions. First, go forward. Going back is usually not a good idea. Retracing one's steps makes sense only when one is hopelessly lost. We are seldom lost hopelessly. Others can be relied on to point us the way forward. Second, drop unnecessary burdens. The need to be right, the weight of controlling others, the burden of self-righteousness will slow one down; perhaps even prevent a runner from gaining the goal of life. We are near the end of Lent, that is true. The Easter celebration we see in the distance is not a cause to stop. It is a place of revival so that we may continue; burdens dropped, and continue the race with faith and trust.

In His Service,
Brad Gabriel

POTLUCK LUNCH MARCH 16

Join us for a potluck lunch on Palm Sunday, March 16, immediately following the 10:50 worship service. The church will provide the tea, coffee and lemonade. YOU bring all those delicious meats, salads, vegetables, and desserts that Mullins cooks are so famous for making!!! We'll have good food, fun and fellowship as we begin Holy Week.

NEW EASTER CLOTHES FOR CHILDREN

Church Women United is collecting new clothes for school age boys and girls to wear for Easter. Pretty dresses for girls, nice shirts and pants for boys and socks, shoes and underwear for both, are needed. These items will be given to Church Women United, and will be distributed by the Memphis City Schools to those they know have special needs. Please bring donations to the church office at Mullins, or give to Nancy Blankenship, United Methodist Women representative to Church Women United, as soon as possible since Easter is almost here. Thanks so much for your support of this project!

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 - SATURDAY, MARCH 15

- SUNDAY 8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Youth
6:00 p.m. MOMs Group - My Favorite Place
- MONDAY 10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Brownies - 100
6:00 p.m. PDO Board Mtg. - 212
6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Ensemble
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- TUESDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
6:00 p.m. Education/Nurture Com. - 117-T
6:00 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
3:00 p.m. Brownies - 100
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH
6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs
6:30 p.m. Craig Tate, Guest Speaker - FH
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- THURSDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
- FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
- SATURDAY 8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym
9:00 a.m. UMW Mission Study - Elm Grove UMC
9:45 a.m. Yoga - 117-T
10:00 a.m. Basketball - Gym

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR MARCH 9

Children's Message: Gwen Augustine
Children's Church: Carrie & Huston Likley

THE MENU FOR MARCH 12

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

- Adults: Turkey & Dressing, Creamed Potatoes/Gravy, Broccoli, Cranberry 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.

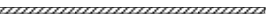
OUR PRAYERS

LeBonheur
Scott Belisle ICU
Rebecca Edmiston

Methodist Germantown
Judy Forsyth 317 West

At Home

George Sibley
Rhodes Vawter



OUR SYMPATHY

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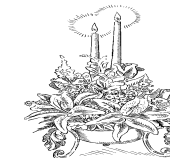
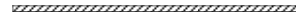
....the family and friends of Evva Burrow

...the family and friends of W. L. "Bill" Foreman



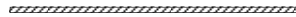
OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	29
Sunday School	96
10:50 Service	167
Prayer Breakfast	16
Prayer Service	92



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God
...in honor of Jennifer Mastin for her birthday, March 12,
by Terry and Andy Mastin



FEBRUARY

Budget Needs to Date:	\$96,238
Budget Received to Date:	\$72,854