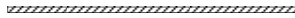


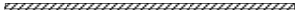


Double blessings! On Sunday, January 25, 2009, Michael Stephen Bowen was baptized at the 8:45 worship service. Michael is the son of Ed and Stephanie Bowen. At the 10:50 service, Miranda Byrd joined our church family! Miranda's address is 2495 Campus Postal Station. It was a wonderful day at Mullins UMC!



PLEASE NOTE!

Except for Sundays, all church functions will follow the Memphis City Schools closings for inclement weather. If Memphis City Schools are closed — Mullins UMC is closed!



JOIN OUR ACOLYTE TEAM!

Acolytes are an important part of our worship experience! We would love to have new kids participate in this area of service. If your child is 2nd grade or older and has an interest in serving as an acolyte, please call Tammy Williamson at 682-1942, for information about acolyte training.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

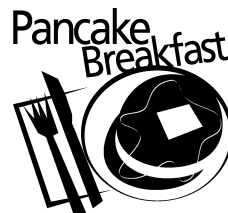
In memory of Kay Wood by Bill & Betty Pickel

In memory of Scott Belisle by Kerrie, Reed & Olivia Burton



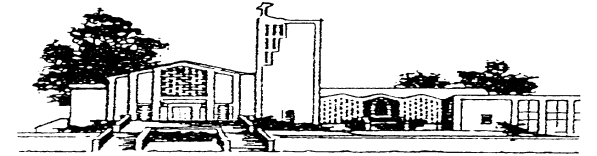
**SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETHEART
BAKED GOODS AUCTION FUNDRAISER**

The second annual Bake Sale Auction will be held February 11, 2009, in Fellowship Hall. No one's sweetheart (or sweet tooth) should be neglected on Valentine's Day! Get out your cookbooks, don your apron and rush to the kitchen to concoct your most delectable, delightful Valentine treat! Each person should include a description of the item, along with their name and an opening bid. Prizes will be awarded for best Valentine theme. It's going to be fun, as well as delicious! We raised enough money through last year's auction and the used book sale to buy computer software for the library. Proceeds from this year's event will be used to purchase bookcases.



The Boy Scouts of Troop 75 invite you and your family to the 17th annual Pancake Breakfast in Fellowship Hall at Mullins UMC on Sunday, February 8, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$3.00, \$2.00 for children under 6, or a maximum of \$10.00 per immediate family. Tickets may be purchased before worship on Sunday, Feb. 1, or at the Wednesday night dinner on Feb. 4.

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The Rev. Dr. Bradley W. Gabriel, Pastor

Mullins Pulpit - February 1, 2009

Scripture: Mark 1: 21 - 28

Sermon: 'CLASH OF SPIRITS'

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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Dear Friends,

This piece has been around, but it is a good one to meditate on during the January/February doldrums.

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The preacher found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone, then he sat back in his chair, still silent. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow, with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host, with a tear running down his cheek, said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon.. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

In His Service,
Brad

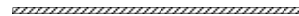


VERY IMPORTANT NOTE!!!

As you already know, the police are reporting an increase in crime. One of our members had her purse stolen from her unlocked car this past Sunday. Had the car been locked, the thieves probably would have smashed the window. Please do not leave anything of value where it can be seen in your car!!! Also, please tell an usher if you see anything unusual or out of the ordinary in the church or parking lot. Ushers, please feel free to take one or two members of the church with you if someone looks out of place and invite them to come to worship.

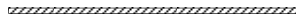
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 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
 - 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
 - 7:00 p.m. Missions/Outreach - 117
- TUESDAY
 - 8:30 a.m. Walking in Gym
 - 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. Beading Group - 209
 - 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
 - Dolphin Class Sleep-over - Library
- SATURDAY
 - Basketball - gym
 - 8:15 a.m. Yoga - FH



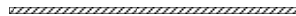
MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 1

Acolytes: Addison Furst, Riley Williamson
No Children's Message - Communion



THE MENU FOR FEBRUARY 4

Adults \$5, 12 & Under \$3, Family Max \$20
Adults: Beef Stew, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert
Kids: Pizza or adult menu



NEW HOURS FOR CHURCH OFFICE

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

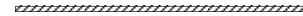
OUR PRAYERS

Baptist Memorial Hospital
Rhodes Vawter 4223

HealthSouth-Union
Julia Ettman 319

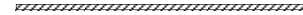
At Home

Jack Cannon
Marion Haynes (at Helen Addington's)
Gabrielle Dunigan (tests 1/28/09)



OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m.	36
Sunday School	85
10:50 Service	133
Prayer Breakfast	8
Prayer Service	78



CHANCEL FLOWERS

for this Sunday are being placed to the Glory of God

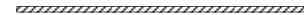
...in honor of Charles G. Griffin, III
by Carol & Diana Griffin

...in loving memory of my husband, Harold,
in remembrance of his birthday, January 30,
by Ann Smith



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!



PLEASE NOTE!!!

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