



Meet Jesus, our Forever Friend, at Friendship Trek, June 23 - 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Kids age 4 - 11, will meet friends, explore Bible stories, sing great songs, make crafts, play fun games, and eat yummy snacks. We expect a huge response, so enroll your child today. To register, fill out the Friendship Trek registration card located on the PDO information table or call the church office at 685-8253.

**HELP WITH CHILDREN'S CHURCH!**

Volunteers are needed to teach Children's Church once every 9 weeks. Email Amber Mock (mock1013@hotmail.com), or call 685-8253, and let her know you are willing to help with this important ministry to our children!



All children are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings as we practice our songs for Mother's Day. We will be singing during the 10:50 Worship service on May 11.

**MULLINS PULPIT, APRIL 27**

We are honored to have Rev. Birgitte French as guest minister at both our worship services on Sunday, April 27.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME COORDINATOR**

Our little ones would love for you to come read to them on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. The pay is great — lots of laughter and hugs! Call Margaret Carbaugh, 682-2299, to volunteer.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given to:

**BUDGET**

In honor of Marguerite Cooper by Mrs. Martha Siler  
In memory of Mrs. Wm. H. (Daisy) Fisher by Mrs. Martha Siler  
In memory of Houston Nabors by Mrs. E. F. Luton

**LIPSCOMB SCHOLARSHIPS**

We are now accepting applications for the Lipscomb Scholarship. Applicants must be certified candidates in ministry. Call the church office, 685-8253, for application forms.

**MIFA BIRTHDAY BAGS**

On Tuesday, May 6, United Methodist Women will be filling the special bags for recipients of Meals on Wheels. This is a twice a year project, made possible with donations from members of Mullins. We need the usual items that homebound persons need or would especially enjoy. The most helpful contribution would be a check made payable to Mullins UMC and designated for "MIFA Bags". We will then purchase what is needed. Thank you!

Nancy Blankenship  
MIFA Representative

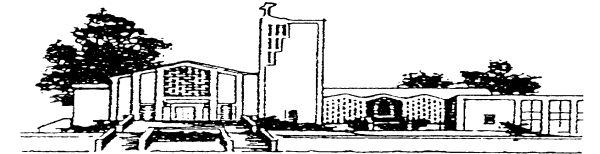
**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

... to Terry Durham, the new Director of Social Services at Memphis Health and Rehab! Terry begins her new position on April 17.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not."  
—C. S. Lewis

**MULLINS MESSENGER**



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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

April 20, 2008

Mullins Pulpit:  
Scripture: I Peter 2: 2 - 10; John 14: 1 - 14  
Sermon: 'SELF AWARENESS'

*Weekly Schedule*

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

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

Mother's Day and Pentecost — the fact that both of those will fall on May 11, causes one to stop and think. Pentecost is the last of the great Christian celebrations not marked by storewide sales, special candies and several aisles of greeting cards. Pentecost is still almost totally a church time. Mother's Day, on the other hand, is marked with a special line of greeting cards, candies and is celebrated by just about everyone, whether they are mothers or not. Personally, I like both celebrations. Mothers set the stage for the world. Mothers matter more than any of us can ever fully understand. Both their presence and absence shape us.

Pentecost marks the beginning of the church. The Spirit of God comes to believers and a new creation begins.

Mothers and the Spirit give us new life. Yet, mothers and the Spirit give us new life within an on-going line of history. That is to say, the way our mothers grew up, the influences and events that shaped them will have influence on us. For example, think about a mother who grew up in the depression and was always worried about money, as opposed to a mother who grew up in a time of peace and prosperity. What happened to her in the past helps shape us now. Likewise, even though we are given new life with the presence of the Spirit, we are shaped in worship now by what we have done in the past.

This Mother's Day/Pentecost we will claim both celebrations — celebrating both our past and our future. The 2008 Confirmation Class of Mullins UMC will be received into full membership on that day. After several months of study and preparation, they are ready to take on new responsibilities and opportunities. As both church and personal families are wide-spread, multi-generational and geographically scatter, we will recognize our Mothers and honor their families. Mothers who have the most generations present, others who have the most extended family present, and mothers whose families travel the farthest to be with them will all be recognized.

Let us wear red and celebrate personal family and church family this May 11, Mother's Day and Pentecost Sunday.

In His Service,

### GUEST SPEAKER, APRIL 23

Our series, *"What Makes a Healthy Community?"* will continue each Wednesday evening through June. The focus on April 23, is Spirituality, with guest speaker, Ms. Linda Douty, retreat leader and teacher in spiritual formation. Linda is an author, counselor and spiritual director. Make plans to be present on Wednesday, April 23, for this most interesting presentation.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 20 - SATURDAY, APRIL 26

SUNDAY	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 6:00 p.m. MOMs Game Night at Amber Mock's
MONDAY	10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group 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 10:00 a.m. Bridge Group - Lamplighter Rm. 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 6:30 p.m. Handbells 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. Program: Ms. Linda Douty 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:00 p.m. UMW Night Circle - Lamplighter Rm.
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym Soccer
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym 9:00 a.m. 1st/2nd Girls - 2nd Pres. 9:00 a.m. 3rd/4thBoys - Hope #3 S. 10:00 a.m. 1st/2nd Boys - 2nd Baptist 7:30 p.m. AA Mtg. - Lamplighter Rm.

### MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR APRIL 20

Children's Message: Lane Traylor  
Children's Church: Amber Mock  
Acolytes: Dalton McNeil, Chris Mason

### THE MENU FOR APRIL 23

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

Adults: Baked Chicken, Potatoes, Broccoli, 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

### Baptist East

Marguerite Cooper 4244  
Betty Carr 4423

### At Home

Tina Boam  
Jack Cannon

### Methodist Hospital, San Antonio, TX

Rose Melsa

## OUR SYMPATHY

love and prayers go out to

...Tonya & Tony Martini in the loss of her sister, Joann Rivera

...Gwen & John Augustine in the loss of her brother, David Marcus Young

...Marge Gresham in the loss of her brother, Houston Nabors

## OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	35
Sunday School	104
10:50 Service	186
Prayer Breakfast	12
Prayer Service	97



### CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in memory of my wife, Martha,  
in remembrance of our anniversary,  
by Jim Bland.

### COLLEEN MASON AS PRINCESS GLORIA!

Mullins UMC's own Colleen Mason is Gloria, Princess of Oz, in St. Agnes Academy's production of *Wizard of Oz*. Performances are April, 24, 25, 26 at 7:00 p.m. and April 27 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students.