

### MULLINS' ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

In order to prepare our minds and our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Christ, this year Mullins UMC would like to offer a special Advent devotional book to its members. This devotional will be filled with short essays of special Christmas memories, traditions, and reflections of our own members. This promises to be not only a devotional guide for Advent 2009, but a special Mullins keepsake that can be passed down throughout the generations. The catch? We need 27 of you to write a couple of paragraphs about your personal Christmas story. For example:

- \* What was your most memorable Christmas?
- \* What are your family's favorite Christmas traditions?
- \* What was the most treasured Christmas gift your ever got, and why?
- \* What was the most treasured Christmas gift you ever gave and why?

These writings may have accompanying scriptures or prayers, but it is not necessary to include them. The most important thing in this devotional guide is you and your personal story.

You may send these to the church office, give them to Terry Durham or Cyndi Watkins, or email them to [tin-nalee@bellsouth.net](mailto:tin-nalee@bellsouth.net). The deadline for submissions is Sunday, November 15.

### CHECK IT OUT

Here are just a few of the new resources in the library. We are operating on the self-checkout system. We have a yellow notepad in the library. Write down the name of the resource you take out of the library, the date, and your name. Bring back within 2 weeks so others can enjoy.

Fun (and easy) to Read:

- Fun Dog, Sun Dog
- Dog Park
- Pooch on the Loose (a Christmas in New York adventure)

Videos:

- Milo and Otis (G-rated)
- Star Trek Seasons 1-3 (not rated)

Young Adult:

- Nelson Mandela: The authorized comic book
- True Compass (memoirs of the late Ted Kennedy)
- Roman Mysteries: The Gladiators from Capua and The Colossus of Rome (PG-13 due to violence)

### HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

#### BUDGET

In memory of Bill Grissom by Ann Smith

### PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE — HELP!!

Write your name on your envelope, PLEASE!!! Whether it's your offering on Sunday mornings or giving money for any other purpose, it is vitally important that you write your name and what the money is for — i.e. Read-to-Feed, Youth, Memorials, Capital Improvements, Budget, DBS books, etc. This is especially important when using the pew envelopes, instead of your numbered envelopes. If you don't put your name on the envelope, I can't identify you and credit your donation! Thanks for your help with this matter.

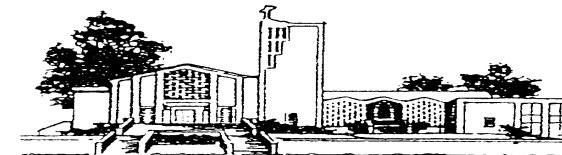
Susan



### FUNNY BONES FESTIVAL

Spooks, ghouls, and lots, lots more abound at the annual Funny Bones Festival at Mullins UMC on Saturday, October 24, at 4:44 p.m. Mark your calendars, 'cause you don't want to miss this!! There'll be costumes, fun, food and games for the whole family. Bring friends and join in the fun!

# MULLINS MESSENGER



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October 14, 2009

The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - October 18, 2009

Scripture: Mark 10: 35 - 45

Sermon: 'NO SHORTCUTS'

#### Weekly Schedule

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



Dear Friends,

We have another report that notes changes in the job market. The report notes, Some of these jobs — at least the duties — have been around in some form for a while. What's new is a 'professional pathway' for these careers, according to employment expert and author Laurence Shatkin. "O\*Net officially recognizes job titles once there is a critical mass of workers in those jobs and a clear road map for attaining the positions." The fields include green energy, video game designers and education management positions. The world continues to spin, turn and change. We all know that this is true from local experience if nothing else. Growing up, many of my friends looked to get a job with Sears or International Harvester or Firestone, and stay with them until retirement. That plan did not work out too well for obvious reasons. To paraphrase Alvin Toffler, people who fall behind in the 21st century are those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn. In the midst of the change, the gospel remains the same. The great good news of new life in Christ is still and eternally true. What we must assess in each generation is whether the methods we use to tell that good news story are effective. Are flannel boards too dull for words in an age of digital everything, or are they so old as to be exciting and new? Once door to door visitation worked. Today it meets far greater resistance. From the beginning of the church, singing has been an important way to learn and express the gospel. How do we best mix the favorites of our youth with the hymns that speak to a new generation in order to form a holy congregation? The world does not stay the same. This past Saturday, approximately 30 Mullins UMC members gathered for almost give hours to examine how we have lived and expressed the gospel, and how we might do so in the year to come. You may review their answers at the Administrative Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. All of us seek to build the best we can of what is new on the solid foundation of the best of what we have inherited. May God guide you as you seek to serve our Lord here from the corner of Mendenhall and Walnut Grove.

Blessings,  
Brad

**PUBLIC HEARING ON GOLD CLUB**  
Councilman Jim Strickland and County Commissioner Mike Ritz are convening a community meeting to discuss the status of construction at the Gold Club, located at Summer and White Station. The community meeting will be held at Mullins UMC in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 26i, 2009. Many public officials will share information and/or answer questions. They include (in addition to Commissioner Ritz and Councilman Strickland) Sheriff Mark Luttrell, Police Director Larry Godwin, OPD Director Rick Copeland, Construction Code Enforcement Administrator Allen Medlock, and Assistant County Attorney Carter Gray.

<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24</b>	
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 No Youth 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class 5:00 p.m. Choir Fest at Collierville UMC
MONDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 6:13 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - FH 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 pm. Administrative Council Mtg. - Chapel
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Gym 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 10:30 a.m. UMW Circle Mtg. - Parlor 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - Gym 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - Gym
WEDNESDAY	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - FH 9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs 6:15 p.m. Beading Group - 209 6:30 p.m. Program - FH 7:17 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym Gym Closed
FRIDAY	9:00 Walking in Gym Gym Closed
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga 4:44 p.m. Funny Bones Festival

**THE MENU FOR OCTOBER 21**  
**Adults \$5, 12 & Under \$3, Family Max \$20**  
Potato Bar, Salad, Bread, Dessert

**MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR OCTOBER 18**  
Children's Message - Terrye Mastin  
Children's Church Leader: Margaret Methvin, John Montgomery

**OUR PRAYERS**

St. Francis  
Helen Russell 481

At Home  
Bryan Dunn

**OUR PRESENCE**

8:45 Service	25
Sunday School	76
10:50 Service	153
Prayer Breakfast	9
Prayer Service	78



**CHANCEL FLOWERS**  
for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God  
...in honor of Phillip and Ginny Wilcox,  
for their 22nd anniversary,  
by Betty Williams

**FLU SHOTS**

...this Sunday, October 18, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and on Nov. 4, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Bring your Medicare card with you. For more information, contact Scott or Tina Campbell at 761-9816.