



# MULLINS MESSENGER

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“A CHURCH ALIVE AND SERVING CHRIST”  
SINCE 1845

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Sunday Morning Worship Services:  
8:45 in Mullins’ Chapel ~ 10:50 in Mullins’ Sanctuary



Mullins Pulpit – February 14, 2010

Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35; II Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36  
Sermon: “Windswept Mountain”

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## ***Pastor’s Corner***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Snow, ice, and cold have led me to some introspection here at the start of February. Novelist and playwright Paul Auster once wrote: “*Stories happen to people who are able to tell them.*” People who are unable to tell stories have drama, crisis, or stuff happen. The difference between drama, crisis, and stuff on the one hand, and a story on the other, is that stories can make sense, have meaning, and lead us through life in a healthy way. The other way leaves us being tossed and turned by every shifting wind. To re-frame a life event into a story may allow a person to respond with a newfound sense of purpose, civic pride, or church support. Shelby Foote remarked on this in Ken Burns’ masterpiece TV history of the Civil War. To paraphrase Foote, because the American story is so pronounced, we demand that our Civil War is the greatest, worst, bloodiest, most tragic, or most glorious of all, and that our leaders and generals become the paragons against which all other leaders and generals are to be judged. That is the power of story.

The Bible is one long story comprised of many, many stories of varying length. Bible stories give us a framework upon which we can build our lives, our identities, and our relationships. Is someone as faithful

a friend as Jonathan, as devoted as Ruth, a doubting Thomas or a Judas? Is our church in a wilderness period, or have we settled in the Promised Land? Is the culture around us full of believers, or are we oppressed by some Roman occupation of the land?

To understand the Bible stories and to have them as a tool to understand, to shape and direct our lives, we must first know the Bible stories. Once we know the stories, then local pastors and church lay leaders can dive into the stories that help a church make sense of its situation, move a church to greater faithfulness, and empower a congregation to transform the world beginning with its own small corner.

I invite you to examine your life and ask, “Who am I most like in the Bible?” (No fair claiming Jesus, either, that role is unique.) Once you know whom you are most like, ask “What story was that person in that is similar to my situation?” Finally, ask “What did that person do that I can use as a model for my life at this point in time?” Remember, situations change. We change from year to year. What does not change is the fact that God invites us to become part of the redeeming, re-building, resurrection story of faith.

Grace for the journey,

*Brad Gabriel*

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given to:

**BUDGET**

In honor of **Ruth Meyer** by Mary Winton

In memory of **Julia Ettman** by Dr. J. R. Thomas, James Thomas, Marjorie Luton, Mary Winton, Mr. and Mrs. Norm Kercher

In memory of **Jack Cannon** by Rachel Fuchs, Sally Lehning, Helen Addington

In memory of **Joe Wright** by Helen Addington

In memory of **Virginia Swearingen** by Mrs. David Jeter

In memory of **Russell Vaiden** by Mary Winton

In memory of **Bettye Brown Green** by Mary Winton

**ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY**

In memory of **Jack Cannon** by Aaron Foster



**OUR PRAYERS**

As members of the body of Christ, we are always in prayer for one another. At this time our thoughts and prayers go out especially for:

**Barney McGargel** at home recovering from a heart attack

**Donna Delong**, Natasha Griffin's mother, at home recovering from chest pains

**Pancake Breakfast**



The Boy Scouts of Troop 75 invite you and your family to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 14, 2010, from 8:00–9:30 a.m. The price of admission is a canned good that will be donated to the Scouting for Food campaign. Please join us for a delicious breakfast with time for fellowship among family and friends on Valentine's Day morning!

**Lakeshore Wants Your Camp Memories**

Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly is collecting stories and pictures in an effort to compile a Thanksgiving and Advent Devotional for November and December 2010. Please write about your Lakeshore Memory and include a scripture for your story. Send all stories to:

Bill Walker  
1458 Pilot Knob Road  
Eva, Tennessee 38333



**Unsung Heroine/Hero**

The Asbury District Laity Banquet will be Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 6:15 p.m. at Christ UMC, 4488 Poplar Avenue. The gathering will be in Seabrook Hall; dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Child care WILL NOT be provided. The cost is \$10 per person. An "Unsung Heroine/Hero" from each congregation will be recognized.



Past recipients of this award from Mullins include: Bidwell Dean, Dick Gardner, Gerry Gardner, Louise Harmon, Margaret Brown, Sue McLaughlin, Paul Hausmann, Sue Hausmann, Gwynne May, Charles Griffin, Cyndi Watkins, Larry Nelson, Sandy Scruggs, Bea Manning, Tommy Scruggs, Marcia Taylor, Brenda Carson, and Gene Hill. As you consider a nominee for 2010, think of someone who goes "above and beyond" in service to Christ and his church, without thought of recognition and thanks. You may nominate ONE person. Please do not nominate previous award winners. All nominations must be in the church office by Tuesday, April 6.

Nominee for "Unsung Heroine/Hero": \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

## **February is Food Pantry Month**

In a long-standing tradition, February is the month Mullins UMC helps stock the Food Pantry shelves at United Methodist Neighborhood Center. The need is greater than ever—please help by bringing donations of canned goods and non-perishable items to the church during the month of February. Monetary donations are welcome as well! Make checks payable to Mullins UMC and designate “Food Pantry UMNC.” Your neighbors will be very grateful!

## **Blood Drive**

The Bloodmobile from Lifeblood will return to Mullins on Wednesday, February 24. Please help to “Fill up the Bus.” The sign-up sheet to donate will be in the Hall of the Apostles on Sundays, and in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings. When donating blood, you will need to show either your Lifeblood ID or photo ID. Remember, if you have a dinner reservation for that evening, your dinner is free if you have signed up to donate blood. If there are any questions, please contact Tina or Scott Campbell at 761-9816.



*Saving lives, one pint at a time.*

## **Thank You**

. . . to our anonymous donor for the BEAUTIFUL flowers this past Sunday, from the women of the church.

. . . to the Crossroads Sunday School Class for putting together the lunch fundraiser last Sunday, and to the congregation for supporting the fundraiser. Between lunch donations, silent auction bids, and jewelry sales, we raised over \$1,500 for Maanza a Leza!



## **MEMBERS IN SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 7:**

**Ushers:** Phillip, Ginny and Jesse Wilcox  
David Williams  
Joe Wyrick  
Diana Wright

**Greeters:** Betty Williams  
Marilyn Williams

**Children's Church Leader:** Angie Smith  
**Children's Message:** Rachael Scarbrough



## **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

. . . are being placed to the Glory of God in honor of the Scouts and Scout Leaders of Pack 75 and Troop 75, by the H. C. Williamson, Jr. Memorial Fund.



## **THE MENU FOR FEBRUARY 17:**

Macaroni & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Peas  
Cornbread  
Apple Cobbler

*Adults \$5, Children 12 and under \$3,  
Family Max \$20*

Dinner is held on Wednesday nights at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief prayer service and an interesting program. Everyone is invited to attend and to enjoy the fellowship. Your first dinner is complimentary!

If you're not already on the list, please call the church office to let us know you're coming so we'll be sure to have plenty of food.



## **SPRING SPORTS SIGN UPS**

Interested in playing volleyball, soccer, or baseball/softball??? Contact Lauren Gam at 685-8253.

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**OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):**

8:45 Worship Service.....	33
Sunday School .....	77
10:50 Worship Service.....	125
Prayer Breakfast.....	8
Prayer Service .....	80

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**Sunday, February 14**

- 8:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth
- 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class

**Monday, February 15**

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 6:15 p.m. Woodwinds Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts—Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts—Gym

**Tuesday, February 16**

- 6:30 a.m. Career Support Group—Gym
- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 10:30 a.m. UMW Circle Meeting—Parlor
- 6:15 p.m. Core Ball Class—Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, February 17**

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast—Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 5:45 a.m. Fellowship Dinner—Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programs
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service—Chapel
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 18**

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ—Room 212

**Friday, February 19**

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 6:00 p.m. Concord Academy Dance—Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, February 20**

- 11:00 a.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall