

**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of my whole family, I would like to thank this caring congregation for all of the loving expressions of sympathy and support during my mother's illness and upon her passing. Your kindness and concern means more than words can truly express. God bless each and every one of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Wayne Carson

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given to:

**BUDGET**

In memory of Rhodes Vawter by Mrs. David Moore, Mary Winton

In memory of Lucille Carson by Jim & Sandra Hayes

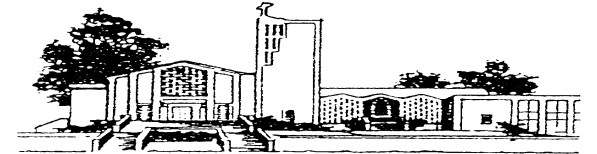
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In honor & in memory of Lena & Edward Melsa and Lesley Lee Melsa by Col. Otto Melsa

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**UMCOR HEALTH KITS AND MULLINS UMW PROJECT**

Join your Mullins UMW by supporting our project to furnish health kits to UMCOR. Make a donation of \$15 - the value of a Kit; we'll do the shopping for you! Make checks payable to Mullins UMC and designate for "UMCOR Health Kits". **Contribution deadline is July 15.** We will assemble kits on Tuesday, July 21. Items needed for a kit: hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", any color), 3 oz. bar soap in original wrapper, wash cloth (any color), toothbrush in original package, large sturdy hair comb (no pocket combs), nail file or nail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers). We thank you in advance for your help!

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Our annual church Birthday Party will be Saturday, July 25, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship. Mark your calendars — you DON'T want to miss this event! Watch upcoming newsletters for more information.

**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 AWESOME GOD**

When our lives are focused on God, awe and wonder lead us to worship God, filling our inner being with a fullness we would never have thought possible. Awe prepares the way in us for the power of God to transform us, and this transformation of our inner attitudes can only take place when awe leads us in turn to wonder, admiration, reverence, surrender and obedience toward God.

-James Houston,  
*The Transforming Power of Prayer*

The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - June 28, 2009

Scripture: Jonah 3: 10 - 4:11

Sermon: 'JONAH'S MAIN PROBLEM  
WAS NOT THE BIG FISH'

Dr. Paul Blankenship, Preaching

*Weekly Schedule*

Sunday Worship 8:45 & 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School 9:40 am

Wednesday Dinner & Program 5:45 p.m.

**MULLINS WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

...meets each Thursday at 6:30 a.m. at Perkins Restaurant on Park at White Station. The goal of the group is to challenge each one in the development of personal prayer life. The meeting includes a short devotional with opening prayer, how prayer has impacted lives the past week, prayer concerns and sharing books that have helped members along their prayer journeys.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The regular church office hours are Monday — Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.



Dear Friends,

At the Nurture Committee meeting recently we reviewed some of the significant ways the world has changed since we were children. Consider the following portion of a news editorial from the Washington Post: "An Assembly of God pastor in Kentucky is encouraging his flock to bring their guns to church June 27 to pay tribute to the Second Amendment, learn about 'responsible gun ownership' and enter a chance to win a free handgun. Meanwhile, a Catholic bishop in Phoenix was given a suspended jail sentence because his tolling church bells violated a local noise ordinance. The judge said the bells could now be tolled for only two minutes on Sundays and religious holidays. Guns in church: legal; tolling church bells: illegal. What's wrong with this picture?"

What's wrong, of course, is that many of the standards that were in place years ago have vanished. Some of that, quite honestly, is good, but there is a lot of good that has been lost as well. Fortunately, the people who are Mullins UMC are aware that the journey we are on is the one that God gives to us. So, while some paths are allowed, others are forbidden. Since we know where we are going - into lives of faithful witness, loving kindness and humble service, then we can choose the best ways to get there. We can be flexible in other words.

To be flexible means that we will value relationships more than rules. Or, as Duke basketball Coach Mike Krzyzewski put it: "Making shots counts, but not as much as the people who make them." People matter more than things. We love people and use things. Things are means to achieve ends. Encouraging people to grow in the image and likeness of God is the end. Here, in the wilderness of change we will have to resist the desire to keep everything exactly the way it is simply because a changed world requires some changes for our witness to remain faithful. We will experiment. When things work, we will keep them and when things don't work we will not continue them. We will allow the example of the Exodus to be an important guide. None of the leaders pretended to know everything. Responsibility was spread out among many people. What was encountered was faced with trust in God and barriers were overcome. Mullins UMC does almost everything right. Let's all be on the alert for what we might do better so as to spread scriptural holiness across that land.

Blessings,  
Brad

	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 28 - SATURDAY, July 4</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 12:00 Noon Boy Scouts CPR Cl. - Lamplighter Rm 4:00 Youth 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class
MONDAY	<b>PDO &amp; Summer Stage Closed all week</b>
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. Career Support Group - Lamplighter Rm. 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class - FH 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class - FH
WEDNESDAY	6:13 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (optional)
THURSDAY	6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group meets at Perkins Restaurant on Park at White Station
SATURDAY	8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH

**MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR JUNE 28**

Children's Message - Scottie Brafford  
Children's Church Leader: Debi Gray

**LOVE OFFERING OPPORTUNITY**

As most of you are aware, Craig Tate, who has served as Youth Director here at Mullins for the past two years, has left this position to serve as Pastor of Embury UMC. We would like to show our appreciation for his service with the youth of our congregation with a love offering. Please make checks payable to Mullins and designate, "for Craig Tate". We are grateful for Craig's time with us, and wish him well in his ministry journey.

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee

**OUR PRAYERS**

**At Home**

Charles Griffin  
Charles Carter

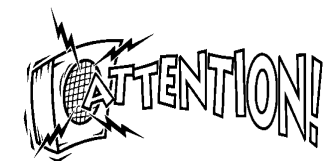
**OUR PRESENCE**

8:45 Service	33
Sunday School	72
10:50 Service	132
Prayer Breakfast	10
Prayer Service	75



**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God  
...in loving memory of Clara & Truemun Wyrick  
by Suzanne & Joe Wyrick



Maanza a Leza now has a card rack in the Hall of the Apostles (between the Sanctuary and the Chapel). We have a selection of beautiful hand-made greeting cards that you can purchase individually or in packets of six. Your purchase of these cards supports our mission project — the school in Sichibeya, Zambia