



MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 13, 2015

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WHO ARE WE FOLLOWING?

A few years ago, Debbie suggested that I get a Facebook page. I didn't really know much about it, and so, she explained that she had all of these friends "following her" - I mean like 100s of friends. Not to be outdone, I set up my own Facebook page.

Shortly thereafter, Debbie asked how many friends I had on Facebook. I didn't know how to check, but when I did, I was proud to tell her that I had 4 friends! Pretty sad, huh? I guess folks felt sorry for me, because I have many more than that these days!

Since we are in the sermon series, *Not a Fan*, I thought about how following someone on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram is similar to how some of us "follow" Christ. On most of these social media options, you can read about a friend's vacation adventure, be asked to respond in prayer to a medical emergency or scan tons of TBT (Throw Back Thursday) pictures of your friends when they were younger.

And, you can "like" what you see, share it with others and even post a comment about the content. Yet, if a friend's posting gets too annoying, you can "unfriend" them! These social media formats have been amazing tools to connect with others, but they are not without their faults. Many psychologists warn of the impact of connections on social media replacing genuine personal relationships.

It's funny how following someone on social media is representative of how many "Christians" follow Jesus. We can "like" something He does, make a comment or, if we don't like what we see, "unfriend" Him - all with a simple keystroke!

Sometimes we're that kind of "follower." But as we are learning, Jesus isn't interested in a social media type of relationship. He's interested in a commitment that will cost us!

The theme verse for this series pretty much says it all:

Then (Jesus) said to them all: "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

Luke 9:23 (NIV)

Who are you following these days?



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



Half Lock- In for Grades 1- 6

September 18
5:00-10:00 pm

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.sgauhc.org/kidzquest>



Confirmation Class 2015- 2016

Remember in your prayers the following kids as they begin their Confirmation classes this month.

This is an important time in their spiritual growth as they prepare for their commitment to claim God's gift of grace, salvation and joyful life in the church.

Confirmands

- Cooper Baskette
- Gunn Bush, I V
- Austin Carter
- Olivia Coleman
- Isabella Ewing
- Maddie Fackler
- Will Fackler
- Langley Fickling
- Carys Fonner
- Ben Jamison
- Graham Johnston
- Akins Manley
- Olivia Mann
- Georgia Mercer
- Niklas Odette

Mentors

- Emory Dunn
- Baxter James
- Gordon Johnston
- Paige Mann
- Brooke Kinross
- Marianne Lokey
- Vaughan Smith
- Rob Evans
- Freeda Chapman
- Paul Riley
- Creede Hinshaw
- Rader Sellers
- Courtney Baskette
- Nita Smith
- Becky Kerner
- Xavier Tarbox
- Jake Jamison
- Joseph Driggers
- Gracie Bell
- Isabel Newberry
- Reilly Brown
- Ames Jamison
- Micah Johnston
- Emma Johnston
- Alex Newberry
- Joseph Whitten
- Matt Newberry
- Savannah Stone
- Sarah Kate Sellers
- Ashley English

Confirmation Luncheon

Sunday, September 20



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

DAYBREAK

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

Supplies Needed:

- Paper Towels Bathroom Tissue Spray Deodorant
- Disinfectant/deodorizing Spray (Lysol)
- Baking Soda Men's Crew Socks Disposable Razors



Macon Outreach Fund

In memory of Jim Thomas by

*Deborah C. Jones The J.B. Easterlin Family Frances Inzer
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Van De Water Lee & Bonnie Stevens*

In memory of Rusty Gunn by Jimmy & Jean Weatherford

In memory of Billy Julius by Denny & Julie Julius

In memory of Helen "Dixie" Covey by Carlton & Barbara Hunnicutt

In memory of Bety Luedecke by Carlton & Barbara Hunnicutt

In memory of Michael Durbin by Jamie Cockfield

In honor of Jack & Carol Head by Joe & Iris Jones

In memory of Carol Cooper Beall by Benjamin A. Rives

In honor of Johnny & Sylvia Hathcock by Harold & Freeda Chapman

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 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)
Jul	80,661	104,878	(24,217)	6,000	(18,217)
Total YTD	590,951	741,152	(150,202)	30,000	(120,202)

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Rev. Tommy Perkins (615-691-3171)
Rev. Bill Culpepper (803-673-7860)

This Week at Mulberry

Sunday, September 13

9:00 am Worship/Chapel
9:40 am KIDSPRAISE
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship/Sanctuary
12:15 pm Reception for Johnny Hathcock/Parlor
5:00 pm ANCHORED

Monday, September 14

12:00 pm Guild Mtg/F-Hall

Tuesday, September 15

8:30 am Prayer Group/Prayer Rm
10:30 am Staff Meeting/Conf Rm
12:00 pm Kiwanis/F-Hall
5:30 pm Parenting Class Bible Study/Rm 323
7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, September 16

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
6:15 pm Youth Fellowship
7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

Thursday, September 17

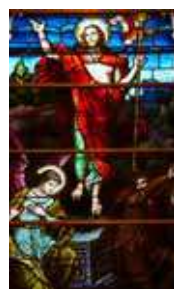
9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232
10:30 am DAR Mtg/Conf Rm
11:30 am Fuller Housing Mtg/Rm 323
12:00 pm DAR Luncheon/F-Hall
1:00 pm Carlyle Place Communion

Friday, September 18

5:00-10:00 pm Parent's Night Out/Half Lock-In (1st - 6th Grade)

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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.

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*
Doris Andrews, Church Cook/Custodian
Custodians
Clifton Carswell *Jeffrey Smith*