

OUR PRAYERS

St. Francis

(Merwin) Gene Meyer 541

Baptist Mem'l.

Hugh Rhodes 2935 ICU

At Home

Kathryn Clark Marie Hughes
Roger Umnuss Gerry & Gabe Colosia

Our Sympathy.

love and prayers go out to
...Perry Wilson & family in the loss of his
brother, Charles Wilson
...Family & friends of Georgia Faye Douglas

OUR PRESENCE

January 9

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| Church School | 50 |
| Worship | 77 |
| Visitors | 7 |

OUR GIFTS

January 9

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| This Week's Offering | \$ 3416 |
| MTD | \$ 7608 |

OUR SERVICE

Assisting January 16

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| Greeters | Jean DeLong Audrey Weaver |
| Liturgist | Bruce Hughes |
| Scripture | Judy Stanley |
| Children's Time | Judy Stanley |
| Lock-up | Neil DeLong |

January Scripture Readers

23 Dean Tutor
30 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

The "Yes, and" Attitude

To get creative ideas flowing, many brainstorming sessions begin with the leader encouraging the "yes, and" response rather than the "no, but" approach to suggestions and ideas presented. A "yes, and" attitude encourages participants and opens endless possibilities.

Do we have a "yes, and" response to that still, small voice, directing us or do we answer "no, but" to God's nudging? I Corinthians 2:9 tells us, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

Think of it! God wants to do more with our lives than we can ever imagine! Keep your heart and mind open and be ready with the "yes, and" attitude.

Peace & Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Jan. 16

Psalm 40:1-11

Genesis 9:8-17

Sermon

"A Promise and a Sign"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Jan. 16 - Sat., Jan. 22

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| Sun. 1/16 | 9:00a Trustees Mtg. 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:30p Angelfood Orders |
| Mon. 1/17 | Noon News Deadline |
| Tue. 1/18 | No Activities |
| Wed. 1/19 | 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal |
| Thu. 1/20 | 10:00a Bible Study 11:30a Beans & Bingo |
| Fri. 1/21 | Offices Closed |
| Sat. 1/22 | 9:00a AFLS 9:00a UMW Pres./VP Day @ Colonial Park 10:00a Angelfood Distribution |



WHITE BEANS LUNCH & WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO

Join us on Thursday, January 20, for Bible Study at 10:30 and fun and fellowship, lunch and bingo at 11:30. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by the kitchen and indicate if you are bringing a pot of white beans, cornbread, relish & onions and/or cookies. Drinks will be furnished. Remember to bring your bingo prize beautifully wrapped - something "recycled" or any "white elephant" gift. You may bring as many prizes as you like!

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends,
Thank you for all the prayers offered on my behalf last year. I had my last treatment the end of December and the prognosis is good. Thank you again for all the love and support. Richard and I both appreciate it very much.

Karen Hall

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Many thanks to the Fellowship Class for hosting our Fellowship Time on Jan. 9.



UMW NEWS

All officers please be working on your report for the Jan. 23 Executive meeting when we share our responsibilities, and don't forget the Presidents/Vice Presidents/Leaders Day at Colonial Park on Jan. 22.

The next meeting for Golden Cross Key Women is Jan. 13, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Both meetings are at Wesley Stage Park, 2779 Battle Creek Dr., Memphis, 38128. A light lunch/dinner will be served. Be sure to call Selena Henson's office for reservations.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Every kind word and caring gesture you offer is evidence of God's love.



ARE YOU READY?

If a major emergency or natural disaster occurs, it will be impossible for emergency teams to respond to everyone at once. You must be prepared to fend for yourself and your family for at least 72 hours. Here are some steps to take:

1. Stock first aid kits or purchase them already filled with supplies. Keep one in your car and in your home.
2. Build a survival kit in a large, water-tight container with wheels. Among other things, be sure to include extra food & water, medications, medical information on each family member, battery operated or wind-up lights and radios, extra batteries, blankets, a list of family/friends phone numbers and emergency numbers.
3. Pack a GO-BAG for each member of the family. Include prescriptions, food, water, clothes and hygiene items. Bags should be ready to grab at a moment's notice.
4. Everyday conveniences may be unavailable and communications knocked out for days or weeks. Determine "safe places" ahead of time and designate as 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Have all family members practice getting to them.
5. Don't forget your animals. If at all possible, have leashes, harnesses, food and carriers ready for your pets.



NEED A RIDE?

Please let the office know (683-8861).



GOING PLACES!

You still have time to sign up for the trip to Reelfoot on Feb. 8. Reservations are also being taken for the trip to Marlsgate Mansion, Scott AR, on March 29, and the Cajun Country Tour in Louisiana April 4-7. Call Carolyn for all the details, 861-0841.



ANGELFOOD

Orders will be taken on Sun., Jan. 16, from 12:30 to 1:30. Distribution will be on Sat., Jan. 22, from 10 to 11am. Call Rebeca Ernst, 484-7385, to volunteer or for more information.



THE MARGUERITE FRANCIS MEMORIAL MUSIC @ NOON CONCERT SERIES

...at Bartlett UMC on Jan. 19th, will feature Dr. Geoffrey Ward, director of the Memphis Boychoir and organist/choir master at St. John's Episcopal Church. Jan. 26th will find Morris & Webb in concert with their renditions of delta blues. All concerts begin at 12:10 p.m. and end at 12:40. A light lunch will be available for purchase following each performance.