

## OUR PRAYERS

### Dyersburg Regional

Jack Baker

### Poplar Point Rehab

Tom Boillot 116A

### At Home

Betty Ray

Corella Edwards

### Special Prayers for

...kidnapped girls  
from Nigeria

...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 17

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Church School    | 36 |
| Sunday Worship   | 69 |
| Visitors         | 8  |
| Hispanic Service | 24 |

## OUR GIFTS

### May 17

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Offering      | \$ 1,787 |
| Month to Date | \$ 7,131 |

## OUR SERVICE

### May 24, 2015

|                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>        | Anna Deekae<br>Barine Deekae |
| <b>Liturgist</b>       | Bruce Hughes                 |
| <b>Scripture</b>       | Rose Oyoo                    |
| <b>Children's Time</b> | Perri Mathis                 |
| <b>Lock-up</b>         | Emmett Parrish               |

## OUR WITNESS

### May Scripture Readers

31 Peggy Brightwell

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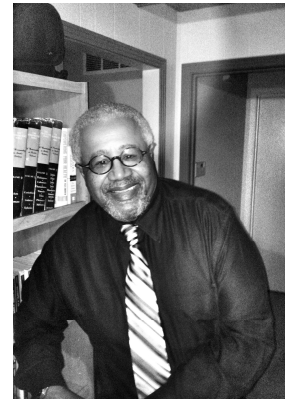
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## THE WRITE REVEREND



This morning I literally stumbled upon an interview with former NFL quarterback, Jim Kelly, his wife Jill, and one of their two daughters, Erin.

Erin has written a book, *Kelly Tough*, in which she chronicles her relationship with her dad and his struggles with the death of his son, Hugh, and his two bouts with cancer. Key to Kelly's strength in all of this is his and his family's faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ and his belief, with the Apostle Paul, that God's grace is sufficient to meet all of our needs and that we realize the power of that grace most radically in the midst of our own weakness.

As I listened to this family share their testimony, I could not help but think about how blessed indeed I am. As far as I know, I am fairly healthy, (some mental health questions notwithstanding!) and my family is in good health as well. While my life is not perfect, in comparison to Jim Kelly and his family,

and to many others as well, I have no (real) problems at all. God is indeed good!

I believe Jim Kelly and his family would agree with the late Bishop Andrae Crouch as he puts his faith to song:

"I've had many tears and sorrows, I've had questions for tomorrow, There've been times I didn't know right from wrong. But in every situation, God gave me blessed consolation, that my trials come to only make me strong.

I've been to lots of places, I've seen a lot of faces, there've been times I felt so all alone; But in my lonely hours, yes, those precious lonely hours, Jesus let me know that I was His own.

I thank God for the mountains, and I thank Him for the valleys, I thank Him for the storms He brought me through; For if I'd never had a problem I wouldn't know He could solve them, I'd never know what faith in God could do.

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God; Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon His Word."

*Herbert*

Scriptures for the week: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:25-27; 16:4b-15



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

Mon. 5/25 Memorial Day  
 Offices Closed

Tue. 5/26 Noon Newsletter Deadline  
 1:00p Gift Wrap open @ Asbury

Wed. 5/27 10:00a **Bible Study @ Asbury**  
 5:30p Youth Fellowship  
 6:00p Fellowship & Study  
 7:15p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 5/28 9-12 Food Pantry @ Asbury

Fri. 5/29 Offices Closed

Sat. 5/30 7 – 2 Asbury's Flea Market  
 (Rain Date June 6th)  
 9:00a AFLS  
 6:00p Spanish Worship Service

Sun. 5/31 10:15a Sunday School  
 11:15a Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
 11:30a Worship  
 Annual Conference begins in Jackson, TN



**CONGRATULATIONS**

...to Gaby Gordillo, who will receive her GED Certificate on May 23, at the Cannon Center. The GED (General Educational Development) certificate confirms high school academic skills and provides a certificate equivalent to a high school diploma.

**ASBURY'S  
 BIG FLEA MARKET COMING UP**

Saturday, May 30th is the date (Rain Date June 6). Join the action on the church grounds, 2969 S. Mendenhall Rd., with a car wash, concessions, rummage sale and more —7 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be extra surprises as well, including activities for the kids. If you would like to be a vendor, you may rent a booth for \$20 by contacting Debbie Williams at 901-355-5397.



**MORE!!! MORE!!! MORE!!!  
 WE WANT MORE!!!**

**...Recipes For Our 60th Anniversary Cookbook**  
 So far, we have only 1 pickle recipe, 3 beverage recipes, and 8 soup recipes. Entrees need a boost and appetizers and sides are pretty low, as well. Breads and salads are running a little better, 13 of each. Desserts are winning the race at the moment, but one can't have too many. **WE NEED YOU!** Only you can help us add to these numbers! Please turn recipes in at the office or to Aleita Tutor, either by hand or by email.  
 Office email: [office@agumc.org](mailto:office@agumc.org)  
 Aleita email: [rdeantutor@bellsouth.net](mailto:rdeantutor@bellsouth.net)



**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.



**WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT  
 OUR UNITED METHODIST HERITAGE SITES?**

Did you know that there are forty-six Heritage Landmarks of The United Methodist Church, three being outside the United States in the Philippines, Zimbabwe, and Liberia? These Landmarks are defined as "a building, location, or structure specifically related to significant events, developments, or personalities in the overall history of The United Methodist Church or its antecedents." The Heritage Landmarks of United Methodism remind us of those people and events that have shaped our history. They are tangible reminders of our heritage and their preservation helps keep our denominational legacy alive.

Some that are not too far away are:  
 Alabama: Asbury Manual Labor School/Mission in Fort Mitchell  
 Georgia: Town of Oxford  
 Kentucky: Site of the Organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Louisville  
 Tennessee: Acuff's Chapel in Blountville  
 The Edward Cox House in Bluff City

**UMW NEWS  
 Book Review**

*The Golden Cage*, by Shirin Ebadi, gives a first-hand perspective on her friend's 3 brothers, each of whom subscribe to a different political ideology that has torn Iran apart as well as their family: one is a monarchist supporting the Shah, the second favors the revolutionists, and the third, is a devotee of Ayatollah Khomeimi. The author won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003, the first Muslim woman to win the prize and the only Iranian to win it in any field. Today she remains in exile due to her support of human rights, particularly for women and children. To return home would mean death, or, at the least, imprisonment.

*Good God, Lousy World and Me*, by Holly Burkhalter, describes her journey from Christian faith to atheism and back to Christianity. She lost her faith at the age of 16 when her grandmother suffered a mental breakdown and the years after working as a human rights activist. Slowly she came to see that God was present even in the atrocities committed in Rawanda and other third world countries.



**"For God so loved the world..." John 3:16  
 WHAT CAN WE LEARN AT VBS?**

We can learn all about love! How much God loves us. How we can love God. How much our brother, Jesus, loves us! How we can love him back, and how to love each other! Our Camp Aldersgate Family VBS needs grown-up leaders and helpers. If you would like to sign up, please call Aleita Tutor, 274-0089.

**Workshop of Wonders @ Asbury**

Asbury's VBS, "Workshop of Wonders", will be June 15-19, from 6 to 8 p.m.(note time change), for ages 4 years through rising 5th graders. Adult volunteers are needed. Asbury also needs leaders for "building toys", including toy hammers, screwdrivers, work benches, etc. To offer your assistance, please contact Lori Wakefield at [loriwakefield@bellsouth.net](mailto:loriwakefield@bellsouth.net) or by phone at 795-3631. You may also call Laney in the church office, 363-1135.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given for  
**Honorarium Fund**  
In honor of the Aldersgate Church Family  
 By Carolyn McDougal

**Memorial Fund**  
In memory of Betty Nicholson Fox and Jane Tucker Blanks, our mothers  
 By Henry & Nancy Blanks



**UMCOR REACHES OUT TO NEPAL**

To date, the United Methodist Committee on Relief has approved grants of more than \$175,000 in aid to the Nepalese people reeling from the April and May earthquakes.

There are several ways we can help UMCOR continue their mission:

**Pray!** Pray for the people of Nepal, the missionaries who serve there, and for Global Ministries and UMCOR partners at work on the ground.

**Give!** Give to UMCOR Advance # 982450, making it possible for UMCOR to respond quickly and for the long term.

**Assemble Health Kits!** Individuals and groups can assemble simple but vital Health Kits, to be sent to Nepal and other locations where disasters have struck. For complete instructions on making Health Kits, go to [UMCOR.org](http://UMCOR.org).

Your help will comfort and make life a little easier for those suffering in this terrible disaster.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
 Are you receptive to God's wisdom?

**TRAVEL TIME**

Trip to Bass Pro! August 13, we have a day trip to the new Bass Pro Shop at the Pyramid. The cost is \$29.50. Please see the brochures on the bulletin board or call Carolyn, 861-0841, for details.