



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 19, 2015

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## Driven by Delight: A Reflection on Gideon

*Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" Judges 6:14*

The strength you have—it sounds to me like an affirmation that what Gideon has is sufficient for the task to which God is calling him. If God said this to us while giving us a massive mission, I expect we'd react much as Gideon did. He reminded God that he was the least of the least; not only was Gideon from the weakest family in the area, he was also the runt of the litter (*The Message* paraphrase of this text).

*Go with the strength you have.* Why do we discount the gifts God has given us? We who are created by God often forget that we have divine DNA. Jesus even acknowledges how gifted we are when he says that those who follow him will do greater works than he did (John 14:12). What can drive us to go in the strength we have, the strength God has given us?

I'm a big fan of Julian of Norwich. For over a year now, I've been reading a book called *All Will Be Well: 30 Days with Julian of Norwich*. There is such wisdom in each day's reading that I end up spending weeks with it, sometimes focusing on a phrase for several days.

Immersing myself in her teachings has deepened my faith by teaching me that God does not simply love us, God delights in us. Since I grew up in a hyper-critical family, and have for nearly all my life had critical scripts running through my head, it was for me a major revelation to recognize that God delights in me.

That God delights in us is really good news! It is knowledge that should move us from living under the fear of condemnation and judgment into the freedom that grace and forgiveness offer us. And when we move from fear into freedom, we move from a mentality of scarcity to a mentality of abundance. We delight in God when we know that God delights in us.

Knowing that God delights in us gives me the confidence to go with the strength we have, sustained by God's love and aware of the gifts we've been given. With great joy and delight we use the gifts God has given us to fulfill our calling to love and delight in others.

Go with the strength you have, the strength of delight!

Ann Smith  
Spiritual Director





Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



**FroYo Pool Party**  
**Wednesday, July 22**  
6:00- 9:00 pm  
Location: TBA



**August 16, 2015**

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year.

All kids are invited to bring their backpacks for a blessing and prayer during our 11:00 am worship service.

Third graders will receive their own Bibles.

The following are the students we know who will be entering the third grade. Their names will be engraved on the Bibles, so please make sure we have spelled your child's name correctly.

- John Hampton Carter
- F. Stebin Horne, IV
- Chase Elaine Kieran
- Jackson James Kinross
- Thomas David Mann
- Hannah Spencer Mayfield
- Alice Elizabeth Rauls
- Lewis Matthew Tharp
- Stewart Crosswell Vernon, Jr.
- Laura McCutchen Wilson

**If for any reason your child will not be participating in the service, please contact Pam Johnston (745- 8601).**



**Pantry Needs**  
Canned Tomatoes  
Canned Fruit

**Help Needed to Pick Up Deliveries**

**Chipotle – Tom Hill Sr. Blvd.**  
Saturdays – 2:00 pm – Pick up food

*The food can be stored in your refrigerator and be brought to Macon Outreach the next day or on Sunday at church.*

**If you'd like to volunteer call Robin or Debbie at 478-743-8026 or email [dtowson@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:dtowson@mulberrymethodist.org)**

**DAYBREAK**

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

- Supplies Needed:*
- Disinfectant/deodorizing Spray (Lysol)*
  - Baking Soda*
  - Disposable Razors*

**Wear**

**Your dollar makes change.**

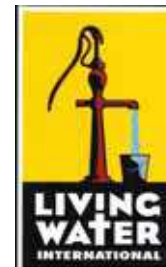
*Macon's best kept secret for new and gently used clothing, designer brands, shoes and accessories!*

*Men's, Women's & Children's*

*Monday-Saturday  
11:00 am – 7:00 pm*

*Wear Location: 464 First Street  
#DonateShopRepeat*

***Proceeds from Wear support DAYBREAK, Depaul USA's day resource center for homeless men and women in Macon, GA.***



**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 [drewmercer@gmail.com](mailto:drewmercer@gmail.com) and visit [www.water.cc](http://www.water.cc).

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

## This Week at Mulberry

### Sunday, July 19

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

### Tuesday, July 21

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm  
 10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm  
 12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall  
 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday, July 22

9:15 am CCM Chapel  
 10:30 am M/O Worship  
 12:30 pm Centering Prayer  
 6:00 pm Children's FroYo Pool Party

### Thursday, July 23

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

### Friday, July 24

12:00 pm Heart of Georgia Ambassadors/Parlor

### Sunday, July 26

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



## 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
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>436,027</b>	<b>522,434</b>	<b>(86,407)</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>(68,407)</b>

## 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  
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