



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ARE YOU A FANATIC?

Unless you have been hiding under a rock, then you know that the college football season is here at last! It kicks off this week and, it comes as no surprise that some people live and breathe this sport!

There is nothing wrong with being an enthusiastic fan for your favorite sports team, provided we do so in moderation. I've been to enough college football games to see the good, the bad and the ugly of fanatics! One online source defined a "fanatic" as "a person whose enthusiasm or zeal for something is extreme or beyond normal limits."

You would think that Jesus would like to have fanatics, but as we are learning during our "Not a Fan" series, Jesus is interested in "followers", not fans. He called the Disciples to "follow Him", not cheer for Him. He wanted men and women who were willing to get in the game, move the Kingdom of God forward on earth and change the world! And, that's just what His followers did.

I have to admit that I'm a serious Georgia Bulldog fan, but I've never been "in" a game. I walked on the field at Sanford Stadium once when I was a kid, and I've done a lot of cheering for them from the stands and the couch! Yet, I haven't played a single down for them.

But, I pray that I'm in the game for Christ - all the way for the rest of my life! Here's what I hope to say with confidence: "I'm Jimmy Towson, and I'm not a fan of Jesus Christ!"

What about you? Are a fan or a follower of Jesus Christ? Be with us during the rest of this sermon series to learn more!

Love you guys!



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



Half Lock-In for Grades 1-6

September 18
5:00-10:00 pm

Welcome our New Nursery Coordinator

Please welcome Holly Driggers to our nursery staff. She and her family are regular attendees at Mulberry and she teaches preschool at Vineville Baptist Morning School. You will now see her on Sundays and special events helping out in the nursery and preschool areas. Thanks to all of our nursery workers who stepped up to fill gaps in a period of transition over the summer. Our staff is the best and I appreciate them so much!

Big Parent Meeting

Sunday, August 30, 12:15-1:15

Join us in the Children's Assembly Room to hear what's coming up and to have vital input on where we are headed for the new year! Childcare and snacks provided.

Kidzquest

Check out this link if you want to register your 3rd-6th grader for a fall retreat to Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons. We will be taking a group from Mulberry for the weekend of Oct 2-4. The cost of \$125 includes travel, food, programming, cabin rental and a t-shirt. Many memories are made here! Call Pam for questions or if you're available to chaperone.

<http://www.sgaumc.org/kidzquest>

PARENTING BIBLE STUDY



A 4-week Bible Study
Starting Sept. 1 at 5:30 pm
Childcare provided

Call Erin Frazier – 745-8621
to register.

Best Parenting Advice I ever heard ... and opposite of most of what we've been told!

Kim Konrad

The principles we learned made parenting a joy and being with our kids fun!

Ian & Jennifer Kilpatrick



Pantry Needs
Peanut Butter
Rice

Volunteer to Register Our Clients for Lunch

11:00-12:00

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
Warm and friendly faces Apply!!!

If you'd like to volunteer call Robin or Debbie at 478-743-8026

or email dtowson@mulberrymethodist.org

Kroger Community Rewards Re-enrollment

Kroger Community Rewards Re-enrollment starts today, Tuesday, August 4, 2015 until August 31st! Now is the time to designate Macon Outreach as your charity to receive funds every time you use your Kroger Plus Card! It's easy, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com and sign up today. We just received a \$53 check from Kroger for these rewards. This year, Kroger is proud to donate \$600,000 to local schools and nonprofits through this Kroger Plus Card based fundraiser. Help us, just click and look for our name!

DAYBREAK

There is a bucket in the atrium to receive donations to Daybreak.

Supplies Needed:

Paper Towels

Disinfectant/deodorizing Spray (Lysol)

Baking Soda Men's Crew Socks

Disposable Razors Spray Deodorant

Living Water Well

Mission Trip to Nicaragua

PRICE DROP Announcement! October 24-31 we are sending a team to drill a well and teach hygiene for a community in need. The cost is \$1000 + \$29 online LWI background check. Spots are currently available!

Please contact Drew Mercer (478) 919-3842 or drewmercergmail.com and visit www.water.cc.



Budget Report 2015

Month	Revenue	Expense	Net	Endowment	
				Revenue	Net
Jan	65,946	96,592	(30,646)	0	(30,646)
Feb	83,166	105,627	(22,462)	0	(22,462)
Mar	102,146	113,483	(11,337)	6,000	(5,337)
Apr	86,112	107,031	(20,919)	6,000	(14,919)
May	98,658	99,700	(1,042)	6,000	4,958
Jun	74,263	113,841	(39,578)	6,000	(33,578)
Total YTD	510,290	636,275	(125,985)	24,000	(101,985)

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Our 11 a.m. service is broadcast live
over Radio Station AM 940 WMAC.



Rev. Jimmy Towson (538-9067)
Rev. Tommy Perkins (615-691-3171)
Rev. Bill Culpepper (803-673-7860)

This Week at Mulberry

Sunday, August 23

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
5:00 pm ANCHORED

Monday, August 24

1:00 pm Cottages on Wesleyan Communion
5:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg/Conf Rm
6:00 pm Church Council Mtg/Parlor

Tuesday, August 25

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm
10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall

Wednesday, August 26

9:15 am CCM Chapel
10:30 am M/O Worship
12:30 pm Centering Prayer
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 pm Children's Choirs
7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, August 27

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232

Friday, August 28

12:00 pm Heart of GA Ambassadors Luncheon/Parlor

Sunday, August 30

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
5:00 pm ANCHORED



Wednesday Morning Bible Study at Riverside UMC

September 16 – October 28, 2015
and January 13 – February 24, 2016
10:30-11:30 am

Edith Schwartz will lead the Wednesday Morning Bible Study at Riverside UMC in a study of The Gospels as depicted in the stained glass windows of Mulberry Street UMC.



Children's Center at Mulberry Needs Your Help!

The beginning of our school year is fast approaching and we need your help to make this school year as successful as the ones before.

The following items are always in high demand throughout the year:

Copy Paper Glue Sticks Pens White Out
Construction Paper Dry Erase Markers Masking Tape
Scotch Tape Wash Cloths Paper Clips
Bibs (New or Gently Used) Sharpie Markers
Packaging Tape

CCM will have a box in the atrium to collect items for the entire month of August.

Any donations would be helpful and greatly appreciated.

Thursday Morning Bible Study Taste & See

7:00 am

Join Jimmy & others each Thursday as we study together.

Mulberry Street UMC Staff

Jimmy Towson, Senior Pastor
Tommy Perkins, Associate Pastor
Bill Culpepper, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries
Bruce Bishop, Church Administrator Camille Bishop, Music Director/Organist
Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Betsy Abbott, Director of Hospitality Erin Frazier, Director, Children's Center
Ann Smith, Spiritual Director Johnny Hathcock, Director, Macon Outreach
Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary
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