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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hurricanes and storms seem to be moving in a straight line as they head for our east coast and gulf. May residents in these vulnerable areas are leaving their homes or making needful preparations as they prepare for the worst. How refreshing it is to witness neighbors helping neighbors temporarily relocate or even rebuild what "once was" their homes! Nothing could better demonstrate the outpouring of Christian love than these small and great acts of compassion and support.

Jesus' miracle of calming the sea tells us that we have much more to fear than the physical storms of mother nature such as hurricanes and tornados. These storms are of temporary origin, but there are other spiritual storms that test the daily integrity of our mettle. Excessive worries, rising energy prices, health concerns, personal financial issues, marital relationships, home instabilities, and other stresses are literally wreaking havoc on countless families. What can a person do to better cope with these terrible storms! The answer is to ask Jesus to take complete control of our lives, thus following the example of the disciples on the Sea of Galilee as they feared for their lives. Scripture tells us that "perfect love cancels out all fear," and Jesus truly is the personification of that perfect love that we, weak and desperate human beings, sorely need. Have you asked Jesus to come into your heart on a daily basis and handle these difficult and challenging storms? Thank God that no storm endures forever, especially when Jesus is the captain of your ship.

In Christ's Service

Rev. William T. Jowers

UMYF NEWS!

There is a new UMYF Sunday evening schedule this year. Jacob Ross, our new youth director, is including 6th graders in our UMYF program! The schedule is 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 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are not able to come at

4:30 p.m. or to stay after the meal, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531.

CHURCH PICNIC

All church members, friends, and guests are invited to attend our annual church picnic at Grover and Betty Poteet's home, located at 385 Milan Highway, on Sunday, September 14th, at 4:00 p.m. Please bring a large serving of your favorite food. Since by 4:00 p.m. our Love Notes handbell choir will have finished their performance in the homecoming program at Dyer First UMC, we strongly encourage them to attend this fellowship event. Our youth and children are especially alerted to attend because there will be games and recreation under the leadership of our new youth director, **Jacob Ross**, and others of our youth counselors. **We are expecting everyone's full participation, and thus we expect this year's attendance will be one of our best!**

LOVE NOTES HANDBELL CHOIR

Our handbell choir will perform at Dyer First United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, September 14, at 1:30 p.m. as part of a homecoming musical program that starts at 1 p.m. It would mean a great deal to our handbell choir to have you there. In order to be assured of not walking in after the program has already started, our church members who would like to attend need to arrive before the first musical performers begin at 1 p.m.

Last Sunday night our Love Notes handbell choir, after practicing all the music for their performance, did a lot of disassembling of tables, cushions, and table covers, and counting and hauling of cases of handbells and handchimes and other equipment to create the mound that you now see in the choir room. This is what Love Notes takes with them when they travel. Please do not touch anything in that mound. Every piece is absolutely essential to the handbell/handchime performance.

**HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO GAIL AND ROBERT
SIDNEY PHELAN AND TO SALLY AND CARL
WYATT!**

INVITATION

Jill Mischke and Ben Hampton were married on August 14 in Gulf Shores, Alabama. You are invited to a reception honoring the couple on September 13 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at The Reserve at Dexter Lake Pavilion, 1400 Dexter Lake Drive, Cordova, Tennessee.

Can you guess who this young lady is who is enjoying a visit with Goofy?
Call Gary Blankinship 855-0896, or phone the church at 855-0561.
The previous photo was of Dorothy Lancaster.

PRAYER AND CARE: Terry Agree, Susan Buchanan, Lee Campbell is in Gibson General Hospital (brother-in-law of Faye Campbell), Michele Phelan, Terry Rivas (sister of Lori Michel), Bill Stover (father of Terrie Joyner), James "Sonny" Taylor (grandfather of Kari Alexander), Mary Laurel Webb (daughter of Susan Buchanan).

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: Agnes Evans has moved into the Harlan Morris Home. 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 14	Church Picnic at the home of the Poteets
September 21	Sandra Mitchell
September 28	Kari Alexander
October 5	Gina Williams

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

September 14	Barbara & Harold Griggs
September 21	Peggy & Fred Davis
September 28	Barbara & Frank Parker
October 5	Alicia & Jonathan Estes

ACOLYTES

September 14	Josey Phelan & Claire Rollins
September 21	Christian Roberts & Cade Roberts
September 28	Bailey Williams & Gracie Williams
October 5	TBA

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READINGS

September 14	Psalm 32:8-11	Judie Reasons
September 21	Lamentations 3:25-33	TBA
September 28	TBA	Diane McClanahan
October 5	TBA	Judy Woods

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

September 14	Delores Smith
September 21	Jeff Carr
September 28	TyAnne Ridings
October 5	Peggy Davis

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 H. Ragusa. 26-Sallie King
27-Tim Jones. 29-Jennifer Moore. 29-Frances Joyner.

ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 87 **MORNING WORSHIP:** 103

Visitors in Worship September 7 -- Glorianna Lowery; Jesse Gordon, Teri Gordon and Cory Gordon; Dayton Alford; Zack Bruketta.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TO IMPROVEMENTS DEBT SEPTEMBER 1--SEPTEMBER 7: \$25
TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT: \$14,257
TO DATE FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES: \$2859

CALENDAR

Saturday, September 13

9 a.m. - Handbells move bells to Dyer FUMC

Sunday, September 14

9:30 a.m. - Coffee and Conversation-in the-fellowship hall

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School (to 10:30 a.m.)

10:50 a.m. - Worship Service

1:00 p.m. - Musical program begins at Dyer FUMC Homecoming

1:30 p.m. - Our Love Notes Handbell Choir performs at Dyer FUMC

4:00 p.m. - Church Picnic at the home of Betty & Grover Poteet

Wednesday, September 17

5:30 p.m. - First Wonderific Wednesday of fall 2008

Adult Study Assignment: Stilling the Storm and Feeding the 5000

6:00 p.m. - Activities for all ages.

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

WONDERIFIC WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!

Don't miss out! Meal at 5:30. Activities 6-7 p.m. Adults meet with Bro. Tommy to study *The Miracles of Jesus*. Peggy Davis is again teaching the pre-school age class. Children K through 6th grade have music and handchimes with Ms Boyce and Mrs Rollins all through September in preparation for Children's Sabbath in October. Jane Maule is leading crafts for K-3rd graders, and various mothers are doing crafts with 4th-6th graders. In September (please note corrected month) the craft for 4th-6th graders is decorating stepping stones with Christian symbols, led by Sandy Hodges!

MEAL PREPARATION HOSTS/ MONTHLY SCHEDULE

First Wednesday -- Gloria Jones

Second & Fourth Wednesday -- Pot-Luck

Third Wednesday -- "Young" Christians Class
or Fishermen's Class

Fifth Wednesday -- Hosts will be assigned.

COST: First, Third, and Fifth Wednesdays: \$3 per person.

Maximum \$10 per family.

Second and Fourth Wednesdays: No charge. Pot-Luck.

MEMORIALS

Please note: Memorial donations need to be on a check that is a **separate** check from your other offerings.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA GRIGGS

The Jim Grant family

IN MEMORY OF BETTY STEWART, HUGHLINE DICKEY

Janice & C.B. Singleton

IN MEMORY OF CLYDE BARKER CAMPBELL

Becky & Billy George

IN MEMORY OF KELLY LANEBarbara & Murray Jones Becky & Billy George
Sallie & Ed King**IN MEMORY OF MARCUS SUTTON SHOEMAKER**

Carolyn & Gary Blankinship Janet Dollar

REVIVAL at Lighthouse UMC (formerly Midgett Chapel), 73 Conley
Road, Alamo, TN, 6:30 p.m. nightly September 16-17-18.
Rev. Edward McKelvey, Evangelist

UNITED METHODIST MEN GOLF SCRAMBLE**Brownsville Country Club, Saturday, October 4**

Register by October September 29, 2008.