

JULY 2, 2006

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Morning Worship  
On the radio each Sunday on WZLT 99.3 FM at 10:45 am

COMMUNION ATTENDANTS

Elaine & Lynn Townsend and John & Pat Mitchell

USHERS

John Allen Anderson, Reggie Henderson,  
Dan Perky, and Richard Odle

GREETERS

Christina Jowers and Pat Mitchell

ACOLYTES

Anna Dyer and Alex Odle

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given by Becky Graves to the glory of God and in loving honor of members of our church family with July birthdays.

SOUND/LIGHTING TECHNICIAN

John Mobley

NURSERY CAPTAINS FOR JULY

Jacqui Weatherly and Daphne Renfroe

INFANT NURSERY

SS hour: Pam Helms and Karen Henderson

Worship: Shannon & Rick Taylor and Cindy Odle

TODDLER NURSERY

Mark, Wendy, and Shelbi Hopper

VISITOR'S MINISTRY TEAM

Patricia Nance

KITCHEN MINISTRY TEAM

Jewel Hudson

OFFERING COUNTERS

Thelma Hawkes and Barbara Clement

**Our Loyalty Report**

**Sunday, June 25, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Sunday School: 101 Morning Worship: 186

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:**

Received this week for the budget: \$ 6,958.19

Needed each week for budget: \$ 7,370.40

Needed for budget to date: \$ 191,630.40

Received for budget to date: \$ 172,737.38

Difference: \$ - 18,893.02



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The  
Interpreter

**A Joke about Behavior Alteration**

A man was in a pet shop and saw a parrot with a price sign that said, "Cheap! Priced to Move!" The price was so low that it caused the customer to ask, "**What's the catch? Can't the parrot talk?**" The owner said, "It doesn't talk as much as it cusses a blue streak." The man said, "**Can't be that bad for that price.**" He bought the parrot, took it home, put it in a cage and tried to prompt the bird. "**Say Polly wanna cracker.**" But the parrot said, "Polly don't want no #%&!@((& cracker, you #S@\*\*&^."

The man stepped back and said, "**Whoa! This isn't going to work. Uh, say 'Pretty bird. Pretty bird.'**"

The parrot shot back, "How about if I give YOU a bird, you (bleep) (bleep) (bleep)."

And on it went. Even when the owner tried to sleep that night, out of the dark quiet came a string of obscenities that made the man blush and then red with rage; until, finally, he leapt out of bed, stomped to the birdcage, grabbed the parrot and said, "**That's it!**" In one smooth motion he opened the freezer portion of the fridge, thrust the parrot inside, and slammed the freezer shut. From inside the freezer compartment came the muffled curse words of the parrot and then silence.

The man carefully opened the freezer and a different, subdued, respectful, polite parrot came slowly walking out.

The man asked, "**You gonna behave now?**"

With the air of an English aristocrat, the parrot replied, "Why, yes. I have seen the error of my ways and I want to assure you, sir, that I'll never again poison the air with any obscene-laced tirades ever again. But, sir, ...?"

The man was suspicious. "**Yeah, what is it?**"

The parrot looked back at the freezer, "May I ask—what did the chicken do?"

Don't make God have to do something drastic to get your attention concerning your behavior.

Stan



**Wednesday, June 28**

7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Sunday, July 2**

9:00 am Sunday School

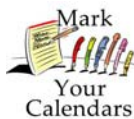
10:15 am Morning Worship

**Monday, July 3**

Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, July 4**

Church Office Closed



**Upcoming Events:**

July 11: Stewardship Team Meeting

July 13: Upper Room Prayer Line

July 17: Mother/Daughter Banquet

July 19: Walk Through Bethlehem Meeting

July 18: Facilities Team Meeting

July 23: UMW General Meeting

Our Mission  
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“**R**ecognizing that we are members of the family of Christ and have been richly blessed, we feel drawn to a life of servanthood. Therefore, we envision that through prayer and with God’s direction, the congregation of First United Methodist Church, Lexington, Tennessee, will open our hearts to offer our gifts and talents to the entire community so that we can grow in faith and discipleship.” --Adopted 1998



**T**he Walk through Bethlehem Ministry team needs you! Where is God calling you to serve? Is it as a vendor in the marketplace? Can you “pretend” to sell baskets, wine, olive oil, fish, brass, material, spices, leather, bread, etc.? Are you being called to be a character in the story of the day? Will you dress up and be a prophet, Mary, Joseph, Roman soldier, angel, a Wiseman, or a shepherd? Do you have a special talent or skill? If you can make baskets, weave material, build things with wood, spin pottery, etc. we need you? Do you or do you know of someone that can play an instrument that would have been found in biblical times? If so, we need you. Are you willing to give up a little time to help decorate and transform our church into Bethlehem? Will you help us minister to our community? Will you help spread the “Good News” of the birth of Jesus Christ?

Remember that according to our church structure we do not recruit volunteers, but we ask for folks to discern their spiritual gifts and listen to where God is calling them to serve. **Where is God going to use you and your family during “A Walk Through Bethlehem?”** How is God calling you to serve? Will you answer that call?

If you have any questions about what each task would involve during the “walk” please talk to Lisa Thomas. The next Walk Through Bethlehem meeting is **July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Wrather Hall.**



**TENNESSEE  
TORNADO  
RECOVERY**

The following e-mail was received on June 23, 2006. If anyone would like to take on the task by forming a team please notify Lisa Thomas as soon as possible.

*Teams are needed to help with framing, sheet rocking, roofing, concrete work and general carpentry. General clean up is also needed. Please have at least 2-3 skilled carpentry folks on each team! Teams can stay in the gym at FUMC, Dyersburg. Showers are available. Teams will cook their own meals, using the church kitchen. Youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up are welcome. An adult (age 25 and over) to youth ratio of 1 - 5 is required. A fee of \$500 minimum per team to help pay for construction supplies is requested.*



**5th SUNDAY ACTIVITY**


The Worship Ministry Team is planning a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship activity for **July 30, 2006.** Plans include a meal of hamburgers and hotdogs provided by the church and **homemade ice cream** for dessert. *You are invited to bring your freezer and to make your favorite ice cream to share with everyone.* We will even have an informal judging to decide who’s is the best. The worship activity is still in the planning stages so keep an eye out for more details of it soon.



**DATES STILL  
AVAILABLE**

The following dates are still available for altar flowers. If you would like to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one, please call Lisa today. Cost is \$40.00 per week and you get to take the flowers after the morning service.

July 16	August 13
August 27	Nov. 12

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- REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**  
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| <b>Elmer Scott</b>                            | <b>Jim Terry, Jr.</b>                        | <b>Thomas Hopper</b>                          |
| <b>Al Kane</b>                                | <b>UMYF Rafting Travelers</b>                | <b>Gerald L. Montgomery</b>                   |
| <b>Keith Martn</b>                            | <b>Keith Martn</b>                           | <b>Earnest Reed, Jr.</b>                      |
| <b>Ida Mae Gourley</b>                        | <b>Russel Martin</b>                         | <b>Dana Annereau</b>                          |
| <b>Russel Martin</b>                          | <b>Dottie Harris</b>                         | <b>Lorene Hatley</b>                          |
| <b>Dottie Harris</b>                          | <b>Charles Stanford</b>                      | <b>James Paul Kyle</b>                        |
| <b>Charles Stanford</b>                       | <b>Howard Reeves</b>                         | <b>Sue Patton</b>                             |
| <b>Howard Reeves</b>                          | <b>Max Harwell</b>                           | <b>Becky Ujcich</b>                           |
| <b>Max Harwell</b>                            | <b>Retha Wood</b>                            | <b>Zach Baker</b>                             |
| <b>Retha Wood</b>                             | <b>Virginia Dodds</b>                        | <b>Karol Fisher</b>                           |
| <b>Virginia Dodds</b>                         | <b>Frank Shelton</b>                         | <b>David Dunham</b>                           |
| <b>Frank Shelton</b>                          | <b>Harold Johnson</b>                        | <b>Edd Burke</b>                              |
| <b>Harold Johnson</b>                         | <b>Jean Clampitt</b>                         | <b>Bill Reed</b>                              |
| <b>Jean Clampitt</b>                          | <b>Dianne Ward</b>                           | <b>Roy Odum</b>                               |
| <b>Dianne Ward</b>                            | <b>Joe Mills</b>                             | <b>Marilyn Blurton</b>                        |
| <b>Joe Mills</b>                              | <b>Royce Drewry</b>                          | <b>Janice Strawn</b>                          |
| <b>Royce Drewry</b>                           | <b>Joe Isaac</b>                             | <b>Sandra Spears</b>                          |
| <b>Joe Isaac</b>                              | <b>Family &amp; Friends of Ed Kraisinger</b> | <b>Thomas Blankenship</b>                     |
| <b>Family &amp; Friends of Ed Kraisinger</b>  | <b>Family &amp; Friends of Jo Fielder</b>    | <b>Family &amp; Friends of Arloween Mizen</b> |
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| <b>Family &amp; Friends of Arloween Mizen</b> |  |   |

**JOHN WESLEY'S  
RULES FOR LIVING**



DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,  
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,  
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,  
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,  
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

