

OUR PRAYERS

At Home

Doris Babb
Gene Finger

OUR PRESENCE

December 20

Church School 50
Worship 93
Visitors 10

OUR GIFTS

December 20

Tithes & Plate Offering \$ 4038
Church School \$ 29
Total Rec'd \$ 4067

November MTD \$ 15386
YTD Conf. payments \$ 34315

OUR SERVICE

Assisting December 27

Greeters Keith & Frances Coffman
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Renee Little
Children's Time Rebeca Ernst
Usher Roger Umnuss
Lock-up Jimmie Bedwell



January Scripture Readers

3 Brother Paul
10 Warren Petty
17 Judy Stanley
24 Martha Burford
31 Brother Paul

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FROM THE PASTOR

Some Christmas humor:

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking over the crèche when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures. He hurried outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant Jesus.

So he walked up to the boy and said, "Well, where did you get your passenger, my fine friend?" The little boy replied, "I got Him at church." "And why did you take Him?" The boy explained, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus and I told Him if He would bring me a red wagon for Christmas I would give Him a ride around the block in it."

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!
Brother Paul and Barbara

Scripture Readings for Dec. 27

Psalm 148
Luke 2:41-52

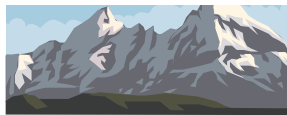
Sermon

Discerning Who We Are

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Dec. 27 - Sat., Jan. 2

Sun. 12/27	9:15a Prayer Room 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 12/28	Noon Newsletter Deadline
Tue. 12/29	No Activities
Wed. 12/30	No Activities
Thu. 12/31	10:00a Adult Bible Study
Fri. 1/01	Happy New Year!
Sat. 1/02	9:00a AFLS



LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT?

Why not give a tour to that special someone? Here are some great ones:

~ Oberammergau's Passion Play which is only produced every 10 years. Two tours are available—June 15-23, 2010, Austrian Delight, which includes the Austrian Alps, Innsbruck, Bavaria, Salzburg, Mirabell Gardens and Munich, then, August 23-Sept. 1, includes the Austrian Alps, Innsbruck, Bavaria, Salzburg, Austria, Switzerland, Lucerne and Bern.

- ~ Greece-Footsteps thru Time, Apr. 15-23
- ~ Pacific Northwest-June 14-21
- ~ Northern National Parks-Aug. 13-20
- ~ San Antonio Holiday-Dec. 3-7
- ~ South Pacific Wonders/Australia & New Zealand-March 14-28.

Brochures are available on the bulletin board by the kitchen. For more information, call Carolyn McDougal, 861-0841.



Thanks so much for your prayers and generous gift for my upcoming trip. In early January I go to New Orleans to visit a Carcinoid Specialist in hopes of beginning treatments to regress the cancer. Special thanks to my "red-headed angel" for realizing the stress I've been under, her concern, kindness and assistance. God bless each of you and Merry Christmas.

Wanda Tabor

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On behalf of UM Neighborhood Centers I want to thank everyone who donated to the Christmas Card for the Toy Store. We had enough toys for the over 250 parents/guardians who shopped with some left over for delivery to St. Jude and one of the abuse shelters. The shoppers were appreciative and delighted to be able to provide toys for their children. We were especially pleased to let a neighborhood family shop whose father is in Afghanistan. Thank you so much. Terry said we collected over \$1800-more that we have in several years. Thanks also to Peggy Brightwell, Tom Lockhart and Margie & Terry Williamson who volunteered at the store. Merry Christmas everybody!

Sharon Lockhart

DO YOU NEED AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE?

More and more working, uninsured people are turning to the Church Health Center for health care for themselves and their families. If you are among those in need, you are encouraged to call the Center at 901-272-0033 or visit www.churchhealthcenter.org for more information.

To make a year-end, tax-deductible donation to the Center, please call 901-272-7170.

DO YOU KNOW ME?

While we have found a few of our "missing" there are still quite a number that we have no contact information for. If you know address, phone, cell, email or birth date for anyone on this list, please call the church office, 683-8861.

Christopher Barber	Betty Blythe
Leslie Blythe	Ellen Boals
Doug Bradsher	Doris Brown
Joey Burton	Bonnie Carter
Leslie Chandler	Donna Crawford
Angela Ellis	Brian Ellis
Pam Ellis	Marcia Green
Greg Head	Bonnie Hibner
Sherry Jacobie	Marta King
Robert King	Ruth Knowles
Kyle Kramer	April Leatherwood
Cory Leatherwood	Linda Leatherwood
Richard Leatherwood	Melissa Lee
Elizabeth Lopez	Glenda Martin
Bettye Paratore	Clinton Pollan
Diane Pollan	Lauren Pollan
Sean Rush	Dorothy Schneider
Lauren Smith	Lisa Smith
Nadine Smith	Andy Washington
Billy Washington	Kay Washington
Charles Webb	Betty Wilburn
John Wilburn	JoLyn Wilburn
Sean Wilburn	



MID-SOUTH MUSICAL TREASURERS

...makes its debut on Tues., Dec. 22, at 9 p.m. on WKNO-TV. View the 28 minute documentary on the Ellis Auditorium Opus 7035 pipe organ that was saved from destruction, renovated and brought back to life at Bartlett United Methodist Church.

Crafted by Don Gear, the program will replay on 12/23 at 1 a.m. and 12/26 at 5 p.m.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

Scholarship Fund

In honor of Dean & Aleita Tutor

By Mr. & Mrs. Norris Gabriel

In honor of Carolyn McDougal

By Perri Mathis

In memory of Glenda Lester

By Mr. & Mrs. Norris Gabriel

In memory of Lloyd "Coach Mac" McDougal

By Barry Mathis

Memorial Fund

In memory of Glenda Lester

By Dr. Roger Nolte

Honorarium Fund

In honor of Michael & Mary Ann McCarty

By Jean McCarty

In honor of Betty McConnell

By Patricia Baker

Maintenance

In honor of Mary Robbins

By Rick & Rebeca Ernst

Pew Cushions

In honor of Aleita Tutor

By Daniel Boice

In honor of Ed Stanley

By Daniel Boice

In honor of Richard & Frances Morris

By Mary Robbins

By Cathy Boice & Daniel

In honor of Tom & Sharon Lockhart

By Mary Robbins

By Cathy Boice & Daniel

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

May all your days have "Son Shine".