

“The Voice” of First United Methodist Church

“A community of believers centered on God and focused on others.”

100 Mount Salus Drive
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Sunday Morning Services

8:45 and 10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Worship Center

June 24, 2009

Mitchell's Moments

The Swiss theologian Karl Barth once spoke of the Christian faith as a matter of Question marks and exclamation points. It is hard to imagine a simpler or more profound statement. On the one hand, life presents innumerable questions about ourselves and our world – questions which academic disciplines are unable to answer. Nor does the Bible answer them. Rather it offers statements punctuated by exclamation points that stand out against our questions: “Why was I born? What is life about?” *Christ the Savior is born!* “Why must I live, love, and grow only to die? Why?” *He is risen!*

The Bible does not solve the riddle of human existence, but it offers dramatic hope to those who struggle to embrace its affirmations. Christian faith is largely a matter of finding the exclamation points and then living them. Paul has a good word for us in our labor, “*be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*”

Life is full unanswered questions. Seldom does a day go by without discovering something that causes us to ask the questions *why?* Seldom does God seem to give us the answers to these questions, but the important insight is that he gives us the grace to live the answers.

As the heat of the summer is upon us we will be sifting the winds of the Holy Spirit. We will be looking at the “fruits” in our lives. We will be experiencing the grace of God offered us daily, and then someone will question – WHY? And yet, the answer is in the unanswered questions, as God gives us his grace to live!

Why not invite someone to worship with you this coming week? We will be remembering the events of July 4th and recognizing our freedom to experience God’s Amazing Grace!

Mitchell

IT’S SUMMER TIME!!!

This means that you are welcome to worship in casual attire! (Many of us already do!) For the next couple of months, July & August, because of the heat and long days of summer, our staff will be dressing casual. You are invited to join us this coming Sunday, June 28, as we welcome the Summer with an Independence Day recognition and a “potluck” luncheon scheduled for Noon!

Mitchell



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY NEWS FROM
RENEE NEBLETT**

FITNESS CAMP — July 13-17, 2009

Shapin' Up hearts, minds and bodies! Fitness Camp helps kids discover a healthy lifestyle of nutrition and fitness so they can accomplish God's purpose for their lives. This will be a five-day Fitness Camp for kids who have completed first through sixth grade.

Sign up at www.fumccinton.org/fitnesscamp or you may get a registration form at the entrances to the Sanctuary or in the church office.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS NEEDED!**

Please volunteer to lead a Sunday School class for preschool and elementary children. You will miss a great opportunity to be blessed if you don't!



SAFETY ISSUES

Please be safe and lock your vehicles—We have had a vehicle broken into recently during the daytime on Mt. Salus Road.

**SENIOR ADULT
MINISTRY NEWS FROM
BETTY PICKETT**



On **Wednesday, July 15th**, a trip is planned to tour the Mississippi Museum of Art. To sign up for any Senior Adult activity, please call Betty Pickett at the church office (601) 924-6671.

**MUSIC NOTES FROM
TOMMY STEADMAN**



There are no "Music Notes" this week as Tommy is out of town until Saturday on the youth choir trip to Orlando, Florida.

Please join us this Sunday as the Chancel Choir and FUMC Orchestra present special patriotic music in celebration of the Independence Day holiday.



**HOLIDAY LUNCH ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH
FAMILY LIFE BUILDING**

This Sunday there will be a holiday pot luck Lunch in the Family Life Building at Noon. You can bring your dish early and Nel will heat it up in the FLB kitchen during Sunday School or worship services.

Dress casual and plan on joining us for fun, fellowship, and good food as we have an early Independence Day celebration.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Church Office, and Summer Camp and Preschool offices will be closed on Monday, July 6th, in observance of Independence Day.



**LOOKING FOR YOUR
THOUGHTS, FEEDBACK,
AND SUGGESTIONS**

Davis is looking for ideas, feedback, and suggestions for Wednesday night small groups for this fall. Please let him know if you have suggestions for groups which will start back up in August. Send your e-mails to davis@fumccinton.org or you may call him at the office 601-924-6671

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

	Acolyte-EARLY	Acolyte	Crucifer	Acolyte-LATE	Acolyte	Crucifer
June 28	Woody Spencer	Breanna Burns	Lee De Rossette	Leland Meadows	Tucker Welch	Ashley Oberhausen
July 5	Joel Sheffield	Brady Shaw	Chandler Noel	Chase Reese	Riley Welch	Matthew Kucia
July 12	Jennings Winstead	Hannah Hagood	Dylan Creel	Will Meadows	Riley Rowland	Sarah Hillhouse

COLLEGE MINISTRY NEWS FROM CASEY COMBEST

SPRING & SUMMER SCHEDULE

Weekly Tuesday Night Bible Study, 8:30 PM—"Tiki Hut"
Tuesdays in June: Backyard Bible Clubs 5:00-6:00 PM
July: 23-August 2nd: Costa Rica mission trip
August 7-9: Hike the Appalachian Trail

For info contact: casey@fumccclinton.org
Or call 601-924-6671

**COLLEGE AGE SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASS MEETS IN ROOM 212 OF THE
EDUCATION BUILDING. COME JOIN
THE GROUP. DAVIS WINSTEAD
IS LEADING THIS CLASS.**



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

**"Anointed, Transformed,
Redeemed"
June 19—July 31st
by Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore,
& Kay Arthur**

Mot Lyons leads this Bible study which is held in the
Worship Center from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. The cost of the
study book is \$14. A nursery is provided.

"IN-HOME" SMALL GROUPS FOR COUPLES



As we wrap up our sermon series on Relationships, we
will be offering some small groups for couples who are
interested in continuing support as they work to take
their marriages from good to great. The groups will
being the first week of July and will continue for six to
seven weeks.

Group Host and Meeting Time and Location
Jamie and Victoria Reeves
Monday 7:00 PM— 219 Mt. Salus Road
Jimmy and Debbie Webster
Tuesday 7:00 PM—Sanctuary Parlor at Church
Charles and Linda Pope
Tuesday 6:30 PM—104 Dublin Drive
Rob and Renee Neblett
Wednesday 7:00 PM—92 Cotton Acres

YOUTH NEWS FROM STEVIE JONES

Sundays

8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Youth Choir
7:00 p.m. Youth Worship in Worship Center

Tuesdays

July 7th—Lunch at Lions Club Park
July 14th—Blue Bayou Water Park
July 21st—Team Blast Rec Games at Timber Creek

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.—Jr/Sr High Bible Studies

Upcoming Events

June 21-27—YOUTH CHOIR TOUR
July 27th, 6:00 p.m.—MISSISSIPPI BRAVES GAME
July 9-11—"DESTINATION X" TRIP

THANK YOU FROM WILLIS AND BRENDA BRITT

Friends,

Thanks for your role in our retirement reception! As always
in my experience with you, you were generous, joyous hosts.

For the flowers in worship and in our honor, we thank you!
They were symbolic of your beautiful faith.

With gratitude,

Willis and Brenda

WARDLAW NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

I am at a loss for words to express my gratitude to all of you
who have reached out to our family during Gene's illness.

Thank you for everything—phone calls, visits, delicious
meals and beautiful cards. I am deeply humbled by such
generosity and loving kindness.

Thank you for being such a wonderful church family.

Sincerely,

Pam Wardlaw

HOME ASSISTANCE NEEDED



There is a need for someone to assist in the home of an
elderly church member for two to four hours in the morning
for several days a week. If you are interested in this position
or know of someone who may be interested, please contact
Linda at the church office.

WE SUPPORT THE MISSION OF CHRIST THROUGH OUR:

PRESENCE

FINANCIAL GIVING

06/21/09		Rec'd for Budget (06/21/09)	14,099.38
8:45	201	Miscellaneous Offerings	1,992.47
10:45	143	TOTAL	16,091.85
Connection	85		
Nursery	11		
Total	440		

PRAYERS

A weekly prayer list is made available each Sunday morning in front and rear entrance ways to the Sanctuary.

PASTOR ON CALL

June 27th—Mitchell Hedgepeth
[601-942-8700]
[for emergency use only]

HOSPITAL VISITATION SCHEDULE

Monday— Mitchell Hedgepeth
Tuesday— _____
Wednesday— Clint Ware
Thursday— David Greene
Friday— Davis Winstead

VIDEO/SOUND OPERATOR NEEDED



If you have an interest in operating the sound and/or video at our traditional & contemporary worship services, call Tommy at 601-214-5952 or e-mail to tommy@fumclinton.org. We can teach you how to do this and help you along the way as you learn. There are immediate needs in this area. Please prayerfully consider helping in this vital area of our church ministry.

NOTE OF THANKS

Partners in Ministry,

I write a fond farewell. I will take leave this afternoon. Thanks to all who honored us at the reception with the gift of a Wyatt Waters original painting of the nativity! I express profound gratitude for the establishment of a scholarship fund for Mississippi clergy to travel and study through the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies. Would you please express my gratitude to your congregations?

You have greatly enriched my life and ministry. You will remain in my prayers. My contact information will be: 5992 Baxter Drive, Jackson, MS 39211

Willis and Brenda

Home: 601-899-8925, Cell: 601-497-5860
willisbritt@yahoo.com

THANK YOU FROM THE BISHOP

Thank you for your generous responses to the Annual Conference offerings:

.Trans4mation - \$1,113.30
Hunger – Stop Hunger Now
and Society of St. Andrew - \$99,887.59
Nothing but Nets - \$8,130.44
Ministerial Education Fund - \$6,671.56
Hope for the Children of Africa Choir - \$2,257.85

If you missed any of these opportunities for giving during the Annual Conference Session, your gift may be added through the office of the Annual Conference Treasurer.

Thank you for the way these numbers will grow before the totals are final! Together we are making a difference for Jesus Christ in the world.

Gratefully, Hope

When you can't be here in person, tune in to morning worship on Sundays 11-12:00 noon on WFMN-FM 97.3 Jackson!
You are invited to hear sermons from the previous Sunday. Visit www.fumclinton.org and click on the sermon of your choice.

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