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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What do you think are the two most lost or misplaced items that people accidently leave at the church? They are an umbrella and a hat! People are always misplacing one thing or another, such as car keys, check books, money, and children. The Bible tells some interesting stories in two of Jesus' parables, The Lost Coin and The Lost Sheep (St. Luke 15:8-10, St. Matthew 18:10-13). No one wants to lose anything of value, and God feels the same way about all His creations! Some people are more concerned about losing their money than they are about losing their soul. Jesus says that God is a "Good Shepherd," and His primary mission was to assist lost sheep in their homeward journey back to real life and happiness.

Actually, coins represent the material world, but sheep represent God's compassionate love for wayward sinners. Every life has a unique and sacred worth to Christ, or our Lord would not have offered His life's blood and suffering to prove "once and for all" that divine love is a personal gift. The Bible says that angels sing even when one sinner returns to the God. Thus, the day and moment of recovery are celebrated not only on earth, but also in heaven.

Please note that people become lost because of sin! Christ is definitely a Savior who is never impassive, but extremely alert and responsive whenever any person is lost. The real tragedy of life is the fact that numerous people have become lost in a sea of material accumulations and cannot or will not understand that they are "trading and sacrificing" the abundant and joyful Christian life for this world's fleeting pleasures. Are lost coins and lost souls the fault of the hand or a reluctance to commit our minds and hearts to the higher delights that "only God" can provide when we give Him our best fruits? Our church will hopefully remain in constant prayer and faithfulness as we "slowly but surely" make our way back to God's heavenly kingdom without losing sight of life's invaluable spiritual essentials.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

HONORING OUR LONG-TIME MEMBERS

Those who have been members of this church for 40 or more years will be recognized on September 20. If you have any question about your years of membership, please contact the church office.

MORE NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed the Vernon family as our newest members last Sunday: Wally, Katey, J. T., Madeline, and Parker. They are transferring their membership from St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro. Wally, Katey, and J. T. come as professing members. Madeline and Parker come as preparatory members. We are excited to welcome them back to Trenton.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO MEET AUGUST 30

The Education Committee will meet in our fellowship hall, immediately after church on Sunday, August 30.

UMW GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 30

There will be a General Meeting of the United Methodist Women at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 30, in our fellowship hall.

WONDERIFIC WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: ADULT STUDY ON LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES, BASED ON THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS

Bro. Tommy will lead an 8-week study on Life's Healing Choices. This unique study, accompanied by a DVD instructional tape, will enable us to find freedom from our personal hurts, disappointments, hang-ups, and habits.

YOUTH NEWS by Jacob Ross

UMYF Kick-Off party on August 30 to welcome the sixth graders and get the new school year started with a bang.

Youth Mission at Reelfoot Rural Ministries October 2-4: Youth make home repairs for needy senior citizens in Obion and Lake counties. Limited to 80 participants, so sign up quickly. It is \$84, and Jacob Ross must have each youth's money and by Sunday September 6.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 20 TO BE AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL FEATURING BRO. TOMMY'S TEN-GALLON FREEZER

Everyone is invited to attend our Annual Church Picnic at the church on Sunday, September 20, beginning at 5:00 p.m. This will be an ice cream social. Please do not bring any food except cookies and brownies. Ten gallons of vanilla ice cream will be churned in Bro. Tommy's 10-gallon ice cream freezer that afternoon. Various toppings such as chocolate syrup, strawberry, and cherry, butterscotch will be available. Following the ice cream social, everyone will be asked to assemble in the sanctuary at about 6:00 p.m. or a few minutes afterwards, when the Joylanders, a Southern gospel quartet from Dyer, will present their concert. A love offering will be received for the Joylanders' expenses.

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

Thanks to donations by families and friends, the children who attended our Vacation Bible School this year have collected 25 cell phones to provide calling cards for our soldiers.

Give your photos from by-gone days to Carolyn or Gary Blankinship. The last childhood photo in the newsletter was of **Glenda Lane** and her parents, Jewell and Glen Goad. The first to identify Glenda was **Judy Woods**. Phone 855-0561 on Friday to identify the child in this photo and win a golden dollar.

PRAYER AND CARE: Finis Carr, Thomas Cherry, Bill Goodrich, Kenny Hughes (neighbor of Harold & Barbara Griggs), Tanner Page (daughter of John & Beth Page), Danny Pike (son-in-law of Carolyn Blankinship), Grover Poteet, Debby Martin, Roger Reason, Janice & C.B. Singleton, Margaret Taylor (grandmother of Kari Alexander), Beth Thompson.

SYMPATHY is shared with the family Johnny Glover on the death of his wife, Christine, and with Connie Helms, his sister-in-law.

HOSPITAL NEWS: Jerry Crisswell, husband of Glenda Crisswell, is in the Critical Care unit of Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. Debbie Grant had knee surgery on August 27 in Nashville.

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Otto and Hans Bauer (nephews of Gina Williams), Doug Ferguson (son of Susie & Bob Ferguson, 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. 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 SEPTEMBER: Jim Grant

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

*Harold Griggs Jimmy Milligan Bob Holman
Barbara Griggs Sandy Milligan Berlyne Holman

GREETERS

August 30 Faye Campbell & Pat Haltom
September 6 Marilyn & Ken Holder
September 13 Barbara & Harold Griggs
September 20 Peggy & Fred Davis

ACOLYTES

August 30 Gracey Estes & Annie Bartholomew
September 6 Cydney Beth Lane & Sydney Phelan
September 13 Rachel Lambert & Rachel Rollins
September 20 Cade Roberts & Spencer Vickers

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS

August 30 Psalm 113:1-9 Judie Reasons
September 6 TBA Perry Lane
September 13 TBA TBA
September 20 TBA TBA
September 27 TBA Christy Grant

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

August 30 Jeff Carr
September 6 Betty Denton
September 13 Teri Maddox
September 20 Peggy Davis

THANKS TO BETTYE JACKSON FOR GIVING BLOOD

Bettye Jackson has reached the 10-gallon mark as a blood donor to Lifeline Blood Services for our church's account. With the account number 310 for First United Methodist Church Trenton, we can all receive free blood services as long as our church donors reach the monthly quota. Special thanks go to Bettye Jackson and all our other blood donors for their outstanding service to our church through their donations of blood.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP...

to meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, in the fellowship hall.

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 27 - 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Mom's Day Out

Sunday, August 30 (Nursery Available)

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:50 a.m. - Worship Service

Noon - Education Committee meeting in the fellowship hall

2:00 p.m. - UMW General Meeting in the fellowship hall

5:30 p.m. - UMYF Kick-Off for the new school year

6:00 p.m. - Gibson County Cluster Worship at Medina FUMC
Phone 783-3230 by 08-28-09 for nursery care

Tuesday, September 1 - 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Mom's Day Out

8:00-10:00 a.m. - Free Healthcare Clinic:

Free blood pressure and fasting blood sugar testing

Be sure to come fasting for fasting blood sugar test.

7:00 p.m. - Nominations Committee on Lay Leadership

Wednesday, September 2

5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday meal--Catered Meal

6:00 p.m. - For adults: Bible study in the fellowship hall

For children & youth: Activities upstairs

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 3 - 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Mom's Day Out

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 20: Honoring our Long-Term Members

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Church-Wide Ice Cream Social

ATTENDANCE AUGUST 23, 2009

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 74 MORNING WORSHIP: 108

VISITORS IN WORSHIP AUGUST 23: Charles Reed of Dyer, Jason K. Brown of Medina, Linda Tilley, Michele 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

TO SANCTUARY DEBT ON AUGUST 23	\$10
YEAR TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT:	\$2,740
OWED ON LOAN FOR PAST MAINTENANCE	\$8,110
TO YOUTH FUND ON AUGUST 23	None
YEAR TO DATE FOR YOUTH FUND	\$1,537
TO THE VAN FUND ON AUGUST 23	None
BUDGET OFFERING ON AUGUST 23	\$2489

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1-Chuck Zarecor 2-Frederick Agee 4-Brittney Peterson 7-Marilyn Holder
9-Rebecca Taylor 10-Charles Carr 11-Brad Ballentine 11-Perry Lane
12-Logan Wallsmith 13-Gail Phelan 13-Glenna Helms 17-William Joyner
17-Kevin Mosley 20-Anne Coble 21-Ed Joyner 24-Barbara Shoaf 26-Joseta Barker
26-David Moore 29-Andrea Joyner 30-Neil Ernest