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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Vacation Bible School has officially begun this week with much enthusiasm and expectation. Our first session was thoroughly enjoyed by both children and adults, especially as everyone was involved regarding the numerous ways that God reveals Himself. Our assembly of children in the sanctuary provided an opportunity to sing and learn some new contemporary songs along with various traditional songs that children have sung over the years, such as "Deep and Wide," "The Wise Man Built His House Upon a Rock," and "If You are Saved and You Know It."

Our attendance has been a bit low, but preparation, commitment, and experience are first rate! We hope to improve our attendance in each session. Appreciation is expressed to those who decorated the sanctuary and the educational rooms with camping equipment and scenery. The mood created by this marvelous decoration is one of being in the great outdoors and close to God and nature.

We have already collected several used cell phones, and our mission is to send them to our military troops who desperately need these phones to remain in close contact with their families. Our second mission will be to raise money for mosquito nets needed by children who live in Africa, thus preventing the spread of that dreaded disease called "malaria." I hope and pray that everyone has become more sensitive and compassionate concerning our need to share our time, talent, and resources with all God's children. Jesus said, "If you really love, feed my lambs!" - St. John 20:17.

This Sunday's worship service will include experiences that recreate this whole Vacation Bible School week, and everyone will want to be present for it, both the children of VBS and the whole congregation of our church!

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

FACTS ABOUT MALARIA

Each year, **malaria afflicts approximately a half-billion people** (roughly the population of the United States, Canada, and Mexico combined).

- Malaria kills **more than a million people per year**; 90 percent of those who die are African children.
- **Every 30 seconds** in Africa a child dies of malaria.

Malaria incapacitates people, keeping countries poor. In addition to the health burden, **malaria illness and death cost Africa about \$12 billion** per year.

UMW CANDLEBURNING DEADLINE JULY 19

Anyone can give to world-wide United Methodist missions by giving at least \$5 in memory or in honor of loved ones to United Methodist Women's Candleburning. Either use one of the CANDLEBURNING forms available outside the church office, or list your donations on a plain sheet of paper, detailing who is to be memorialized or honored and your own name. Get your donations to Dorothy Lancaster by Sunday, July 19.

THANK YOU, FRANKY HODGES!

Bro. Tommy and the church family express our most sincere appreciation to **Franky Hodges**, our church lay leader, for leading worship and presenting last Sunday's sermon while Bro. Tommy was on vacation.

OLAN MILLS PHOTO SESSION DATES

Please do your "level best" to remember to keep your previously scheduled appointment with the Olan Mills Photographer on July 17, July 18, July 28. If you have questions or need an appointment change, you must contact Glenna Helms (692-3531) or Betty Denton (855-9393).

SWEET SPIRITS SERVICE PROJECT JULY 3

On Friday, July 3, seven members of our Sweet Spirits UMW Circle volunteered at the Regional Inter-Faith Association (RIFA) Soup Kitchen in downtown Jackson. RIFA provides hot, nutritious lunches seven days a week at no charge, and no one is turned away. Typically there are between 100 and 150 people served each day, and for many of these this is their only meal of the day.

We were welcomed by Soup Kitchen Manager Dan Ward, who showed us the Food Pantry, where large quantities of canned and refrigerated food are stored in a very organized manner. There is **NOTHING bought** for the Soup Kitchen--everything is donated by local churches, civic organizations, businesses, and individuals who care. Jackson Madison General Hospital had donated food left from a party the night before so we had an especially delicious meal to serve. Usually, they serve canned fruit for dessert, but thanks to a very thoughtful Sweet Spirits member who sent homemade brownies, the folks who came to the Soup Kitchen on July 3 had a special treat.

We rolled plastic utensils and napkins, helped prepare the food and drink, and served around 100 hungry people of all ages, including two families with young children. The experience is one that touched all of us and one we will not soon forget. The Soup Kitchen is always looking for volunteers--they like to have a minimum of five, but more are always welcome. If you ever have the opportunity to serve in the Soup Kitchen, it will truly bless you, and you will come away from there thanking God for the many blessings in your life.

Phone 855-0561 and win a golden dollar if you can identify this sweet child. The last photo in the newsletter was of **Nathan Baker**. The first to phone in and identify him, winning a golden dollar, was **Sallie Cannon King**.

PRAYER AND CARE: Finis Carr, Thomas Cherry, Kenny Hughes (neighbor of Harold & Barbara Griggs), Jane Maule, Tanner Page (daughter of John and Beth Page), Grover Poteet, Debby Martin, Janice & C.B. Singleton,.

HOSPITAL NEWS: Jane Maule, Tassie Hopkins, and Janis Singleton have been discharged from hospital. Grover Poteet has had a pacemaker installed. Helen McCormick (stepmother of Peggy Davis) is in Gibson General Hospital.

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Otto and Hans Bauer (nephews of Gina Williams), Doug Ferguson (son of Susie & Bob Ferguson, recently deployed to Iraq), James Patrick Inman, Paul Michael Ross (brother of Jacob Ross), Chris Smith, Jesse Vinson (grandson of Harold & Barbara Griggs), Chais Milligan Wallsmith (son of Christy & Michael Wallsmith, son of Michelle Wallsmith, grandson of Sandy & Jimmy Milligan).

RETIREMENT HOMES: Agnes Evans, Greenbriar Meadows, 436 Hannings Lane, Martin, TN 38237; Dorothy Hardaway, Room 5, Harlan Morris Home, 400 Harlan Morris Drive, Trenton, TN. Tassie Hopkins, Bailey Park Community Living Center, 2400 Mitchell Street, Humboldt TN 38343.

IN NURSING HOMES: Finis Carr, Dyer Nursing Home, 1124 North Main Street. Von Dabbs, State Veterans Home, 2865 Main Street, Humboldt, TN 38343, information 784-8405. Charlene Lemond, Apt. 258, Trezevant Terrace, 3437 Waynoka Ave., Memphis, TN 38111, phone 901-746-5967. Helen McCormick (stepmother of Peggy Davis) is in Dyer Nursing Home, having physical therapy. Dr. T. Wilson. Haynes, Summer's Landing, 2036 Hwy. 45 Bypass South, Trenton TN. Vivian Hight, Humboldt Manor, 2031 Avondale Road, Humboldt, TN 38343.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST: Betty Denton

USHERS FOR AUGUST

*Dorothy Lancaster	Beverly Jowers	Gloria Jones
Jewell Hardaway	Faye Campbell	Betty Poteet

GREETERS

July 19	Priscilla & Bobby Jones
July 26	TyAnne & Larry Ridings
August 2	Mary & Neil Ernest
August 9	Joyce Flack & Joyce Barton

ACOLYTES

July 19	Sydney Phelan & Rachel Rollins
July 26	Annie Bartholomew & Gracey Estes
August 2	Cade Roberts & Christian Roberts
August 9	Claire Rollins & Rachel Rollins

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS

July 19	St. John 14:1-7	Harold Griggs
July 26	TBA	Dorothy Lancaster
August 2	TBA	Susie Ferguson
August 9	TB	TBA

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

July 19	Kari Alexander
July 26	Barbara Griggs
August 2	Steve Mischke
August 9	Jane Maule

PHOTOGRAPH CORNER

Give your photos from by-gone days to Carolyn or Gary Blankinship. Phone 855-0561 to win a golden dollar by identifying the person in the mystery photo.

DEADLINE FOR CHURCH NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Tuesday 11 a.m. at the very latest. Early submission of items is especially appreciated! Call 855-0561.

NEW NORTH DOOR SECURITY AWARENESS

We all need to be aware that our new north door does not close or lock automatically. It needs to be pulled closed. To lock it we must put a key in and turn the key. This will ensure the church's security and to keep our utility bills down.

CALENDAR

Friday, July 17

2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - Olan Mills Photography Sessions

Saturday, July 18

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. - Olan Mills Photography Sessions

Sunday, July 19

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:50 a.m. - Worship Service

Wednesday, July 22

No Choir Practice. Choir resumes July 29.

Sunday, July 26

2:00 p.m. - Bro. Tommy at Harlan Morris Home

Tuesday, July 28

2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - Olan Mills Photography Sessions

ATTENDANCE JULY 12, 2009

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 77 MORNING WORSHIP: 92

VISITORS IN WORSHIP JULY 12: Brooke Selph, Austin Selph, Tyler Selph (grandchildren of Rachel & Jim Proudfit).

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SUNDAY, JULY 12

TO SANCTUARY DEBT ON JULY 12	\$60
YEAR TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT:	\$1,538
OWED ON LOAN FOR PAST MAINTENANCE	\$9,455
TO YOUTH FUND ON JULY 12	None
YEAR TO DATE FOR YOUTH FUND	\$1,272
TO THE VAN FUND ON JULY 12	\$10
BUDGET OFFERING ON JULY 12	\$3,286

MEMORIALS

TO SANCTUARY MAINTENANCE DEBT

IN MEMORY OF TERRY AGEE, MATTIE CARR, JUDY ESTES, HAZEL MORTON, CHARLIE FLACK, JOHNNY WALLIN,
Debbie & Jim Grant

TO SANCTUARY MAINTENANCE DEBT

IN MEMORY OF CURTIS McFADDEN
Debbie & Jim Grant The Upper Room Sunday School Class

TO THE VAN FUND IN MEMORY OF CHARLES FLACK

Judy Hickerson

IN MEMORY OF BILL STOVER

Tracey & Sam Gregory

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM LANGLEY

Dot Kilzer Patricia Zarecor

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES FLACK

Dot Kilzer

IN MEMORY OF JUDY GIBSON

Susie & Bob Ferguson

IN MEMORY OF HAZEL MORTON

Anne & Luther Coble

JULY BIRTHDAYS

8-R.B. Hodges 8-Pat Zarecor 9-Billy George 9-Kyle Smith
13-Dorothy Hardaway 16-Dorothy Ellison 19-Keata Nicholson
22-Courtney Ballentine 25-Frank Parker 28-Susan Woods 31-Tricia Young