

OUR PRAYERS
Baptist Rehab
Doris Babb 207

OUR PRESENCE

August 23

Church School	63
Worship	90
Visitors	5

OUR GIFTS

August 23

Tithes & Plate Offering	\$ 2403
Church School	\$ 24
Total Rec'd	\$ 2427
August MTD	\$ 18349
YTD Conf. payments	\$ 17189

OUR SERVICE

Assisting August 30

Greeters	Margie Williamson Lorelle Woodard
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Brother Paul
Children's Time	Dean Tutor
Lock-up	Earl Galloway



**Scripture Readers
for September**

- 6 Brother Paul
- 13 Renee Little
- 20 Warren Petty
- 27 United Methodist Women

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FROM THE PASTOR

'The Senior version of 'Jesus Loves Me'

Here is a new version just for those of us who have white hair (I have some gray) or no hair at all. For us over middle-agers (or even those almost there) and all others, check out this newest version of Jesus Loves Me.

"JESUS LOVES ME"

Jesus loves me, this I know, though my hair is white as snow, though my sight is growing dim, still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME... YES, JESUS LOVES ME... YES, JESUS LOVES ME... THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh so slow, with my hand in His I'll go, on through life, let come what may, He'll be there to lead the way.

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long, in my heart He puts a song. Telling me in words so clear, 'have no fear, for I am near.'

(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done and life's victories have been won, He will take me home above, then I'll understand His love.

(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so? Jesus loves to hear me say that I love Him every day.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for August 30th
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon Title
"It's a Matter of the Heart"



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., August 30 - Sat., September 5

Sun. 8/30	9:15a Prayer Room 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 8/31	Noon Newsletter Deadline
Tue. 9/1	6:30 Girl Scouts
Wed. 9/2	5:00p Zumba Class 6:30p Staff/Parish Relations 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 9/3	10:00a Adult Bible Study
Fri. 9/4	Offices Closed
Sat. 9/5	9:00a AFLS



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP RESUMES SEPTEMBER 9th

What is it about friendships that bond us and bind us? Join us on Wed. evenings and find out. Bring a dish to share and your bible at 6:30 to our Fellowship & Study gathering. You'll be missed if you are not there!

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME RESUMES SEPTEMBER 13

Beginning in Sept., we will have Fellowship Time every month on first Sundays. However, due to Labor Day, Fellowship will resume on the second Sunday, Sept. 13th, in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15. This is a special time - come early, visit with friends and meet new friends. We have coffee, juice and milk, along with breakfast foods, or whatever each class decides to serve. Plan now to come join in the fellowship.



UMYF - 2 SUNDAYS A MONTH

Beginning in Sept. (the 13th and 27th), we will have United Methodist Youth Fellowship, beginning after church until 3:00 p.m. for grades K-12. Lunch will be served, followed by Bible Study by Amanda Robertson and crafts by Laura Schneider. We have carefully planned time for our youth to enjoy fellowship and not intrude on "homework" and school activities. Please make every effort to have your children attend. UMYF will be on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Please sing up on the bulletin board for snack lunches for approximately 15. We will have drinks available. Thanks for supporting our youth!!!

ZUMBA CLASS IS UP AND RUNNING

Lots of fun! Exercise should be harder, but this is fun! Thanks to Laura Schneider for great instruction and many, many thanks to Tom & Sharon Lockhart for the DVD player. Please come and join in. You don't know what you're missing!!!! Wednesday evenings at 5 p.m. If you can't get there at 5, come anyway. You can join in anytime.



THE CHURCH LAWN

Derick Gibbs, who has been providing our lawn services for the past two years, informed the Trustees this past weekend that his wife's cancer has returned and that he will no longer be able to provide lawn care. Please be patient with the Trustees while we are in the process of acquiring someone to finish the remainder of the season.

UMW NEWS

Thanks to all who helped in any way to make our study on "Food and Faith" meaningful, and for the sizeable offering taken when Brother Paul lead us in the Communion Service.

Next is the District Annual Meeting Sept. 13 at Collierville We have to take our scrapbook to this meeting so please give me photos, thank you notes, etc., pertaining to our 2009 activities. We actually have two scrapbooks, one for photos and one for miscellaneous items. Thanks to Perri for the group photo which will be on the front of our photo scrapbook.

Conference Annual Meeting is on Sept. 19. Then UMW Sunday is Sept. 27, and you will be asked to take part in the service.

Thanks to the Trustees, we are now getting our downstairs UMW Room ready. Later, we will need a lot of help getting everything moved. Did you know that our room is now 45 years old and was made possible by Kathryn Lockhart who saved memorabilia from the time we organized in 1955 and to whom our room is dedicated? The earliest workers to get our first room in shape were Carol Florow, Aleda Kelly and Margaret Ann Ligon. Wouldn't it be great to have our new room in shape by UMW Sunday and possibly have open house?!

ALL MEMBERS will be called to help in some way for at least one of these important September activities. Also, our 2010 slate of officers is near completion for September elections, thanks to Renee and her committee. Please agree to serve in some capacity if you have not already done so. As some groups did not meet in the summer, please get your pledges in for EVERY MONTH.

Aleda Kelly

TRAVEL TIME

Fall is just around the corner and it's a great time to travel! The following tours are available for you to enjoy:



Sept. 22 - Pickwick day trip with boat ride and lunch at the Pickwick Lodge

Oct. 6 - Day trip to Indianola, MS to the BB King Museum, Delta Interpretive Center and Indianola Pecan Company.

Nov. 10-13 - Pigeon Forge, TN & Asheville, NC for a Christmas tour of the Biltmore Estate, lots of fall foliage in the Smokies, shows and good eats.

Dec. 1-4 - Branson, MO including "The Miracle of Christmas" at the new Sight and Sound Theater, Andy Williams, 12 Irish Tenors and others.

Brochures are on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Call Carolyn McDougal @ 861-0841, for information and reservations.

THE UPPER ROOM

...for September/October is available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. Pick one up now and start your mornings with spiritual guidance. Each day will be blessed.



READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?

Come to the Book Sale and see what you can find! Get those closets, attics and bookshelves cleaned out to get rid of your unwanted books and magazines to share with others. Bring your donations to the Exercise Room or leave in the church office for our book sale.