

# MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 6, 2015

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## READY FOR FALL

This has been one hot summer! I am so ready for fall - cool, crisp mornings. Changing leaves! And, did I mention UGA football? I'm simply a "fall" guy!

But, I'm not sure whether the fall season or spring is my favorite. I love them both! Debbie is a summer girl; she prefers the warm sun. Different seasons for different people, I suppose. Which is your favorite?

People have seasons too. There are hard seasons, easy ones, lonely seasons, dry seasons - all kinds. It's true of churches also.

I love the season Mulberry is in right now - so many good things happening! Like, a successful Ministry Fair where nearly 100 people signed up to serve on a Mulberry ministry team. Our youth group, under Bill Culpepper's leadership, is setting new records in attendance! That's awesome!

There's more - worship attendance is up! Huge crowds are showing up for Wednesday night supper and there seems to be a "buzz" about Mulberry. It's a good season to be in right now!

Debbie and I are so excited about the future. We believe that God is leading Mulberry to be the Mother Church of Methodism in Georgia again! We are sure that more people will want to experience what you and others know to be true about Mulberry!

So, are you ready for this season at Mulberry? We are! We **love** being at Mulberry! And, I can't wait to break out some sweaters!!!

Love you guys!

# Sunday Worship

September 6, 2015

9:00 am Chapel  
11:00 am Sanctuary

Not a Fan:  
"If Anyone"  
Luke 9:23-25 (NIV)

Rev. Tommy Perkins



## Assisting with Worship

### Usher for Nine O'clock

Warren Dunn & Scott Wangen

### Ushers for Eleven O'clock

Charlie Bridges, Austin Carter,  
Casey Gardner, Ken Harper, Jason Hawkins,  
Baxter James, David Mann, Don Ream,  
Brett Toles, Bob Veto, Jim Wilson

### Children's Church

Clay & Hayes Capps (2/3K)  
Reeves & Julie Minton (4/5K)



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Walter and Estelle Clay by their daughter, Margaret.



To Baron and Susie Gibson upon the death of Baron's brother, John Gibson on Monday, August 24 2015.



Gospel Reading  
for the Week

Mark 11:12-19

### Attendance Last Week

Nine O'clock Worship	54
Eleven O'clock Worship	235
Total Worship Attendance	289
Sunday School	215

# MUSIC News

Cam Bishop, Director of Music

Our children's choirs got off to a great start last week with 20 in attendance in the Wesley Choir (Grades 1-5) and 9 in the Cherub Choir (K3-K5). These choirs will be singing for the Wednesday night program on October 14, as well as the following Sunday, October 18, for Stewardship Sunday. In addition, they will delight us with their annual Plum Pudding Festival on December 6. Parents, it's not too late to sign your children up for choir. We have a great time in rehearsals where we learn a lot about music. Most importantly, it's a wonderful way for your child to serve God and learn more about God through singing. Please join us this Wednesday at 6:15.



## Thursday September 10 12 Noon Fellowship Hall

The Young At Heart invite you to come join us for the opening luncheon of the fall season. A delicious meal and fellowship will be followed by a program from Mulberry's own Art Banks representing Caring Transitions. Art will speak about creative options for families in Middle Georgia in the midst of life's constant changes, demographic trends and other important information to the region regarding adult care. The lunch will be \$6 with the program to follow. Please reserve your spot by contacting Tommy Perkins [tperkins@mulberymethodist.org](mailto:tperkins@mulberymethodist.org) or 745-8601 no later than Tuesday, September 8.



## September 9

### Menu:

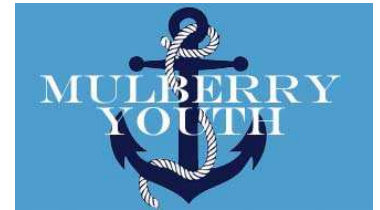
Roast Beef    Rice & Gravy  
Turnip Greens    Tossed Salad  
Cornbread Muffins  
Pecan Pie

### Children's Menu

Beef Fingers    Green Beans  
Mac & Cheese    Apple Slice  
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches  
2% Milk & Apple Juice

### Program:

CGTC Mission Trip to Kabul Afghanistan – Gardner Long



Rev. Bill Culpepper,  
Associate Pastor for Youth Ministries

**Anchored**  
Sundays - 5:00 pm

**Youth Fellowship**  
Wednesdays – 6:15 pm



**Monday, September 7**  
Church Office will be closed.



Jesus never asked us to sit on the sidelines and cheer for his cause. He wants us in the game! This sermon series will challenge you to grow from a fair weather fan to a fully devoted follower of Christ.

## Not a Fan Sermon Series

September 13  
Come After Me  
John 21:1-10 (NIV)

September 20  
The Symbol of a Follower  
Luke 9:18-27 (NIV)

*A Retirement Reception  
to Honor  
Johnny Hathcock  
Sunday, September 13  
immediately following the  
11:00 am worship service  
in the Parlor.  
Make plans to join us as we  
honor Johnny for his faithful  
ministry to Macon Outreach.*



Pam Johnston, Director of Children & Family Ministries



### Half Lock-In for Grades 1-6

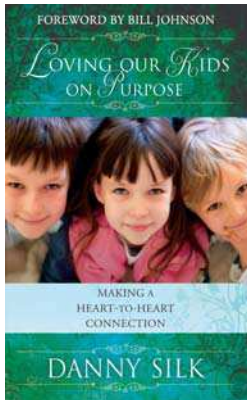
September 18  
5:00-10:00 pm

### Kidzquest

Check out this link if you want to register your 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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



*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

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

### 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)
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>590,951</b>	<b>741,152</b>	<b>(150,202)</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>(120,202)</b>

### 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.



### 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](mailto:dtowson@mulberrymethodist.org)



### Macon Outreach Fund

*In memory of Denise S. Saturna by Nalini & Sunder Isaac*

*In memory of Jim Thomas by*

*John & Gladys Malone Becky Donovan*

*Lisa B. Moore Sally Buxton*

*In honor of the birthday of Charlie Mae Westmoreland by Aurelia Adams*

*In memory of Frances Kite by Rhett & Suzanne Moody*

*In memory of Charles Crowley by Jamie Cockfield*

*In memory of Rusty Gunn by Jamie Cockfield*

### Kroger Community Rewards Re-enrollment

Kroger Community Rewards Re-enrollment starts today, Tuesday, August 4, 2015 until August 31<sup>st</sup>! 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](http://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

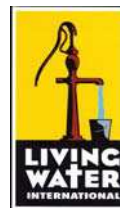
Spray Deodorant

Disinfectant/deodorizing Spray (Lysol)

Baking Soda

Men's Crew Socks

Disposable Razors



### 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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NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED WEEKLY  
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, September 6

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

### Monday, September 7

Labor Day – Church office closed.

### Tuesday, September 8

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

### Wednesday, September 9

9:15 am CCM Chapel  
10:30 am M/O Worship  
12:30 pm Centering Prayer  
4:00 pm Paula Motes Circle/Conf Rm  
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:15 pm Children's Choirs  
6:15 pm Youth Fellowship  
7:15 pm Ainsworth Choir

### Thursday, September 10

9:30 am Circle of Friends Sewing Group/Rm 232  
12:00 pm Young at Heart Luncheon/F-Hall

### 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



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## KAIROS WEEKEND: September 17-20, 2015

Here is how YOU can help!

- Commit to prayer: sign a link of the prayer chain
  - Home-baked cookies (6 per ziplock bag)
  - Children's Artwork/cards
  - Financial donations (make checks payable to "KPMI")
- If you have any questions, please contact Sam Lamback,  
550-3067.

### Paula Motes Circle

Paula Motes Circle will meet Wednesday, September 9, at 4:00 pm  
in the Conference Room.

## 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*