

OUR PRAYERS

Dyersburg Regional

Jack Baker

At Home

Betty Ray

Poplar Point Rehab

Tom Boillot 116A

Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls from Nigeria

Baptist Rehab

Corella Edwards

...earthquake victims in Nepal

Homebound/Assisted Care

Martha Allen	June Burton	Gerri Colosia
Jack Eaton	Mava Dell Fry	Earl Galloway
Helen Griffin	Marie Hughes	Margaret Kenley
Doris Palazzini	Jane Pifer	Bernice Shelby
Chris Simmons	Emmett Smith	Harold Smith
Betty Smithmier	Martha Wallace	Bill Whitaker

OUR PRESENCE

May 10

Church School	32
Worship	83
Visitors	9

OUR GIFTS

May 10

Offering	\$ 1,338
Month to Date	\$ 5,344

OUR SERVICE

May 17, 2015

Greeters	Anna Deekae Barine Deekae
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Tom Lockhart
Children's Time	Rev. De la Cruz
Lock-up	Emmett Parrish

OUR WITNESS

May Scripture Readers

24 Rose Oyoo
31 Peggy Brightwell

ALDERSGATE United Methodist Church
4459 Willow Road
Memphis, TN 38117-6917



CAREGIVER CLASSES FOR ALZHEIMER'S FAMILIES

"Know the 10 Signs" is the theme for the Caregiver Class on Thursday, May 21, from 5:30 to 6:30 at Foxbridge Assisted Living facility, 2180 Magnum Road, Bartlett, TN 38134. A light dinner will be provided. More info available at 800-272-3900.

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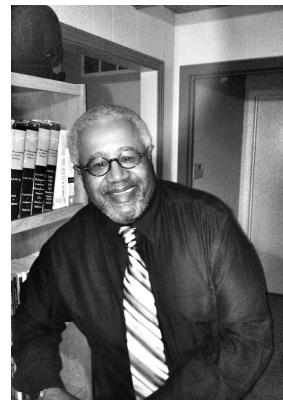
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THE WRITE REVEREND



This past Sunday, I closed the sermon with the story of Joseph Scrivens' hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." It is one of my favorite hymns and one of my favorite hymn stories. I think that's because we all need a friend from time to time, and there's no friend like Jesus at those times when we need a friend the most. Scrivens was dealing with the death of his mother after having lost his fiancé some years before in a tragic accident.

Faith in God does not inoculate us against the trials and vicissitudes of life. No matter how much we might love the lord and serve in the church and the community, we all have our challenges. Its good when we do not have to face those challenges alone. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. God, however, in God's infinite love and wisdom, also sends us human friends in our everyday experiences who can walk with us through the difficulties we face. It is amazing sometimes how something as simple as an encouraging word can make all the difference in the world.

Proverbs 18:24 says: "Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family." (The Message) The King James Version renders this passage: "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

In the final analysis, there are times when we all need friends. One great way to have one, is to be one. Another way is to get to know Jesus as friend and Lord.

Herbert

Scriptures for the week: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; I John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 5/17 10:15a Sunday School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship
12:30p Church Council

Mon. 5/18 10:00a Asbury's Young at Heart goes to Christ for concert
 Noon News Deadline
 6:00p Prayer Walk @ Asbury

Tue. 5/19 1:00p Gift Wrap Open @ Asbury

Wed. 5/20 10:00a **Bible Study @ Asbury**
 5:30p Youth Fellowship
 6:00p Fellowship & Study
 7:15p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 5/21 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury
 6:00p U M Men at Asbury

Fri. 5/22 Offices Closed

Sat. 5/23 9:00a AFLS
 6:00p Spanish Worship Service

Sun. 5/24 Day of Pentecost
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:30a Worship

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Open your mind to the seeds God has planted in your heart.



MORE RECIPES REQUESTED

For 60th Anniversary Cookbook

Yes! We still need recipes. No! Its not too late. Current church members—you're not holding up your end! Only 20 actual members have submitted recipes. We know you can do better than that!!! Give us your favorite salsa or tabbouleh recipe. Do you have skillet dish or stir-fry that's yummy? Or, maybe, some roll-ups or wraps? Give us those heirloom recipes in memory of Great Gran and Aunt Lucy. Please turn recipes in at the office or to Aleita Tutor, either by hand or by email.

Office email: office@agumc.org
 Aleita email: rdeantutor@bellsouth.net

THANK YOU NOTES

Many, many thanks to everyone for participating in our Spring Festival on May 2nd. Whether you volunteered your time to work or you attended to show your support for the event, we thank you for sharing and being part of our day! What better way to show our neighbors, on a Saturday, that God's work is not done only on Sundays on this sweet little corner at this sweet little place we call Aldersgate!

Love,
 The Spring Festival Team

Thank you to all who brought muffins for our Mother's Day celebration, "Muffins for Mom". A special thanks to the Adult & Family team members who made coffee, prepared drinks and kept the muffin trays filled. We also appreciate those who brought pictures of mom to share and those who honored their moms with honorariums and memorials.

CHURCH COUNCIL CALLED TO MEET

There will be a brief, called meeting of the Church Council on Sunday, May 17, at 12:30. **No lunch** will be served. Any one may attend but only Council members may vote. Members, please plan to be present.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW IS LINING UP VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are being sought who are willing to stop by a farmer's market at the end of market day and pick up what the farmer does not want to take home, then take it to agencies for distribution to people in need. SoSA, a United Methodist agency, says that many times, the food gleaned is on someone's plate that same night.

If you know of a farmer's market in your area where volunteers might be able to glean or wish to volunteer or would like more information about SoSA, you may email gleanwesttn@endhunger.org or call 615-878-9233.



FOOD PANTRY FOR MAY

Canned Fruit Canned or Powdered Milk
 Cash is always appreciated.

(Make checks out to Aldersgate and write 'food pantry' in the memo line.)

Thank you.



UMNC NEWS

Awareness Day Luncheon

For United Methodist Neighborhood Centers

You are invited to the salad potluck lunch on Wednesday, May 20th. Registration begins at 10:30a, program at 11:00a. The Salad Potluck Lunch will follow the program. To be held at Mullins UMC, 4 N. Mendenhall Road, the speaker for the event will be our own Rev. Synolve Craft, the new Director of UMNC.

There will also be a 'Shower of Blessings' for UMNC. Please bring a donation of any of the following: copy paper, paper towels, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, wipes, paper clips, standard size staples, pens, pencils, legal pads, hi-liters, post-its, or other items you think useful in the daily operations of UMNC.

Come hear Synolve share her plans and ideas, wants and needs for United Methodist Neighborhood Centers.



ITS ALMOST TIME FOR VBS!

Camp Aldersgate Family VBS

Our Camp Aldersgate Family Vacation Bible School, the theme being based on John 3:16, is June 13-14. Being a 'family' activity, moms, dads and children, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends are invited to attend. Grown up helpers are also needed. Saturday will be a day of fun, learning and activities. Sunday morning we will share what we learned with the congregation. If you would like to help, please call Aleita Tutor, 274-0089.

Workshop of Wonders @ Asbury

Asbury's VBS, "Workshop of Wonders", will be June 15-19, from 9 to Noon, for ages 4 years through rising 5th graders. In addition to volunteers, Asbury also needs 'lenders' for building toys, including toy hammers, screwdrivers, work benches, etc. To offer your assistance, please contact Lori Wakefield at loriwakefield@bellsouth.net or by phone at 795-3631. You may also call Laney in the church office, 363-1135.



*Daniel Gene Boice
 And
 the Senior Class
 of
 Briarcrest Christian High School
 Announce
 Graduation Exercises
 On Saturday, the sixteenth of May
 At Ten o'clock in the morning
 At
 Germantown Baptist Church
 9450 Poplar Avenue
 Germantown, Tennessee*

GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

We know that God answers prayers. But not always in the manner we want or think we need. Do you have a story about how God answered your prayers in an unexpected way?

A local organization, For the Love of Strays, is putting together a book about ways our prayers have been answered that we did not ask for but have discovered were the best thing for us.

Compensation will not be offered for stories that are printed, but authors names and any dedication you care to make in honor or in memory of someone will be included. Once published, each contributor will receive a free copy of the book.

Each person whose story is to be included will be notified prior to publication. All stories need to be submitted, either printed or typed, and received by June 10. Mail to: G. South, P.O. Box 863, Collierville, TN 38027-0863 or you may email them to loveofstrays@gmail.com.

TRAVEL TIME Plan Ahead

Reservations for the Discovery Park trip are now filled, but we do have another day trip coming up August 13, to the Bass Pro Shop at the Pyramid. Its supposed to be quite a wonder! Brochures are on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Check it out.

