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Sunday Morning Worship Service
October 30, 2011

8:45 in Mullins' Chapel - 10:50 in Mullins' Sanctuary

Scripture: Joshua 3:14-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-20; Matthew 23:1-12
Sermon: "Going Beyond the Example"

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters on the Way,

Many of you remember the Disney movie version of Snow White. The dwarves in the film take in the young woman after her stepmother tries to kill her. In the next scene the Dwarves go off to their mines singing "hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work I go." This led to the bumper sticker some years back that read "I owe, I owe, It's off to work I go."

Many people do work because of what they owe; house notes, car notes, college debts (theirs or their children's), grocery bills, clothes bills, and so on. So, work to pay bills and enjoy the things money can buy. Money is a way our value is expressed and money is a way we show how we value other things.

Money, in itself, is morally neutral. Money is only a medium for the exchange of goods and services. Human beings, on the other hand, are tempted to sin. Many people are tempted to sinful attitudes toward money. So it is that large amounts of money are often spiritually dangerous. Large amounts of money make entrance into heaven difficult for many people (Luke 18:24). That is because large amounts of money tempt people to love the money more than God (1 Timothy 6:10).

Wealth is not the issue. The issue is a person's attitude toward money and the person's use of money,

not the simple existence of money. We protect ourselves from that temptation when we ask what we owe to God and God's church from our money.

Churches are God's vehicles to bring salvation and discipleship to the nations. Count your blessings and you find that your church blesses you your whole life long. "Even if we see little blessing now (perhaps because we haven't counted those blessings), we benefit immensely from past blessings bestowed by others. We should seek to provide the same blessings for others." We make our blessings count when we use our blessings to bless others. As you count your blessings remember all the people before you who made this church and its blessings possible. Then ask how you might use your blessings to continue the life-giving blessings of Mullins UMC.

Grace for the Way,

Brad



Count their Blessings
and
Make their Blessings Count

Your Pledge Will Make Mullins a Vital
Congregation for the Future

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:

Nancy Blankenship, at home

Lyndall Jones, at home

Gerry Gardner, at home

Dick Gardner, heart catheterization on October 27

NOTE: Prayer is a wonderful gift from God. We are always willing to add friends and family to our prayer list. However, please help us keep the prayer list up to date by letting the church office know when names can be removed from the list. Thanks for your help in this matter.



Honoring Our Loved Ones

Gifts have been given to:

BUDGET:

In memory of **Virginia Lawson** by Patricia VanHoozer

In memory of **Lena and Edward Melsa, Leslie Lee Melsa, and James Albent Melsa** by Col. Otto Melsa and Shirley and Larry Melsa

Important Note

Some of us will receive forms that need to be filled out for Charge Conference. If you receive a form, please return it to the church office no later than **November 9**.



Crafts Fair Update

The annual Crafts Fair is upon us and we need you! This is a wonderful opportunity to work a fun event, have fellowship with your church friends, and raise money for missions. We also need baked goods for the bake sale.

Please volunteer to help before or after the 10:50 a.m. Worship Service, or by calling Sandy Scruggs at 754-4790.

UMW Craft Fair Bake Sale Needs You

It is time to begin cooking for the Craft Fair Bake Sale on Saturday, November 12. We hope you will be filling our shelves and tables with cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, candies, party and tail-gate snack mixes, breads, rolls, etc.

Custard items are not permitted by the Shelby County Health Department.

Wrapping directions: Wrap securely in clear plastic wrap or bag, and affix your name and ingredients on each item.



UMW General Meeting Not to Miss

Rev. Birgitte ("Pastor B") French will be our speaker. Pastor B will share her many years of experiences as a missionary. If you have not yet met her, be assured that she is a wonderful, energetic speaker and sure to inspire you! Members, bring a friend—guests are more than welcome—and stay for lunch (\$3 a person).

Plan to stay after lunch to build MIFA Christmas Goodie Bags. We are still accepting donations of cash to shop for value items. The estimated cost to fill 50 bags is \$500 – \$600. Our own Barbara Kercher has become a sock cap knitting machine. By the time we fill bags she will have knitted 50 caps. Thank you, Barbara.

Flu Shots

Methodist HealthSystems will return to Mullins Sunday November 6th to administer the Flu vaccine. They will be in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The signup sheet is in the Hall of the Apostles on Sundays and the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings.



The cost is \$20.00; but if you have Medicare Part B and have your card with you, there is no charge.

Reelfoot Rural Ministries

Reelfoot Rural Ministries services needy families in the northwestern corner of our state. Their ministries include daycare, a thrift store, a food bank, dental services, eye care, a senior citizens center, the Christmas Toy Store, and other services.

On **Friday, November 11**, we will make our third annual trip to Reelfoot to deliver the following items:

- toys (new and unwrapped)
- food items (can goods and non-perishables)
- clothing (new or gently used)

Bins will be placed outside the office and the sanctuary to collect donations. Please have your donations at the church by **Thursday, November 10**. You have been generous in the past, so let's all pitch in and make this the biggest Mullins contribution to Reelfoot ever! **Response has been light so far, so please prayerfully consider donating.**

If you need additional information, contact Wayne Carson (326-7828).

News from Lakeshore

The flood of 2011 created a lot of damage to the waterfront at Lakeshore UMA by destroying wooden walkways, docks, and by washing away the sand at the Lakeshore beach. After the flood there was an abundance of driftwood. Director of Development, Bill Walker decided to use this very special wood from this horrible and devastating situation in a positive way to help Lakeshore.

Walker created beautiful driftwood crosses, driftwood candleholders, and mobiles as well as walking sticks, bead crosses, bed spring candle holders and bedspring crosses. All of the items were on sale at the 2011 Cooper Young Arts Festival in Memphis, Tennessee that was held on September 17. Lakeshore raised \$2,000.00 from the sales of the driftwood items. The money that was raised will go into the Lakeshore Scholarship fund to afford children the opportunity to attend summer camp.

Last Craft Night (for 2011)



We're going to have a craft night on Friday night, November 18, in Room 117. Arrive as early as 6 p.m. and stay as late as you wish (until midnight). Bring your favorite craft and a snack to share. This is a great time to get that thing done that you've been meaning to get done before the holidays.



Members in Service for October 30, 2011:

Liturgist: Cyndi Watkins

Stewardship Speaker: Charles Carter

Ushers and Greeters: Mullins' United Methodist Women: Margaret Brown Head Usher, Helen Addington, Marion Haynes, Millie Hill, Lyndall Jones, Barbara Kercher, Ben Dean Malone, Harriet Montgomery, and Macy Williamson

Children's Message: Margaret Carbaugh

Chancel Flowers for

October 30 are being placed to the glory of God in honor of:

- Our granddaughter, Lola Ryan Coupé, for her first birthday, on October 30, by Tom and Marcia Taylor
- Our son Patrick for his birthday on October 30, by Cathy and Major Philpot

Gluten-Free!

Gluten-free communion wafers are now available for those with special dietary needs. The gluten-free wafers will be in a bowl on the communion tray on first Sundays when we celebrate communion.

The Worship Committee

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

The Menu for November 2:

*Pork Loin
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Salad
Bread
Dessert*

*Adults-\$6, Children 12 and under-\$4,
Family Max-\$23*

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!

Missing in Action

Two very important items are missing! We haven't been able to locate our 8-foot step ladder (used to change light bulbs) and our two-wheeled hand truck (used to unload and transport heavy materials). If you know where these items may be, please call the church office at 685-8253.



Thanks for your help!

Funny Bones—a Success!

The Funny Bones Festival on October 22 was a magnificent success. Thanks to everybody who helped with setup, cleanup, supervising games, telling stories, participating in trunk-or-treat, registration, bringing your kids and their friends, and everything else that made our fall celebration an extremely fun place to be. Together, we at Mullins make an excellent team!

A very special thank-you to Rachael Scarbrough for keeping all the balls in the air.

Thanksgiving Baskets for UMNC

It's time once again to collect items for Thanksgiving Baskets for United Methodist Neighborhood Centers ("UMNC"). In addition to the items listed below, please include \$10 cash or check (made payable to United Methodist Neighborhood Center, NOT to Mullins UMC) to purchase gift cards for turkeys or hams. If possible, please purchase a laundry basket to put items in. This makes them easier to hold and distribute, and also gives the client a useful item that lasts well beyond the holiday. Donations must be in the church office by Sunday, November 13, for delivery to UMNC on Monday, November 14.

Thanksgiving Basket Contents:

- 2 boxes of dressing mix
- 2 cans of cranberry sauce
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 40-oz. can of sweet potatoes
- 26-oz. box of instant potatoes
- 1 box of family-size tea bags
- 1 canister of Kool-Aid
- 4- or 5-lb. bag of flour
- 4- or 5-lb. bag of sugar
- 40 oz. of biscuit mix
- 24 oz. of oil
- 1 box of cake mix
- 1 can of cake frosting
- 1 jar of instant coffee

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Here is a list of Mullins members with birthdays and anniversaries in November. If you know of someone who is not on this list and who should be, have that person call the church office. We want to celebrate EVERYBODY!

Birthdays:

Name	November:	
Barbara Harris.....	2	Owen Brafford 17
Ginger Schuette	3	Rick Chapman
Russell Maness.....	4	Marylynne Carmichael
Tim Boam.....	5	Helen Addington.....
Zoe Woody.....	6	Larry Nelson.....
Nick Black.....	6	Caleb Tolbert
Paulette Forrest.....	7	Joel Crews.....
Kerry Boardman	8	Hilda Campbell
Lynne Sweatt.....	9	Dylan Tolbert.....
Leland Bee.....	9	Gracie Rushing.....
Carol Ann Moreland	9	Lane Traylor
Carrie Likley.....	10	Shannon Maness
Denise VanCleaf.....	11	Carmen Mason
Veda Kennedy	14	Bet Hendon.....
Teresa Beasley	16	John Russell.....
Ella Hopkins.....	16	Martha Watson.....



Stephanie Hopkins	27
Helen Russell.....	27
James Monroe Smith	28
Norm Kercher	30

Anniversaries:

Marcia and Tom Taylor.....	8
Frances and Jim Herbert.....	14
Melissa and Tim Boam.....	25
Bryan and Carolyn Carter.....	26
Al and Juanita Freeman	26
Gene and Millie Hill	28

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Community Thanksgiving Service

Mullins UMC is returning to a community-based Thanksgiving service this year. Tuesday, November 22, several faith communities will gather at Second Baptist Church on Walnut Grove. The choirs from all the groups are invited to wear their robes and join in the anthem. More information will follow but mark your calendar now to worship as a community Tuesday, November 22, at Second Baptist Church.



Reimbursements and Receipts

For your convenience, the blue forms for reimbursement of expenses are now available on the table outside the church office. Please complete the form, with your name clearly printed on the top line, and sign at the bottom of the form. Remember to attach your receipts to the back.

You may leave your completed copy in the tray or bring it by the office weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.



Baby Bottles of Hope

Hannah's Hope is a ministry of the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church. The agency provides adoption services and pregnancy counseling at no cost to any woman in need through the support of churches and individuals across our Conference. The Fill Baby Bottles of Hope project seeks at least 12 families/individuals within our congregation who will purchase a baby bottle and fill it with loose change to support this important ministry. Just think what can be accomplished if all our local churches respond with at least 12 bottles each! The goal is to return the filled bottles to the church on Sunday, November 6. Please give this project prayerful consideration. If there are any questions, contact Wayne Carson (326-7828).

If you need a baby bottle, let Julie Tolbert know (753-6819 or tolbertmail@aol.com, and she will be glad to provide you with one.



Announcements for Sunday

Please send all announcements for Sunday morning to the church office by Noon on Fridays. Email information to brad@mullinsumc.org. Thanks for your help with this important matter.

Upper Room

Current issues of the *Upper Room* are now available outside the Sanctuary. The cost is \$1 per copy. Don't miss out on this great devotional material!

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David Campbell

This Week at Mullins:

Sunday, October 30

- 8:45 a.m. Worship—Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Communion Server Training—Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth
- 4:30 p.m. Kids Konnect
- 5:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 31

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast—Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner—Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Family Life Meeting—Room 117
- 6:15 p.m. Children/Youth Programming
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Program—Fellowship Hall
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 3

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Parlor
- 6:15 p.m. Wind Ensemble—Choir Room

Friday, November 4

- 9:00 a.m. Walking in the Gym
- Youth leave for Lakeshore Retreat

Saturday, November 5

- 11:00 p.m. Yoga—Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, November 6

- 2:00 a.m. Time Changes—Set Your Clocks Back One Hour

Monday, November 7

- 6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee meeting—Room 209
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting—Room 212

Saturday, November 12

- 9:00 a.m. Crafts Fair—see page 2

Monday, November 14

- 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting—Chapel

Friday, November 18

- 6:00 p.m. Craft Night—Room 117

Saturday, November 19

- 3:45 p.m. St. John’s Ministry—St. John’s UMC

Sunday, November 20

- 10:50 a.m. Charge Conference and Worship Service

Tuesday, November 22

- 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at Second Baptist Church

Saturday, November 26

- 10:00 a.m. Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas



OUR PRESENCE (LAST WEEK):

Sunday:

8:45 Worship Service 22
 10:50 Worship Service 104

Wednesday:

Fellowship Dinner 50