



Please give a warm welcome to Barbara Southwell, who joined our church family on January 11, 2009. Barbara resides at 4980 Robin-dale, Memphis, 38117.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Dr. Gabriel for your visits to my mother and for your love and support during her hospitalization and death. My mother was a member of her church and women's Bible class for 45 years. Her example has shown me what it means to have a family that extends beyond the generations and around the globe through their outreach and missions work. I would not want to face the loss of my mother and best friend without a church family like Mullins.

Special thanks to the members of the Dolphins Sunday School class (past, present and future) who surround me with happy, loving faces each Sunday. I love each of you. Let's have a wonderful 2009 learning the word of God together.

Margaret Carbaugh

**LIFEBLOOD**

The Lifeblood mobile van will be at Mullins UMC on January 28. You may sign up in Hall of the Apostles on Sunday mornings, as well as in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings. Blood donor will receive a free meal that evening. Please remember to make dinner reservations by calling 685-8253.

**CROSSROADS HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING  
February 26 and 28**

Just an hour or two of committed time each week can help ease the loneliness, fear and boredom of a terminally ill person. If you can listen to stories, hold a hand, read the Bible, sing or play a musical instrument, there's someone who needs your special gifts. Contact Lynn or Deena at 382-9292

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given to:

**BUDGET**

In memory of Charles and Marie Christian by Mr. & Mrs. Glen Barbee

**PLAYGROUND**

In honor of my grandchildren: Lauren and Chelsea Conlee, Britt and Cole Mallery by Voline Conlee

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The following books have been donated in memory of Virginia Carbaugh by Margaret Carbaugh:

- The Donkey's Dream,
- Kings and Queens of the Bible
- Merry Christmas, Merry Crow
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- The Clown of God
- One Night in a Stable
- A Glove of Their Own
- Christmas Farms
- Tonight, You Are My Baby

Two Bobbies - A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival

- Polar Express Books and CD
- Who Is Coming to Our House?

Donated by Pinocchio's Children's Bookstore in memory of Virginia Carbaugh:

- Bad God Marley (picture books based on Marley and Me)
- Marley and Me

Donated by Barbara Carbaugh Hobbs in memory of Virginia Carbaugh:

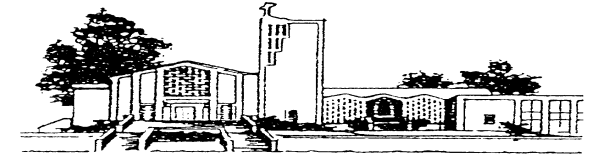
- The Journey by Billy Graham

These and other books donated in 2008 and 2009 will be on display during our second annual "Sweets for Your Sweetheart" cake and bake sale auction on Feb. 11. The proceeds of the auction will be used to buy bookshelves.

**UPPER ROOM IAN**

Current issues are available in Hall of the Apostles. The cost is \$1 each. Start your year with great devotional reading!

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Scripture: John 1: 43 - 51

Sermon: 'UNDER THE INFLUENCE'

*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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Dear Friends,

This is the week we remember the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr., and we observe the transition of power in Washington from one Presidential administration to another. The following is a litany prayer by Bishop Ernest S. Lyght for this time. I share it with you.

The Advent of Jesus Christ gives us the opportunity to prepare room for Jesus by making a clean sweep in our hearts.

**Lord, we thank you for your forgiveness, and an opportunity for a second chance.**

The birth of Jesus at Christmas has enabled us to renew the Light that is within us. We know that Jesus is the Light of the world and the Light cannot be extinguished.

**Lord, we thank you for giving us the Light of the world, full of grace and truth.**

The beginning of a new year is laden with expectations, desires and hopes. We want to erase the past and look to the future, a future with hope.

**Lord, we thank you for granting us fresh beginnings at the start of a New Year.**

In this inaugural year, the United States will inaugurate a new President who will strive to lead the nation in new directions.

**Lord, we thank you for our President-elect, Barack Obama. Please grant him the spiritual capacity to lead with integrity, honesty, humility and a sense of servanthood.**

The global village is faced with the senseless repetition of war and strife. There is a lack of lasting peace in so many places and constant rumors of war.

**Lord, we thank you for peacemakers, and we pray that our nation and our churches can be instruments of your peace.**

Your servant, Martin Luther King, Jr., was a drum major for justice. He was willing to give his life so that all of God's children might be free.

**Lord, we thank you for women and men who are willing to stand up for justice in the world's neighborhoods, and we remember those who gave their lives as a sacrifice for our freedom.**

Gracious God, we ask that you would be a shield and surround our leaders, civic and religious, with your protective arm, and guide them with your prophetic wisdom. We pray that you will grant our President-elect, Barack Obama, the wisdom and courage to be a peacemaker, a drum major for justice, and a servant among leaders. Help us in our continuing effort to develop principled leaders, eliminate poverty, and stamp out the killer diseases like malaria and HIV/AIDS. Amen.

In His Service,  
Brad Gabriel

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**

**SUNDAY**  
8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel  
9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Youth  
5:00 p.m. Yoga Class  
5:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels - 117

**MONDAY**  
**CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED**  
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  
10:30 a.m. UMW Circle Mtg. - Parlor  
6:01 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  
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  
7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**  
8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym  
6:00 p.m. UMW Night Circle - Lamplighter Rm.

**SATURDAY**  
Basketball - gym  
8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH

**MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR JANUARY 18**

Acolytes: Megan Massey and Anna Johnson  
Children's Message: Mary Lee Curry

**THE MENU FOR JANUARY 21**

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

Adults: Roast Pork Loin, Cheese Grits, Pinto Beans,  
Bread, Dessert  
Kids: Pizza or adult menu

**PLEASE NOTE!!!**

At the present time you may access your church newsletter each week by going to the church website: [www.mullinsumc.org](http://www.mullinsumc.org)  
Newsletters will also be available at the church.

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Baptist Memorial**  
Rhodes Vawter 4223

**Methodist University Hospital**  
Julia Ettman 918 Thomas

**At Home**

Evelyn Walden  
Rita Hilgenhold

**OUR SYMPATHY**

love and prayers go out to

....the family and friends of Sunday Spears.

(Visitation Wednesday, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Park.  
Funeral Services Thursday, 2:30 p.m. at Memorial Park.)

**OUR PRESENCE**

8:45 a.m.	31
Sunday School	78
10:50 Service	155
Prayer Breakfast	10
Prayer Service	62



**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God  
...in honor of Concord Academy teachers, staff and students,  
by David, Regina and Lauren Fausett

**2009 FLOWER CALENDAR**

Sign up now for the dates you would like to give Chancel flowers this year. The cost is \$30 per arrangement. The calendar is posted on the church office window for your convenience, or you may call 685-8253, and we will be glad to assist you!

**NEW HOURS FOR CHURCH OFFICE**

Beginning Friday, January 16, 2009, the regular church office hours will be Monday - Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.