

MULLINS MESSENGER

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Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Sunday Morning Worship Services:
8:45 in Mullins' Chapel – 10:50 in Mullins' Sanctuary



Mullins Pulpit – June 6, 2010

Scripture: Luke 7:11-17

Sermon: “Satisfaction”

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends on the Way,

This Sunday, June 6, begins the 171st meeting of the Memphis Annual Conference. In recognition of that, I thought some words from John Wesley are appropriate:

The distinguishing marks of Methodists are not their opinions of any sort. Therefore, whoever imagines that a Methodist is a person of such and such opinion is sadly ignorant. We do believe that “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God.” We believe that Christ is the eternal, supreme God.

But as to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity, we think and let think. This means that whether or not these secondary opinions are right or wrong, they are not the distinguishing marks of a Methodist. Our religion does not consist of doing only those things which God has not forbidden. Nor are Methodists identified because they base their religion on any particular part of God's truth. Then what is the distinguishing mark of a Methodist? Who are Methodists?

Methodists are people who have the love of God in their hearts. This is a gift of God's Holy Spirit. And the same Spirit causes Methodists to love the Lord their God with all their hearts, with all their souls, with all their minds, with all their strength. Naturally Methodists are happy in God. Methodists realize that they belong to God instead of Satan. This is their redemption. Having personally experienced deliverance, Methodists cannot help rejoicing. They rejoice every time they think of their narrow escape from eternal destruction. Methodists rejoice because they look forward confidently to seeing the glory of Christ fully revealed one day. Another characteristic of Methodists: they have learned to be content,

whether they have much or little. Whether they are in leisure or suffering pain . . . whether they are sick or in good health . . . whether they live or die, Methodists give thanks to God from the very depths of their hearts. For the Methodist trusts that God's ways are always good . . . that every wonderful and perfect gift comes to us from God, into whose providential hand the Methodist has committed his body and soul.

Methodists know no paralyzing frustration and anxiety! Methodists have thankfully cast their every care upon God, never failing to let God know all about their needs and problems. Methodists never stop praying. Nor do Methodists try to beat God's ears with many words. The Methodist's whole self is tuned to God's will—at all times and in all circumstances.

Inscribed indelibly on the Methodist's heart is the truth that “he who loves God loves his brother also.” This means that Methodists care about their neighbors as much as they care about themselves! Their hearts are full of love—for everyone.

If anybody causes them trouble, embarrassment, or discomfort, Methodists can forgive. This means that a Methodist never has reason to quarrel and fight with anybody, regardless how great the provocation.

There is one great desire which motivates Methodists: to do not his or her own will but God's. The Methodist's single intention is to please God.

Anybody can identify a tree by its fruits. So also the Methodist is known because his or her life bears the fruit for God; keeping all the commandments from the greatest to the very least.

Blessings,

Brad (and John Wesley)

OUR PRAYERS

As members of the body of Christ, we are always in prayer for one another. At this time our thoughts and prayers go out especially for:

Lucille Givens at home (knee surgery on June 28)

John Griffin at St. Francis Hospital, Room 1101

Frances Vawter at home

OUR SYMPATHY, love and prayers go out to:

the family and friends of **Mae Cook**

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of **June Phillips** by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ledbetter, Mr. Edwin Schell, Audrey Wortham

MUSIC

In memory of **June Phillips** by Helen Addington

THE FINCHERS GOSPEL

SINGERS will be in concert on Sunday, June 13, 2010, at 5 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 4459 Willow Road, Memphis, Tennessee. Aldersgate UMC invites us to join them for an evening of great, heart-warming music!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held at Collierville United Methodist Church beginning Sunday, June 6, through Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

CASUAL DRESS BEGINS

On Sunday, June 6, "Casual Dress" for worship begins and will continue throughout the summer months. We want everyone to be comfortable during worship in the hot summer months, however, please keep modesty in mind.

FROM OUR NEW CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR



Dear Mullins Family,

I cannot tell you how excited I am to begin serving with you all in ministry for the children. Thank you for the opportunity to do so, and I look forward to getting to know everyone this summer!

My goal at Mullins is to build a program with a strong foundation in worship and prayer, and a balance of Bible teaching and creative programming for the children. I hope that we can provide them with opportunities to learn about Jesus Christ and come to know Him as Savior.

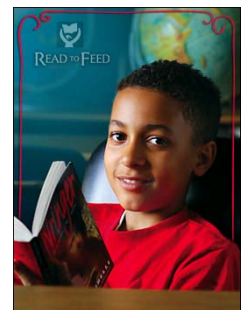
I am so pleased to be here, and I hope that you will let me know of any questions, concerns, or suggestions that you might have for children's ministry at Mullins.

Blessings,
April Riley

READ TO FEED

In Read to Feed, students enlist sponsors who agree to pledge a donation—a dime, a quarter, a dollar, indeed, any amount—for each book the student reads between Memorial Day and July 31.

At the end of the program, children collect their pledges, pool their money and donate it to Heifer to purchase livestock and training for families in need. Students who raise \$20 can purchase a flock of chicks. A \$250 collection buys a water buffalo. A \$500 collection can be used to buy a cow, which can provide milk for growing families to drink and to sell for income to pay for schooling or health care. Every dollar donated helps a family move from poverty and being hungry toward self-reliance.



Every gift multiplies through Heifer's Passing on the Gift cornerstone, where families who receive livestock and training share the first-born offspring of their animal and the training they received with another family, creating an ever-widening circle of hope.

In the summer of 2010, we are promoting use of our library at Mullins United Methodist Church. For this reason, I am asking the participants to choose books from our church library. We have a wide selection, specifically chosen for them.

Margaret Carbaugh, who is coordinating the Read to Feed initiative at Mullins, is also challenging each reader to find one shut-in or senior in our church or in the reader's neighborhood and read to that person at least one time. Although not required, participants will receive extra credit for this activity.

The Read to Feed forms can be found on our church website under Ministries at the Library tab. You can also e-mail Margaret Carbaugh at margaret.carbaugh@att.net with questions."





LOOKING FOR ALL ONE WAY SINGERS

We hope to have a reunion of all the ONE WAY SINGERS July 24 and 25, 2010. Please call Sandy Scruggs at 754-4790 if you have contact information for any members of this group.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United will meet at Buntyn Presbyterian Church on Monday, June 7, at 9:30 a.m. The program topic is "Identity Theft." Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Nancy Blankenship.

BREAD MINISTRY

Please help restock our bread shelves by baking a loaf or two of your favorite bread, double wrap for freezing, and bring them to the church. A loaf of homemade bread is a great way to welcome first-time visitors! Thanks for your continued support of this ministry.

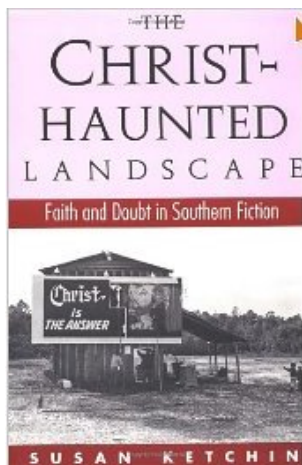


THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

I want to personally thank you for your donation for Golden Cross. 100% of your gift will touch lives by assisting with rent, food, and medical emergencies, as well as program and activities that promote a better life for our elderly residents. For 40 years Wesley Senior Ministries has been a vital part of the Memphis Annual Conference. It began as a "response to the love of God" and continues today as part of the Great Command as Christ has directed us to "love our neighbors as ourselves." By participating with this donation, you are doing just that—loving your neighbor.

Blessings,
Selena Henson, President
Wesley Senior Ministries Foundation



JESUS IN THE SOUTHLAND: SUMMER SHORT STORIES OF SALVATION, SIN, AND SEEKING

Join us this summer beginning Sunday, June 6, at 9:40 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, for short stories by southern authors. Adults of all ages will read and discuss tales of religion and faith in day-to-day life from well-known southern authors. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 685-8253 so that copies of the stories may be available for all.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR JUNE 6:

Liturgist: Colleen Mason

Ushers and Greeters:

Charles Carter (Head Usher),
Kathy Carter, Norm and Barbara Kercher, Tommy and Sandy Scruggs

Children's Church: April Riley

Communion—No Children's Message

CHANCEL FLOWERS

are being placed to the glory of God in honor of Betty Williams and Ginny Wilcox for their birthdays, by Phillip Wilcox.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

invites you to join us on Sunday mornings in the Narthex for coffee and conversation following the 10:50 worship service.

THE MENU FOR JUNE 9:

Pork
Sweet Potatoes
Broccoli
Salad Bar
Bread
Dessert

*Adults \$5, Children 12 and under \$3,
Family Max \$20*

PLEASE NOTE: June 9 is the last Fellowship Dinner until August 11

Dinner is held on Wednesday nights at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief prayer service and an interesting program. Everyone is invited to attend and to enjoy the fellowship. Your first dinner is complimentary!

If you're not already on the list, please call the church office to let us know you're coming so we'll be sure to have plenty of food.

CHECK LIGHTS AND DOORS!

When leaving the church facility, please be sure lights are turned off and doors are securely locked. Thanks for helping and being good stewards!

LOOKING AHEAD!

In July, Mullins United Methodist Church will celebrate its 165th birthday, and we will have a month long celebration!

On Sunday, July 4, we will celebrate with MULLINS IN AMERICA from 6 p.m. until dark. Make plans to enjoy a picnic of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans, slaw, homemade ice cream, watermelon, water, soft drinks, and lemonade. Prepare your favorite homemade ice cream for the ice cream contest. Bring your lawn chairs to sit and visit, enjoy the games (Mullins trivia and more), and there will be fireworks and patriotic music! We'll have face painting and a moon bounce for the kids as well as other fun activities.

Be sure to wear red, white, and blue to the worship service on Sunday morning.

Watch the newsletter for more information in the coming weeks regarding the other birthday celebration events coming in July!



CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

As everyone may already know, the Bishop has re-appointed Rev. Dr. Bradley W. ("Brad") Gabriel as minister of Mullins. What a huge task it must be for the Bishop and his Cabinet to find the right minister for the right church year after year. How do they do it?

The following is a re-print of part of an article written by our Bishop and published in the Memphis Conference Edition of *The United Methodist Reporter* on February 5, 2010, concerning how clergy appointments are made.

As the Memphis Annual Conference Cabinet, we would like to share the following principles that will guide us in this year's appointment process.

1. The mission of the local church comes first. As ministers, we are called to serve, not to be served. Our primary effort will be to place the best qualified minister, according to the needs of the church. Churches involved in mission and ministry for Jesus Christ and supportive of the connection will be given first consideration.

2. The appointment process deserves our honesty, a view for the good of the whole connection. Ministers are members of the Annual Conference and open to appointment in any part of the Conference.

3. The Bishop and Cabinet will look at a minister's effectiveness in making appointments. A minister's record of apportionment payment is a major factor in considering the type of appointment a minister might receive.

4. Churches are reminded that as United Methodist congregations they are to be open and accepting of any minister appointed, regardless of gender, race, age, marital status, handicapping conditions or theological viewpoint. Local churches are to be advocates for those appointed.

5. Churches that do not accept a person because of gender, race, age, marital status, handicapping conditions or theological viewpoint may receive an appointment of someone with less training and ability.

6. Consultation refers to the conversations that take place before a projection is made. The Cabinet's projection is not an invitation to consideration. Introductory meetings with PPR Committees are not interviews. In all cases, the first offer is the best offer. In some cases, it may be the only offer. Ministers not accepting their first offer may be asked to take a Leave of Absence.

7. The guaranteed appointment (Ordained Elders, Associate Members and Commissioned) is not a guarantee to a certain salary level or range. Many churches are struggling to maintain their current level of ministerial support and sacrifices may be called for in order to make all of the appointments.

8. The Cabinet will make an effort to appoint the most effective minister available to a church. We will work firmly and graciously to encourage ineffective pastors to exit rather than to appoint them to places where we have no confidence they can succeed. If we find that we have to make such an appointment, the District Superintendent will offer a full disclosure of the issues of ineffectiveness to the PPRC.

9. We will have all appointments made by mid-May and avoid last-minute pre-conference changes.

10. The Bishop and Cabinet may move any minister at any time for the good of the whole Conference. Preferences and concerns of the minister and/or churches may not always be able to be met.

Ours is not an easy task. Second guessing rarely considers the needs of the entire conference of the dynamics that only the Cabinet may have knowledge of. We ask for your prayers and support. The Memphis Annual Conference has a rich history of effective churches in mission and ministry for Jesus Christ. Difficult times call for commitment and dedication to those principles that first called us into Christ's service. Remember us in your prayers!

*In God's Love and Grace,
Bishop Richard J. Wills and the
Memphis Conference Cabinet*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Thursday, June 3

8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in the Gym

Friday, June 4

8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in Gym

Saturday, June 5

11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 6

Annual Conference Begins Today at Collierville United Methodist Church

8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group—Gym
5:00 p.m. Yoga

Monday, June 7

8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in Gym
9:30 a.m. Church Women United—Buntyn Presbyterian Church—see page 3
6:15 p.m. Woodwind Ensemble
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 8

6:30 a.m. Career Support Group—Gym
8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in the Gym
6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class—Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 9

7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast—Fellowship Hall
8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in the Gym
5:45 a.m. Fellowship Dinner—LAST ONE UNTIL AUGUST 11
6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs
6:30 p.m. Program—Study of Psalms by Pastor Gabriel
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 10

8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in the Gym

Friday, June 11

8:30 a.m. Summer Stage
9:15 a.m. Walking in Gym

Saturday, June 12

11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall
12:00 noon 2010 Lakeshore Golf Classic—Jackson National Golf Course

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Week of June 14-17

9:00 a.m. VBS—Egypt: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace

Sunday, July 4

6:00 p.m. Mullins in America Celebration—see page 4

Saturday and Sunday, July 24 and 25

One Way Singers Reunion



REMEMBER: VBS starts JUNE 14!

OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

Sunday:

8:45 Service 18
Sunday School (5TH Sunday
Gathering) 42
10:50 Worship Service..... 110

Wednesday:

Prayer Breakfast..... 10
Prayer Service 63