



# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 15, 2016

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## SHOUT IT ALOUD!

I supposed I've always believed in prayer and, even before entering ministry, would have considered myself to be a praying man. But, honestly, I wasn't a fanatic about it. It was just something you did before meals and especially when you needed God's help. Over the years, my understanding of the power of prayer has deepened greatly.

As I write this, I have just returned from the *National Day of Prayer* breakfast at First Presbyterian Church. I was greatly impressed with the diverse, overflowing crowd that showed up at 6:45 am to pray for America! I was challenged by the speakers and those who prayed to up my game.

The theme for 2016 is *Wake Up America*, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to return to God in reverence for His Holy Name. Isaiah 58:1a is the key scripture: "*Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.*"

Would you agree with me that if ever there was a time to pray for our nation, our leaders, our military, our churches and for each other, it is now? You don't have to look very far to see why.

At the breakfast, our District Superintendent, Dr. Rick Lanford, who also serves as chief chaplain for the Bibb County Sheriff's Department, offered a special prayer for the family of Investigator T. J. Freeman, who was killed in an automobile accident. We need to pray for our law enforcement men and women. I am grateful for Rick's leadership and witness.

I want to challenge you, as I have been challenged, to deepen your prayer life. I firmly believe in, and have experienced, the power of prayer. I also believe that if Mulberry becomes a praying church - like God intends us to be - we will see the power of God at work among us like never before.

So I ask you to pray. I ask that you put Mulberry St. UMC, your church staff and me at the top of that list as we seek to follow Christ and be a symbol and source of blessing to all the world! But also pray for each other, for our nation and for our world! Let's *shout it aloud* together!

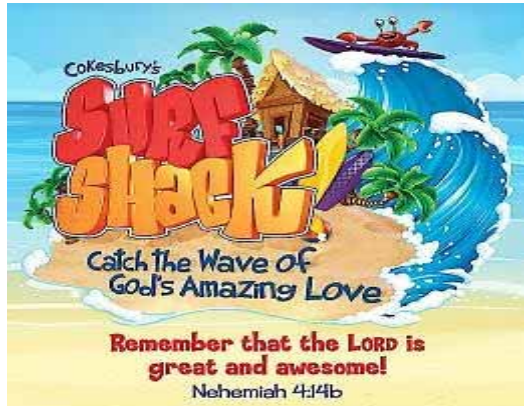
Prayerfully offered,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.





Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



### Vacation Bible School

June 13-17, 2016

8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Go online to register.

Want to volunteer? Let Pam know!

### Budget Report 2016

Month	Gifts and		Expense	Net
	Other Revenue	Endowment Revenue		
Jan	93,604.62	18,616.56	103,762.19	8,458.99
Feb	62,362.89	16,848.37	109,624.07	(30,412.81)
Mar	77,138.00	37,665.00	137,696.00	(22,893.00)
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>233,105.51</b>	<b>73,129.93</b>	<b>351,082.26</b>	<b>(44,846.82)</b>

### Bible Study

### SUMMER IN THE WORD: Under the Tree of Life

This summer you are invited to join Rev. Tommy Perkins in a longer-term bible study meeting Sunday afternoons and evenings from May to August. If you are interested or have any questions about this study please contact [tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org](mailto:tperkins@mulberrymethodist.org) or 745-8601.

**Mulberry 101**  
**Sundays, July 10, 17, 24 & 31**  
**10:00 am**

### Conference Room

Get a behind the scenes look at Mulberry Street UMC and get answers to questions you may have about our church and the Methodist denomination.

Here's what will be covered:

*The rich history of Mulberry Street UMC.*

*The vision and mission of our church.*

*A brief history of John Wesley, our founder.*

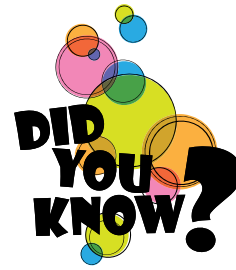
*How are we connected to the United Methodist Church.*

*Why should I join Mulberry Street UMC?*

*What can I expect from the Church?*

*What is expected of me?*

If you have not already joined Mulberry and are interested in doing so, please call Karen Carter (745-8601) to sign up for the class.



### Macon Outreach has volunteers who...

Purchase heavy duty rain ponchos for those on our streets.

Pack hygiene bags filled with shampoo, socks, deodorant, soap and other goodies for the homeless.

Fill our baskets in the church atrium with rice, peanut butter and other canned goods.

Purchase 10 pairs of tennis shoes each month for those walking our streets.

Serve lunch from 11-12 on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Serve breakfast on Tuesdays from 7-8.

Pack groceries for families on Tuesday and Wednesday at 12:30.

Fold and sort clothing and help clients with free clothing on Tuesdays 9-12.

**We'd love to have you join our TEAM!**

**Call Debbie or Robin at 743-8026 and volunteer!**



16 oz. Peanut Butter

Canned Fruit

Oatmeal (box of individual packets)

Cereal



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

### Supplies Needed:

Sugar Paper Towels

Disinfectant Spray (Lysol)

## Mulberry Community Garden



**Mondays in the Garden (March 14 – May 9)**  
**Bibb Mentors – 2:30-5:00 pm**  
**Thursdays in the Garden (March 3 – July 28)**  
**Volunteer Gardeners – 2:30-5:00 pm**  
**Questions? Call Jack Head 719-7455**

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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, May 15

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
4:30 pm Covenant Bible Study/Children's Assembly Rm

### Monday, May 16

10:00 am Daughters of 1812/Conf Rm  
12:00 pm Daughters of 1812 Luncheon/F-Hall  
5:00 pm CCM Board Mtg/Conf Rm

### Tuesday, May 17

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm  
9:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm  
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall  
1:00 pm Carlyle Place Communion  
1:00 pm Brookdale Macon Communion

### Wednesday, May 18

9:15 am CCM Chapel  
10:30 am M/O Worship

### Thursday, May 19

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232  
10:30 am DAR Mtg/Conf Rm  
11:30 am Fuller Housing Mtg/Rm 232  
12:00 pm DAR Luncheon/F-Hall  
6:30 pm Wesley Men's Bible Study/IVP

### Saturday, May 21

5:00 pm Joy Class Picnic/Courtyard

### Sunday, May 22

9:00 am Worship/Chapel  
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary  
4:30 pm Covenant Bible Study/Children's Assembly Rm



## Annual Conference

The 150<sup>th</sup> Session of the South Georgia Annual Conference#  
"Testify and Multiply" #  
June 8-11, 2016  
UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center - Tifton, Georgia#

### Clergy members of Annual Conference

*Jimmy Towson, Tommy Perkins & Bill Culpepper*

### Lay Members to Annual Conference

*Jack & Carol Head, Russ Barber*



## Music Fund

*In honor of Cam & Bruce Bishop by Mr. James L. Coleman*  
*In honor of Joe & Evelyn Adams by Mr. James L. Coleman*  
*In honor of Shannon Fickling by Mr. James L. Coleman*

## Memorial Fund

*In memory of Nina Yeomans by Mrs. Gloria Wynn*

## Mulberry Garden Fund

*In honor of Mrs. Nell W. Clem by Mr. & Mrs. Allen Jackson Head, III*  
*In honor of Thera K. Head by Mr. & Mrs. Allen Jackson Head, III*

## Macon Outreach Fund

*In memory of Jessie Astin Smith by Jeff & Della Bridges*  
*In honor of Martha H. Stanton by Martha S. Linkous*  
*In memory of Bill Donovan by Rebecca C. Donovan*  
*In memory of Anna Rogero and Nadine Poloncic by Ron & Barbara Poloncic*  
*In honor of Pete Smith by Marguerite T. Higdon*  
*In memory of Alton Greenway by Shirley Greenway*  
*In honor of Susan Gatliff by Allison Gatliff Sawyers*

## 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*   *Karen Carter, Connections Director*  
*Sara Colvin, Financial Secretary*   *Linda Parker, Administrative Secretary*  
*Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian*  
*Clifton Carswell & Jeffrey Smith, Custodians*  
*Erin Frazier, Director, Children's Center*  
*Debbie Towson, Director, Macon Outreach*