

JULY 17, 2005  
 WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

9:00am Sunday School  
 10:15am Morning Worship  
 On the Radio Each Sunday on WDXL 1490 AM at 11:00am  
 Taped from a previous Sunday.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

USHERS

Warren Ramer, Bob Armstrong\*,  
 George Simpson, and Richard Odle

GREETERS

Becky Ujcich and Lisa Sullivan

ACOLYTES

Katie Mobley and Alex Odle

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving  
 honor of George & Kay Simpson's anniversary by  
 Becky & Jerry Graves.

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Slater Hollis

NURSERY CAPTAINS FOR JULY

Laura Dyer and Carl Cooley

INFANT NURSERY

SS hour: Pattie White and Mary Lou Martin  
 Worship: Chris James, Chelsey Scott, and Judy Moore

TODDLER NURSERY

Mercedes Hopper and Paul & Tara Gilbert

VISITOR'S MINISTRY TEAM

Margaret Stowe

KITCHEN MINISTRY TEAM

Betty Walker

OFFERING COUNTERS

Barbara Clement and Thelma Hawkes

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# The Interpreter



First United Methodist Church in Lexington, Tennessee

**SAYING NO!**

It was a trend during the "self-help" craze which hung on in some form or fashion—the practice of saying "no." For some, it was enlightening, freeing. People came out from under the burden of feeling like they couldn't refuse anyone's request.

Now, there were some keys to saying "no" effectively. (1) Saying "no" was to help oneself and not to avoid one's duty, or obligation. (2) "No" needed to be said without insult or injury to someone and not seen as permission to trample on others' feelings. (3) Consider why one was saying "no" and to what. The idea of a effective refusal changed sometimes to saying no "Just because I want to." Or "because I don't want to do that."

Somewhere along the line, though, it became easy to say no to God. Now, it has always been easy to say no to preachers. Once someone told me she didn't want her picture taken for the church directory because "Brother Stan, it's hard to say no to the salespeople." "What?" I replied, "You don't find it hard to say no to me when I ask you to consider a church position. You don't find it hard to say no to church stewardship drives. You don't find it hard to say no if the church interferes with your summer schedule. So, suddenly you're a puddle of goo with a picture salesperson?" Hey, c'mon. We say "no" when we want and to who we want.

Even to God. But why? You see, people may make unreasonable demands upon us, but God doesn't. People may get us to agree to something and then leave us high and dry, but God doesn't. God's requests are not unreasonable. God doesn't ask us to agree to something that God won't equip us to do. God doesn't ask us to agree and then desert us. God just isn't like everyone else. Our relationship with God is supposed to be different, deeper than our relationships with others. So, we can be honest with God and even say, "I don't think I can do it." "I'm scared to try." God can erase our doubts about ourselves and our doubts about God. It depends on how much we trust God to empower us and not abandon us and stick with us. Now, you can say "no" to God. But, first, I'd ask myself "why?"

**Stan**

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

**Wednesday, July 13**

6:00 pm Sound Tech Training, Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

**Thursday, July 14**

6:00 pm Gifts Discovery Team, Spirit Seekers  
 7:00 pm Upper Room Prayer Line, Office

**Sunday, July 17**

9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Morning Worship  
 Red Bird Team Commissioning  
 7:00 pm Center Ridge Revival

**Monday, July 18**

6:30pm Mother – Daughter Banquet

**Tuesday, July 19**

4:45 pm Evening Prayer  
 7:00 pm Facilities Team, Spirit Seekers Room

**Upcoming Events:**

July 24 thru 30 – Redbird Mission Trip  
 August 1– Bloodmobile  
 August 4, 5, 6, 12, & 13 –  
 Pictorial Directory pictures taken  
 August 10 – Wednesday Evening Activities Resume

**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.

## Our Loyalty Report

**Sunday, July 3, 2005**

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Sunday School: **89**

Morning Worship: **149**

**Sunday, July 10, 2005**

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Sunday School: **92**

Morning Worship: **187**

### **OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:**

Received 7/3 for the budget: **\$ 8,645.09**

Received 7/10 for the budget: **\$ 3,571.59**

Needed each week for budget: **\$ 7,296.22**

Needed for budget to date: **\$ 204,294.16**

Received for budget to date: **\$ 182,359.13**

Difference: **\$ - 21,935.03**



**T**he Wednesday evening meal and activities will resume on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. A meal, Pastor's Bible Study, Choir Rehearsal, and a good time will all be included in the weekly activities. We will also have small group studies and children's activities starting soon. Make plans to attend this great mid-week church activity for the whole family.



**T**he Emerging Ministries Dream Team met on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to hear from Habitat for Humanity representatives. The Dream Team approved the forming of a new ministry team and sent the dream to the Stewardship Team for their approval. Tentative plans are to build a Habitat House in the spring of 2006. The search has started for team members. The planning wheels have been set into motion. Please, prayerfully consider becoming a part of this team. Keep your eyes and ears open for meeting dates and times. They will be advertised soon!!



**T**he Red Bird Mission Team will be commissioned during our worship service this Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Their trip dates are July 24 thru July 30. Please pray for this team daily as they represent our entire congregation in Kentucky.

**P**lans need to be made for our 2005 Church Picnic! **We need team members!!** If you are a good organizer, enjoy food, fun, and Christian Fellowship, WE NEED YOU. Please come to the Picnic Team Meeting on Sunday, July 17, right after church. We will meet very briefly in the Wanderer's Sunday School room beside the nursery. We will see how much interest we have at that time. It will not take long, we promise. **Please Come!!!**



**I**f you and your family did not sign up for a photo date, it is not too late. Call First Choice Photography today at 1-800-500-6526, ext. 110. Please make an *appointment*. It would be a *disappointment* if you and your family were not in our 2005 Pictorial Directory.

**J**amaica medical and dental mission is scheduled for Feb. 11-20, 2006. Cost of \$1,425.00 and includes room, board, and airfare. Initial deposit of \$125.00 and is needed by July 19th. Application forms are available in the church office or those with questions or interest can see me. You can also email me at [perkylaw@charter.net](mailto:perkylaw@charter.net)

## Please Join Us in Rejoicing



Congratulations go out to proud new parents Cindy and Wes Odle on the birth of their daughter, *Jenna Mae Odle*. Jenna was born Thursday, July 7, 2005. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz., and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Also, congratulations go out to Keith & Hollianne Holmes Carver on the birth of their son, *Britton Shaw Carver*. Britton was born on Friday, July 8, 2005, in Knoxville, Tennessee. He weighed 9 lbs. 12 oz., and was 22 1/2 inches long.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Maree White	Fred Standley
Callie Hinson	Melynda Hill
Poodle Davis	Doc Weatherly
Steve Averitt	Chris James
Moetta Stewart	Debra Mattin
Rueben Saneaz, Sr.	Kelly Rice
Joanna Small	David Dunham
Sharnell Woods	
Victims of terrorist strikes	
Family & Friends of James Houston	
Family & Friends of Carl Terry	
Family & Friends of Tammye James	
Family & Friends of Marty Jones	

## Memorials

**Tammye James**

by *Wayne & Nancy Hinson* for the Memorial Fund  
by *Rob, Lisa, Jonathan, & Taylor Thomas* for the Bus Fund  
by *Henry & Marjorie James* for the Memorial Fund  
by *Pug & Teresa Vickers* for the Nursery Fund  
by *Jacqui Weatherly and Christina Vickers* for the Nursery Fund  
by *Mark & Dianne Ward* for the Nursery Fund  
by *Tony & Elizabeth Holmes* for the Memorial Fund  
by *Chris & Angie Bartel* for the Memorial Fund

**James Houston**

by *Chris & Angie Bartel* for the Memorial Fund

## UMW Candleburning Additions

By *Rod & Janey Williams*

**Sue Ellen Pritchett**

By *Russ & Mary Lou Martin*

**Myrtle Martin**

**Victor F. Dold, Jr.**

**Keith Martin**

**Judy Dold**

By *Becky & Jerry Graves*

**Kay Henderson**

**Linda Marcum**

**Kay Simpson**

**Edwina Bunch**

**Betty Threadgill**

**Merle McDaniel**

By *Lucas Odle*

**Judy & Richard Odle**