



Please welcome the newest members of our congregation — Mr. Bryan R. Dunn, our Director of Music Ministries here at Mullins, and Mr. Wayne Brafford, Rev. Scottie Brafford and their son, Owen. They all joined our congregation on December 21, 2008. Bryan lives at 70 S. Fourth St., #139, Memphis, 38103, and the Brafford family resides at 2271 Shadow Lace Cove, Memphis, 38119.



"I will pray, because understanding follows obedience, and because my life would not be worth living if I could not cry out to the God who gave it to me." — Carolyn Arends

After being a part of the Mullins Prayer Chain for a couple of years, I can still relate to Carolyn Arends' quote. There is so much about prayer that I don't understand. So, I'll just have to let God take care of my lack of understanding. Then I can experience the joy I get when I communicate with Him — especially when I intercede for someone or some need.

The Mullins Prayer Chain is available 24/7 — just as God is! There is a day and night prayer chain that prays immediately upon hearing a need. Please, consider being a part of the prayer chain at Mullins. This is an opportunity to have many chances to find joy in your relationship with God.

There will be a re-organizational meeting on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 12:00 Noon in the Chapel. Turn in the form below to the church office, or just come to the meeting.

Brenda Carson and Tom Curry

I would like to be part of the Mullins Prayer Chain

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Best time to reach me: _____

I would best serve on the day chain _____

I would best serve on the night chain _____

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In honor of Dr. Brad Gabriel by Steve Brown & family
In honor of the three new Eagle Scouts in Troop 75 by Bill Peck
In memory of Mary V. Carbaugh by Margaret Carbaugh
In memory of Walter Rogers by Tom Shelton, Kay Jackson
In memory of Van & Lucille Ball by Peggy Dennie
In memory of Jack Dennie by Peggy Dennie
In memory of Col. Harold F. Smith, Sr., by Paula Glover Collins, Harriet & John Montgomery

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In honor of Joe Cooper by Phillip, Ginny & Jesse Wilcox
In honor of Rachel Fuchs by Sally Lehning

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY

In memory of Col. Harold F. Smith, Sr., by Aaron Foster
In memory of Sadie Rice Conyers by Aaron Foster
In memory of Bill Foreman by Aaron Foster

PLAYGROUND

In honor of Andy, Terrye & Jennifer Mastin by Wayne & Brenda Carson
In honor of Terrye Mastin by Martha Siler
In honor of Terry Durham by Martha Siler
In honor of Rachael Scarbrough by Wayne & Brenda Carson
In honor of Martha Siler by Wayne & Brenda Carson
In honor of Colleen Mason by Thalina Marques
In honor of Peter Mason by Thalina Marques
In honor of Ann Smith by Thalina Marques
In memory of Col. Harold F. Smith, Sr., by Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Carter, Thalina Marques
In memory of Alvey Marques by Thalina Marques

Gifts to the Playground Fund have been received from:
 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Campbell, Wallace & Jennifer Bell, Juliette Robnolt, Jim & Anne Hawley, Charles & Susan Harris, Valerie Robnolt

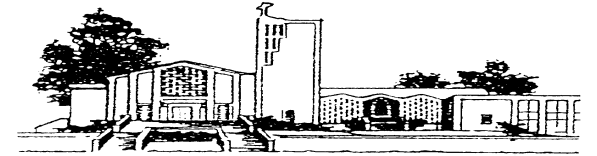
DO YOU KNIT AND/OR CROCHET???

Margaret Carbaugh is looking for someone to teach knitting and/or crocheting. Please call Margaret at 682-2299, for information and details about this project.

CHANCEL FLOWERS FOR 2009

Please sign up for the dates you would like Chancel Flowers this year. The cost is \$30 per arrangement. The calendar is on the office window, or you may call 685-8253 and we will be glad to assist you.

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - January 11, 1009

Scripture: Mark 1: 4 - 11

Sermon: 'WATERLOGGED'

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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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year. 2009 is unfolding and shows every sign of still reacting to the significant changes of the last part of 2008. Locally we see so much of life altered by national and international events. Here at Mullins UMC, members of the church Budget Committee and Staff Parish Relations Committee have met a lot, prayed a lot, and have charted a course that should carry us through these times. Please remember, if there is a particular area of ministry in which you have a strong interest — worship, youth, children, recreation, hospitality, evangelism, nurture or something else — the way to ensure its continued strength is to contact the church office, me or the chair of the appropriate committee and ask, "What can I do to make things better?" Believe me, there is something you can do. For now, here is the broad outline of ministry alignments for 2009.

1. Worship **will continue.** Mullins has one appointed clergy, our present Director of Music Ministry, present church organist, and a wonderful volunteer choir who are looking for you to join them! The children's message will continue, and we are always looking for volunteers to work with Cyndi Watkins in that area. The nursery will be open. If you love babies, please sign up to spend a Sunday in the nursery. The smiles from the little ones make the time more than worthwhile!

2. All ministry activities **will continue.** These include but are not limited to: St. John's Soup Kitchen, Lester Elementary tutoring, Manza a Leza ministry, Recovery groups, health and fitness groups, Bible studies, UMNC and others.

3. Beginning January 16, the church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Office staff will be reduced. Volunteers to answer the phones, the door and process bulletins and newsletters are welcomed! Please call and let us know.

4. Newsletters may be picked up at church for each week beginning Sunday, January 18, or any day during the week. Newsletters will be sent via email to everyone who asks for that, and who supplies the church with an email address. Please send your email to Susan Tutt at the church office. Susan's office email address is: sus-mullins@bellsouth.net. Homebound members who do not have access to email will have newsletters mailed to them, if requested. Please let the church office know of anyone you think is in that category. The Budget Committee projects significant savings in reduced postage and printing costs.

5. Wednesday evening activities including meals, programs, youth and children activities and choir **will continue.** Meal costs may have to increase later on. Adults willing to spend an hour with our children during the Sprouts' time (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.) are needed, so please call the church office. We have programs, materials, and directions. We need people to put them into place.

6. We will have a combined position of Director of Youth/Recreation.

7. Parents Day Out **will continue.**

8. Custodial services will be reduced by the end of January. If you or your class is willing to adopt your meeting area and maintain its cleanliness, please call the church office.

The decisions made and directions charted have been carried out with the utmost compassion and care. Not all decisions are those

anyone wanted, but they have been made with prayer and under the direction of the Spirit for the well-being of the church as a whole. Again, if there is a ministry area you have a strong interest in, please let that interest be known so that Mullins may continue to be the place of grace we know it to be.

In His Service,
Brad

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

SUNDAY	8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel 9:40 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 12:00 Noon Prayer Chain Mtg. - Chapel 4:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class 5:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels - 117
MONDAY	10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group 6:13 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - FH 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:01 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 6:30 p.m. Budget Com. - 117 7:00 p.m. Finance Com. - 117 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class 7:00 p.m. Bowling
WEDNESDAY	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 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 7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym Youth Ski Trip
SATURDAY	Basketball - gym 8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR JANUARY 11

Children's Message: Dr. Gabriel

THE MENU FOR JANUARY 14

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

Adults: Baked Chicken, Corn, Green Beans, Fruit Salad,
Bread and Dessert
Kids: Pizza or adult menu

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist Memorial
Rhodes Vawter 3378

At Home
Betty Pickel
Rita Hilgenhold
(surg. 1/8/09)

OUR SYMPATHY

love and prayers go out to

...Margaret Carbaugh and family in the loss of her mother, Virginia Carbaugh.

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	29
Sunday School	84
10:50 Service	142

MAANZA A LEZA BEADING GROUP

...will not bead during the month of January. We will use this time for inventory and organization.

Debi Gray



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

...in loving memory of Doug Bethay
by his family



December, 2008

Budget Needs to Date: \$577,425
Budget Received to Date: \$508,602