

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your cards and calls, but most importantly your prayers concerning the loss of my sister. I felt every prayer and I can't tell you how much it meant to me. God bless all of you.

Tonya Martini



Congratulations to Coach John Calipari who has been named the 2007-08 Naismith National Coach of the Year. This is the second time Coach Calipari has earned this national recognition, as he also received the Naismith award in 1995-96, while directing the UMass Minutemen to the 1996 Final Four. Coach Cal is only the second coach to win the Naismith Award twice since the honor's inception in 1987. Way to go, Coach Calipari!! We are proud of you!!!!!!



The glamorous young lady with a new short hair style at Mullins UMC is Tabitha Smith. Tabitha recently had a haircut and donated her long hair to "Locks of Love". This is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 who are suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. Way to go, Tabitha! Your thoughtfulness is to be commended!

OUR GRADUATES

High School and College graduates will be recognized on Sunday, May 18, during the 10:50 worship service. If you have a graduate in your family whose name is not among those listed below, please contact the church office at 685-8253, and give us the information.

High School

Megan Calipari - Briarcrest
Fletcher French - White Station
Caitlin Smith - St. Mary's Episcopal

College

Tracy Bryant - University of Memphis
Ryan Crews - University of Memphis
Diana Griffin - University of Alabama
Teresa Maness Kennedy - Longwood, Raytown, MO
Ryan Taylor - University of Tennessee Knoxville

Congratulations to all our graduates!

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor of Betty Pickel for her birthday by Roberta Garrett
In memory of Houston Nabors by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Gardner

YOUTH

In memory of Scott Belisle by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Gardner

LIPSCOMB SCHOLARSHIPS

We are accepting applications for the Lipscomb Scholarship through May 15. Applicants must be certified candidates for ministry in the United Methodist Church. Call the church office, 685-8253, for application forms.

YOUTH CAR WASH

Youth of Mullins UMC will have a car wash on May 3, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., to benefit their "Big Stuf" trip this summer. Bring your cars, trucks, boats, etc. and we'll have them looking like new! Donations accepted,

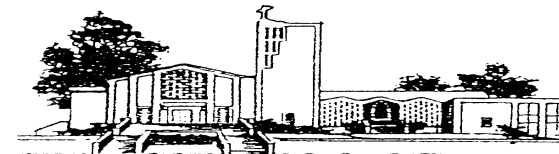


Meet a new buddy at Friendship Trek VBS! Buddy the Porcupine visits VBS each day and helps us learn about Jesus, our Forever Friend. We'll meet four of Buddy's forest friends and lots of new and old friends from our neighborhood too. If you would like to join our friendship circle, please contact Amber Mock or call the church office, 685-8253. See you June 23-27!

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

It's only a month away! Mark your calendars now for the Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 21, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Contact Scott or Tina Campbell, 761-9816, to sign up.

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

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Mullins Pulpit:

Rev. Birgitte French

Scripture: I Peter 3: 13 - 22; John 14: 15 - 21

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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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, April 27, the Reverend Birgitte French will be our guest preacher at Mullins UMC. A native of Denmark, at the age of 23, the Reverend French was commissioned as a missionary from the Danish Methodist Church. For the next 13 years she served as a medical missionary in Zaire (Democratic Republic of Congo), Georgia and Kenya. About her ministry she once wrote: *"I have lived in places that do not exist on the map, held a leper in my hands, delivered babies, fed and cared for refugees from the war in Angola and the war in Rwanda. I have seen and smelled mass graves, held people in my arms as they died of starvation or some kind of common illness we had no medicine for. I have seen wounds and sores you cannot find in any medical textbook. I have spoken to medicine men who showed me how to make lightning and how to dance a rain dance. I have seen and experienced an exorcism done by some of the Catholic priests in Congo. I have driven an old, beat up Land Rover on roads that did not exist. I have killed a snake, eaten crocodile, monkey, snake and termites."* She met her husband, Niels, while they both served in Congo. They have two children, Fletcher, a senior at White Station High School, who will be attending college this fall, and Hanna, of our youth group and current liturgist for the 10:50 service. Both children lived with them when they served in Algeria, a downtown church in Atlanta, and in Kenya. The Reverend French was ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church in 2004, joining her father and sister (the first woman ordained in Danish Methodism), who are elders in the Danish Methodist Church.

Currently, "Pastor B" is appointed to UTHSC as the Methodist Campus Minister, and to FirstWorks, Inc. as the Executive Director, serving the needs of the inner city. Her husband, Niels, and both children recently joined Mullins UMC. Birgitte's Charge Conference membership is lodged at Union Avenue UMC where the FirstWorks children's program is sited. Several of you have already met "Pastor B" when she spoke to our Wednesday night group last fall. I know that you will want to greet the Reverend French this Sunday and that you will be blessed by the message she brings. I will be back in town Sunday evening.

In His Service,
Brad

GUEST SPEAKER, APRIL 30

Our series, *"What Makes a Healthy Community?"* will continue each Wednesday evening through June. The focus on April 30, is personal financial health, with Mullins own Larry Clayton as guest speaker. Larry is a Chartered Financial Consultant with CFH Financial. Please remember to make dinner reservations if you are not on the permanent list.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - SATURDAY, May 3

SUNDAY	8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel 9:40 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Pastor's Office 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class - 117-T
MONDAY	10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group 6:00 p.m. Brownies - 100 6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Ensemble 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:45 p.m. Adult Volleyball - Hope #2 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Court of Honor 7:00 pm. Trustees - 212
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 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 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs 6:30 p.m. Program: Mr. Larry Clayton 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:45 p.m. Youth Volleyball - Mullins
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:00 p.m. Concord Academy Awards Banquet - FH Soccer
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga - Gym 9:00 a.m. 1st/2nd Boys - 2nd Bapt. 9:00 a.m. 3rd/4th Boys - 2nd Pres. #3 10:00 a.m. 1st/2nd Girls - 2nd Baptist 10:00 a.m. Car Wash at Mullins 7:30 p.m. AA Mtg. - Lamplighter Rm.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR APRIL 27

Children's Message: Terrye Mastin
Children's Church: Amber Mock
Acolytes: Gracie Cheshire, Callie Likley

THE MENU FOR APRIL 30

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

Adults: Spaghetti, Italian Salad, Garlic 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

At Home
Betty Carr

Methodist Hospital, San Antonio, TX
Rose Melsa (should arrive in Memphis 4/23/08)

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	29
Sunday School	85
10:50 Service	172
Prayer Breakfast	12
Prayer Service	60



There are several open dates on the Flower Calendar for the remainder of this year. If you would like to honor loved ones by giving flowers on a special date, please call the church office at 685-8253, and we will be glad to assist you. The calendar is posted on the office window for your convenience in signing up on Sundays and Wednesdays. The cost is \$30 per arrangement.

CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL TRAVEL!

The 2008 Confirmation Class will take a tour and attend services at Temple Israel on Friday, May 2. We will meet at Mullins at 5:30 p.m. to carpool. Any other interested parties, adults or youth, are welcome to join us, but must confirm with Brad by Monday, April 28.