

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Tragedy has again struck the very heart of our community and Peabody High School in the death of Matt Morris, one of our seniors and a star football player. It was only *last* year in August that we lost another senior, Erica Kirk, a member of the band's flag auxiliary. Again, we are reminded that death is no respecter of youth or any age, but it is always extremely tragic when death robs us of a young and vivacious person whose life literally radiates with energy and potential.

Despite all this obvious suffering and grief, God is still the "Good Shepherd of the sheep." God is always fair, but life is not equally fair because some families seem to receive more than their share of unthinkable tragedies. The question is raised: "Where is God?" when such heartache and misery come to our family? I can tell you, as a Christian, that God suffers along with us; He never abandons the love of His creation! Just because Jesus was God's only son did not protect him from suffering and ultimate death by crucifixion. Fatal accidents are just as much a part of life as the bright sunshine, the rain, and the winds that blow from all directions.

Spiritual preparation and response to the Savior's divine invitation, "Come unto Me!," will enable everyone to receive sufficient grace. Please keep in mind that no storm lasts forever! the Christ who calmed the angry Sea of Galilee has more than enough power and love to direct us safely to the nearest shore. Aren't you so glad and proud that one of Christ's "nearest shores" is our church. Do you know of someone or some family who needs to find a stable and secure shore? If so, invite them today or this week to experience God's power, love, and grace through the context of Christian worship at this church!

In Christ's Service

Re. William T. Jowers

## UMYF NEWS!

There will be a new UMYF Sunday evening schedule this year. Jacob Ross, our new youth director, is including 6th graders in our UMYF program! The schedule will be as follows:

- 4:30-5:30 p.m. - Junior High UMYF (6th, 7th, 8th grades)
- 5:30-6:00 p.m. - UMYF Joint Meal (6th through 12th grades)
- 6:00-7:00 P.M. - Senior High UMYF (9th through 12th grades)

Adult supper volunteers will need to be present from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to come at 4:30 or to stay after the meal, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531.

## "SERVICE WORKERS" CUSTODIAL CARE FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| AREA 1                        | AREA 2                |
| 1A SANCTUARY                  | 2A MEN'S CLASS/CHOIR  |
| Janice & Sammy Dickey         | Mary & Neil Ernest    |
| Judy & Billy Woods            | MEN (Tile floors)     |
| Becky George                  | 2B CHOIR OFFICE/HALLS |
| 1B VESTIBULE                  | Bettye Jackson        |
| Sanctuary names listed above. | Carolyn Blankinship   |
| Ken Holder (all flooring)     | Carol Ann Halliburton |
| 1C CHOIR EXITS, N & E         | MEN (Tile Floors)     |
| Barbara Shoaf                 | 2C RESTROOMS (2x/wk)  |
| Men (Tile Floors)             | Sandy Hodges          |
|                               | MEN (Tile Floors)     |
| AREA 3                        | AREA 4                |
| KITCHEN                       | UPSTAIRS              |
| & FELLOWSHIP HALL             | Glenda Lane           |
| Kari Alexander                | Peggy Davis           |
| Beth Phelan                   | Teri Maddox           |
| Michele Phelan                | Leah Jean Rollins     |
| MEN (Tile Floors)             | Youth (UMYF Room)     |

TILE FLOORS (see note on storage room door)  
Frank Parker  
Fred Davis  
Bobby Moore

OFFICES  
Bro. Tommy Jowers  
Diane McClanahan  
Quarterly by volunteer members

STORAGE/SUPPLY ROOM	KITCHEN PANTRY
Luther Coble	Gloria Jones
Tom Cherry	Debbie Grant

All check-lists are on the table outside the church offices. The above list is on the bulletin board outside the church secretary's office.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

We need a part-time teacher for the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten combined class. To volunterr, please contact Peggy Davis (855-2519) this week.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING USED CLOTHING TO THE CHURCH AT THIS TIME. REELFOOT RURAL MINISTRIES CURRENTLY HAS ALL IT NEEDS.

Can you guess who this child is? Call Gary Blankinship 855-0896, or phone the church at 855-0561. The previous photo was of Marion Crisp Pipkin.

**PRAYER AND CARE:** Susan Buchanan, Karin Johnson, Terry Rivas and her family (sister of Lori Michel), Bill Stover (father of Terrie Joyner), Walter Kilzer, James "Sonny" Taylor (grandfather of Kari Alexander), Ray Whitlow (son-in-law of Mary & Neil Ernest).

**HOSPITAL NEWS:** Ray Whitlow, son-in-law of Mary & Neil Ernest, had a tumor removed from a kidney on August 19.

**IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:** Otto and Hans Bauer (nephews of Gina Williams), Darrin Brewer and Jason Pritchett (nephews of Skip & Bonnie Palmer), James Patrick Inman, Chris Smith.

**IN NURSING HOMES:** Finis & Mattie Carr, Dyer Nursing Home, 1124 North Main Street; Dorothy Hardaway, 400 Harlan Morris Drive Room 5, Trenton; Vivian Hight, Humboldt Manor, 2031 Avondale Rd., Humboldt, TN.; Walter Kilzer, Dyer Nursing Home.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER:** Jim Grant

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

\*Billy Woods Billy George Ken Holder  
Judy Woods Becky George Marilyn Holder

**MEALS FOR OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENING**

To volunteer to feed the youth, call Glenna Helms 692-3531

September 7---Beth Phelan and Michele Phelan.  
September 14--Church Picnic at the home of the Poteets  
September 21--Sandra Mitchell  
September 28--Kari Alexander

Supper volunteers will need to be present from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The meal is served at 5:30. If you are unable to come at 4:30 or to stay after the meal, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531.

**GREETERS**

August 31 Joseta Barker & Betty Denton  
September 7 Marilyn & Ken Holder  
September 14 Barbara & Harold Griggs  
September 21 Peggy & Fred Davis

**ACOLYTES**

August 31 Annie Bartholomew & Tyson Bartholomew  
September 7 Sydney Phelan & Rachel Rollins  
September 14 Josey Phelan & Claire Rollins  
September 21 Christian Roberts & Cade Roberts

**SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READINGS**

August 31 I Corinthians 3:16-17 R.B. Hodges  
September 7 St. Luke 10:25-37 Debbie Grant  
September 14 TBA TBA  
September 21 TBA TBA

**CHILDREN'S SERMONS**

August 31 Betty Denton  
September 7 Bro. Tommy Jowers  
September 14 Delores Smith  
September 21 Jeff Carr

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

2-Barbara Griggs. 2-Carol Ann Halliburton. 2-Allie Privitt.  
5-Mary Ernest. 6-Judy Estes. 6-Betty Poteet. 10-Sandy

Hodges. 11-Clint Buchanan. 11- Susan Buchanan. 14-Shelby Moore. 18- Noraine Becton. 20-Terrie Joyner. 20-LaNita VanDyke. 21- Dot Kilzer. 22-Shannon Hawkins Ragusa. 27-Tim Jones. 29-Jennifer Moore. 29-Frances Joyner.

**GIBSON COUNTY CLUSTER AUGUST 31**

The Gibson County Cluster of United Methodist churches will worship together August 31 at 6:00 p.m. at Moore's Chapel UMC, between Trenton and Milan, on Highway 105-77. A love offering will be received. Bring finger foods for refreshment time after the program.

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, August 31**

9:30 a.m. - Coffee and Conversation--fellowship hall  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:50 a.m. - Praise Service with Favorite Hymn Time  
Noon - Church-Wide Pot-Luck in honor of our Constituents  
7:00 p.m. - Love Notes Handbell Choir rehearsal

**Tuesday, September 2**

8:00-10:00 a.m. - Free Health Clinic  
Free blood pressure and fasting blood sugar screening  
Be sure to come fasting for fasting blood sugar test.  
1:00-5:00 p.m. - Bloodmobile at Bancorp South-Bypass Branch  
Bring a photo ID. All donors receive a gift.  
Blood supply is currently low. Please give.

**Wednesday, September 3**

5:30 p.m. - First Wonderific Wednesday of fall 2008  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

**Sunday, September 7**

4:30-5:30 p.m. - Junior High UMYF (6th, 7th, 8th grades)  
5:30-6:00 p.m. - UMYF Joint Meal (6th through 12th grades)  
6:00-7:00 P.M. - Senior High UMYF (9th through 12th grades)  
7:00 p.m. - Love Notes Handbell Choir rehearsal

**Sunday, September 14**

1:30 Love Notes Handbell Choir performs at Dyer FUMC  
4:00 p.m. - Church Picnic at the home of Betty & Grover Poteet

**ATTENDANCE AUGUST 24, 2008**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 95 **MORNING WORSHIP:** 126  
**TO IMPROVEMENTS DEBT AUGUST 18--AUGUST 24:** \$30  
**TO DATE FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES:** \$2749

**Visitors in Worship August 24:** Lynn Putnam Jones, Glorianna Lowery, Barbara Howell, Paige Newman, David & Linda Shoaf, Megan Cathey, Hunter Smith, Sally Taylor, Jacob Taylor, Ann Taylor Elliott.

**Please write your name, address, and phone number** on the attendance pad every Sunday morning during worship, so that our visitors will do that, too

**WONDERIFIC WEDNESDAY STARTS SEPT 3!**

HURRAH! At 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, we will have our first Wonderific Wednesday fellowship meal of the fall. Recall that the meal is \$3 a person and no more

than \$10 for a family (visitors eat free!). For the activity time that follows from 6 to-7 p.m., Peggy Davis will again teach the pre-school age children's class. Children in K through 6th grade will have music and handchimes with Leigh Boyce and Leah Jean Rollins all through September in preparation for our special Children's Sabbath Sunday morning worship service in October. When the children do crafts projects, Jane Maule will be leading the group that is kindergarteners through 3rd graders, and various mothers will be leading the 4th through 6th graders. In October the craft for the 4th-6th grades is decorating stepping stones with Christian symbols, led by Sandy Hodges! Adults will meet from 6 to 7 with Bro. Tommy to study the miracles of Jesus.