OUR PRAYERS

Methodist G'town Baptist Mem'l

Gene Finger Card.16 Joyce Price surg.1/17

Michael Dunn 2904 ICU

Baptist Desoto
Sandra Johnson 403
Hospice Care
Tina Gift

+05 Tilla Gill

At Home

Earl Galloway Martha Ruth Allen

Frances Morris

OUR PRESENCE

January 13

Church School 38 Worship 53 Visitors 2

OUR GIFTS

January 13

Liturgist

This Week's Offering \$ 1,990 MTD \$ 7,115

OUR SERVICE Assisting January 20

Greeters Peggy Brightwell

Audrey Weaver Bruce Hughes

Scripture Happy Gbeneneh

Children's Time Brother Paul

Lock-up Neil DeLong

OUR WITNESS

January Scripture Readers

27 Jane Hight

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

This coming Sunday we will look at the "First Sign" our gospel writer John provides for us in revealing who Jesus of Nazareth is.

Do you remember what it was - transforming water into wine. This miracle may raise some questions in your mind such as, why, of all the possible things Jesus could do to announce his arrival and intent as the Messiah, he would choose to provide a beverage for a wedding party running low on this libation. For some it also provides a stumbling block concerning excessive alcohol consumption.

Hopefully now I've peaked your interest to explore this more with me this Sunday. Hope to see you there.

Peace and Grace, Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Jan. 20th Psalm 36:5-10
John 2:1-11

Sermon Title "The First Sign"

LOOKING AHEAD

| LOOKING AREAD | |
|---------------|---|
| Sun. 1/20 | 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p UMW Executive Mtg. 12:15p Spaghetti Lunch |
| Mon. 1/21 | Noon News Deadline |
| Tue. 1/22 | 6:00p Cub Scouts |
| Wed. 1/23 | 6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal |
| Thu. 1/24 | 10:00a Bible Study |
| Fri. 1/25 | Offices Closed Set-up for Pinewood Derby |
| Sat. 1/26 | 8:00a Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast and Pinewood Derby 9:00a AFLS |
| Sun. 1/27 | Scout Sunday 9:15a Trustees Mtg. 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship 12:15p Adult/Family Min. Team |



TRUSTEES and ADULT/FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM TO MEET

...on January 27, the **Trustees will meet at 9:15** a.m. The **Adult/Family Team will meet at 12:15 p.m.,** right after church. Please bring pen and paper and a 2013 calendar, along with your great ideas. All are welcome, members please plan to attend.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What corner will you turn this week?

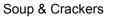
THANK YOU

Dear Friends.

Your calls made me smile, your cards made me laugh and your prayers made me confident for surgery and are seeing me through recovery. Your love warms my heart. Thank you so very much.

Love, Kathy

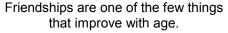
FOOD PANTRY FOR JANUARY





BUS TOUR TO TUPELO MISS.

On March 19 take a trip to see Elvis Presley's boyhood home, visit the Interpretive Museum and the Antique Car Show. Lunch will be included. Contact Carolyn McDougal for more information at (901) 861-0841.



The family of

Norris Gabriel invites you to celebrate his 90th birthday

and a lifetime of good friendships

On Saturday, February 2, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church 4459 Willow Road Memphis, TN

Cards are welcome, but no gifts please. Your presence will be gift enough.





CONGRATULATIONS!

Our March to the Manger, in honor of Jesus' birthday, saw \$5065 donated. The first \$1000 went to our Scholarship Fund with the remaining balance going to Apportionments.

DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLESArticles of Religion of the Methodist Church

Article IX—Of the Justification of Man We are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by faith, and not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore, that we are justified by faith, only, is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort.

Article X—Of Good Works

Although good works, which are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, cannot put away our sins, and endure the severity of God's judgment, yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, and spring out of a true and lively faith, insomuch that by them a lively faith may be as evidently known as a tree is discerned by its fruit.

The Articles of Religion are reprinted from the Discipline of 1808

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

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Bob & Carolyn Bailey

Memorial Fund

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In memory of Ed Gabriel by Betty Smithmier

Scholarship Fund

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LENTEN PREACHING & LUNCH AT CALVARY

This year we will attend the Lenten Preaching service and the Waffle Shop at Calvary Episcopal Church on Thursday, Feb. 28. Mr. Michael D. McLaren, author, speaker and activist among innovative Christian leaders, will bring the message. Bus transportation will be available from the church. Be sure to sign up early. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the office window.