

### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

...will meet on September 14, instead of the usual first Monday, because of Labor Day. The meeting is always at Buntyn Presbyterian Church, 561 Prescott St, at Southern. Fellowship & Coffee from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m., with business and program at 10:00 a.m. This month's speaker will be Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent of Memphis City Schools.

### TREK THRU ACTIVE AGING Senior Day at the Zoo

Wednesday, October 14, 2009  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Free Admission 55 & Older

Free Tram Rides

"The Peacemakers"

Live Music

Dancing with the Jim Mahannah Band

Bring a picnic lunch or eat at Back Yard Burger

### OLDER ELEMENTARY RETREAT 4TH, 5TH, & 6TH GRADES

Lakeshore Camp & Retreat Center  
October 9 - 11

Leadership Team:

Tiffany Dowdy, Jennie Dickerson  
Austin Powell, Music

Cost is \$84 per person

(limited number of scholarships available -  
Contact Vicki Lawson at office,  
@lakeshoreuma.com to request scholarship)

Registration forms available in church office

### HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

#### BUDGET

In honor of Bill & Betty Pickel for their 60th anniversary by Ruth Shapard

In memory of George Moreland by Millie & Gene Hill, Susan Watts, Kathy Gillespie Earl, Michael & Sally Johnson, Alice Davis, Alice Dunlap, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Curry

#### ATHLETIC FUND

In memory of George Moreland by Mr. A. J. Benandi & family

#### ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY

In memory of Martha Bland Ishee by Lyndall Jones

#### Get on Board!

#### BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

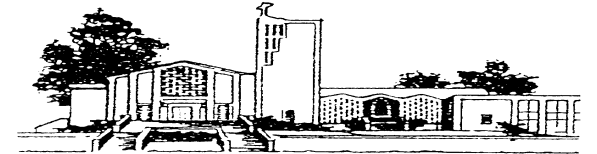
Volunteer Training  
Baptist Trinity Hospice  
6141 Walnut Grove Rd.  
Saturday, September 26  
9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

For more information,  
Please call Sandra Livesay at 767-6767  
Evening and special shifts available

#### HELP MULLINS UMW SUPPORT UMCOR

Our District United Methodist Women (UMW) will be sending Cleaning Buckets to UMCOR to help flood victims and others in need after a natural disaster and we need your support. Your contributions of items or financial support for the buckets must be received by September 9. Make checks payable to Mullins and designate "Cleaning Buckets". The dollar value of each bucket is approximately \$30. Required items: 5 gallon bucket with re-sealable lid, bleach two 1 qt or one 82 oz bottle(s), 5 scouring pads, 7 sponges, 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes), laundry detergent - two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle, 1 household cleaner - 12-16 oz. bottle, dish soap - disinfectant, 16-28 oz. bottle, 50 clothes pins, clothes line - two 50 ft. or one 100 ft. Contact Margaret Brown for additional information, 388-9190, or [mbrown@dbrown.com](mailto:mbrown@dbrown.com).

# MULLINS MESSENGER



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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - September 6, 2009

Scripture: Mark 7: 24 - 37

Sermon: 'ONE SIZE REALLY DOES FIT ALL'

#### Weekly Schedule

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



Dear Friends,

The ophthalmologist first prescribed eye glasses for me when I was in the seventh grade. No surprise there. Since then I have been more than mildly interested in eye issues. Early on, I learned that we see best when we have two functioning eyes, what is called binocular vision. The two allow us to gain perspective, and more accurately judge range and distance, among other benefits. Binocular vision can also allow us to watch two separate but connected items at the same time. Recently I came across an article suggesting that the future church will be binocular in vision, or better, bivocational in self-understanding. Such a church would see two compatible, but seemingly different, roles for itself.

“A bivocational congregation is a local church that operates upon (and may even self-consciously understand) two callings: the calling of function and the calling of mission. We believe the bivocational congregation is more likely to survive into tomorrow to do God’s will and be God’s people because it is essentially organized around spiritual realities in tune with God’s redemptive work. These include:

\*healthy team functioning

\*a high commitment to place and to being a ministering presence in that place

\*a willingness to die to self, if need be, in the cause of serving others

\*an acceptance of this expression of the church as a full expression of the church, not a second-rate temporary, expedient form of the Church

\*a willingness to experiment and trust that a higher power has some thing wonderful in store for tomorrow.”

A bivocational church with binocular vision of the mission and ministry God grants to us is something to consider.

Blessings,  
Brad

**THE IMPORTANCE OF ONE**

A young man, walking along the beach at dawn, noticed an old man ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. Catching up with the man, the youth asked what he was doing. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left until the morning sun.

“But the beach goes on for miles, and there are millions of starfish,” countered the young man. “How can your effort make any difference?”

The old man looked at the starfish in his hand and then threw it to safety in the waves. “It makes a difference to this one”, he said.

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

SUNDAY 8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel  
9:39 a.m. College & Career Class - Parlor  
9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Youth Parent Mtg.  
5:00 p.m. Youth & Parent Potluck  
5:00 p.m. Yoga Class

MONDAY Church Offices & PDO Closed

TUESDAY 6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Gym  
9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym  
6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym  
7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - Gym  
7:00 p.m. Small Group Mtg. - 117

WEDNESDAY 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast - FH  
9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym  
4:00 p.m. Basketball Practice  
5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH  
6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs  
6:30 p.m. Program - FH  
7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym

FRIDAY Gym Not Available

SATURDAY Gym Not Available  
8:15 a.m. Yoga

**THE MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 9:**

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

Brisket, Rice & Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Bread, Dessert

**MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 6**

Acolytes: Riley Williamson, Zoe Woody  
No Children’s Message - Communion  
Children’s Church Leader: Lisa Weaver

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The bloodmobile from LifeBlood will return to Mullins on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Please help to “Fill Up the Bus”. The sign-up sheet for donors will be in the Hall of the Apostles on Sundays, and in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings. Remember - blood donors receive a free meal that night! Lifeblood will need to see identification, so don’t forget your ID!!!

**OUR PRAYERS**

**At Home**

Evelyn Vowell  
Charles Carter  
Joe Cooper

\*Also, please pray for everyone going back to school

**OUR PRESENCE**

8:45 Service	32
Sunday School	No Report
10:50 Service	130
Prayer Breakfast	No Report
Prayer Service	102



**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God  
...in celebration of the marriage of Diana and Rob Phillips,  
by Carol and Charles Griffin, III

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

There are many open dates on our flower calendar for the remainder of this year, particularly in **October** and **December**. The cost is \$30 per arrangement. If you would like to give flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, call the church office and we will be glad to assist you.