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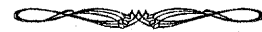
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"A CHURCH ALIVE AND SERVING
CHRIST"

SINCE 1845

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

8:45 Chapel ~ 10:50 Sanctuary



Mullins Pulpit – February 21, 2010

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: "And So It Begins"

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

Among the many television shows I have never seen is one called "How Clean is Your House?" One advertisement claims the program shows how "...dust-busting, mildew-murdering divas swiffer their way through some of the world's most repulsive homes." I can't say that entices me. For that matter, all the programs of the "let's clean up the messiest house" types leave me cold. Possibly the reason is that my workbench is my secret shame. Dad taught all of his sons how to, and why to, maintain a neat, tidy and orderly workbench. When he and mom

visit I always make sure that they come through the less convenient front door and not the more convenient garage, because I know just how far from his standards I have fallen. The type of television program that tackles messes and cleans them up reminds me of my lack. I try to hide the offending item. I am not alone in this behavior, I know. A pastor friend of mine (in a Conference far away) keeps a large cardboard box in his office closet and every Friday he pretty much sweeps everything except the telephone off of his desktop and into the box which is then put away and out of sight in the closet. The contents return to the desktop Monday morning. Church members do remark on how organized he obviously is, based on the neat desk. Perhaps, even if you find our behavior amusing, you might think about what you would rather people not know about your possible shortcomings. There are cold sins; such as pride, judgment and gossip, as well as hot sins like hate, theft and envy. The 40 days of Lent are a time to reflect honestly on all of our shortcomings. The 40 days of Lent are a time to ask God's guidance in repairing them or removing them from our lives. I hope to see you Sundays and Wednesdays as we explore renewal. Maybe this is the year I actually tackle that workbench.

Grace for the Journey,

Brad Gabriel

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The Worship Committee invites you to join us on Sunday mornings for coffee and conversation following the 10:50 worship service.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 21 - 27

Sunday	8:45 a.m. Worship - Chapel
	9:40 a.m. Sunday School
	10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. Youth
	4:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study- 212
	5:00 p.m. Yoga - FH
Monday	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
	6:15 p.m. Woodwinds
	6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
	7:00 p.m. Eagle Court of Honor - Chapel and FH
Tuesday	6:30 a.m. Career Support Group
	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
	10:00 a.m. Bridge Group—Lamplighter Rm
	6:15 p.m. Core Ball - FH
	7:00 p.m. Yoga - FH
Wednesday	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
	5:00 p.m. Blood Drive
	5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
	6:15 Children/Youth Programs
	6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
	7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
	6:30 p.m. Night Circle - 117
	7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ/212
Friday	9:00 a.m. Walking in Gym
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Pinewood Derby - FH
	3:30 p.m. St. John's Ministry

PRAYER IS LIKE ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, our adult program following dinner will focus on prayer. Our guide for this study will be Rev. Scottie Brafford, a graduate of both the Academy for Spiritual Formation and of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation, and we'll begin by recalling our personal 'prayer treasures'. Please bring an item, or a memory, that has meaning for you in your experience of prayer. It could be an item that helps you enter a time of prayer, or a memory of a particular time of prayer that was meaningful or mysterious. It could be a book of devotions, or a seashell that reminds you of a walk by the ocean. So, consider for yourself...when have I experienced a deep connection to the presence of God? Where was I at that time, and what was going on? Bring your treasures, and we'll begin our journey together this Wednesday, February 24th at 6:15 p.m. (And remember to phone or email your reservations for dinner before noon on Tuesday!)

UNsung HEROINE/HERO

The Asbury District Laity Banquet is Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 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. Childcare 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 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, and must list your name as the person making the nomination. 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: _____

BLOOD DRIVE

The blood mobile from LifeBlood will return to Mullins on Wednesday, February 24. Please help to "fill up the bus". The sign up sheet will be in Hall of the Apostles on Sunday. To donate, you will need to show your LifeBlood ID or a photo ID. Remember, if you sign up to donate blood, your dinner is free that evening! If you have questions, contact Tina or Scott Campbell at 761-9816.

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET

In memory of *Jack Cannon* by John & Jo Ann Doris

In memory of *Russell Vaiden* by Mr. Douglas Ashe

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In memory of *Julia Ettman* by Mrs. H. C. Williamson, Jr.

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY

In memory of *Russell Vaiden* by Mr. 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:

Baptist Memorial Hospital

Margaret Callihan 4107

June Phillips ICU 2908

At Home

Marion Haynes

Marjorie Luton

OUR SYMPATHY,

love, and prayers go out to:

Diane Rose and family in the loss of her father, *Virgil Foster*

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Are being placed to the Glory of God

...in honor of my lovely young bride, Kathy, in celebration of her birthday, Feb. 22, by Charles Carter

...in honor of Dr. Brad Gabriel for all he has done, by Marjorie Luton

..in loving memory of L. C. "Buddy" Harmon, in remembrance of his birthday, Feb. 16, by Martha Harmon

MEMBERS IN SEVICE

FOR FEBRUARY 21:

Children's Message: Miranda Byrd

Children's Church: Lisa Weaver

THE MENU FOR FEBRUARY 24:

Adults \$5, Children 12/Under \$3,

Family Max \$20

Italian Dinner, Garlic Bread, Dessert

OUR PRESENCE

8:45 a.m. 28

10:50 a.m. 169

Men's Prayer Breakfast 6

Prayer Service 80

THANK YOU NOTES

Boy Scout Troop 75 would like to thank you for your generous support during our 18th annual Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. The donations gathered from the Mullins community included 170 pounds of food and \$115.00, which will be given to the Memphis Food Bank. With their bulk buying capability, the \$115.00 will equate to \$425.00 worth of food for the families served by the Food Bank. What a successful event! Thank you to all who participated. In addition, we thoroughly enjoyed worshipping with you during Scout Sunday and we look forward to our continued combined work in this world!

Dear 2nd and 3rd Grade Supporters,

We would like to thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. The supplies (tissue, hand sanitizer, #2 pencils) that you so graciously gave to our 2nd grade classes was much needed and greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

From Students and Teachers:

Mrs. Sizer, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Clark and

Mrs. Holt-Robinson



FEBRUARY MEANS FOOD PANTRY

Please bring canned goods and non-perishable items during February for the Food Pantry at United Methodist Neighborhood Center. Monetary donations are welcome as well! Make your check payable to Mullins and designate "Food Pantry UMNC". The need is greater than ever! Your neighbors will be very grateful.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We cannot be at peace with others until we are at peace with ourselves.

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY

Saturday, February 27, will be our day to serve the meal at the St. John's Soup Kitchen. We will be there at 3:30 p.m. If you would like to help, please call Ginny Wilcox at 276-8467.