

JULY 23, 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

USHERS

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

GREETERS

Lois Yates and Angie Holmes

ACOLYTES

Nicholas Odum and Garhett Gilbert

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving honor of George Simpson's birthday by  
Mr. & Mrs. Lyman Houston.

SOUND/LIGHTING TECHNICIAN

Howard White

NURSERY CAPTAINS FOR JULY

Jacqui Weatherly and Daphne Renfroe

INFANT NURSERY

SS hour: Becky Ujcich and Ruth Hurtt

Worship: Linda White and Laurie & Conley Sanders

TODDLER NURSERY

Kim Odle, Myles Odle, and Eli Alexander

VISITOR'S MINISTRY TEAM

Kelly & Jeff Odum

KITCHEN MINISTRY TEAM

Jewel Hudson

OFFERING COUNTERS

Kay Henderson and Thelma Hawkes

**Our Loyalty Report**

**Sunday, July 16, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Morning Worship: 201

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:**

Received this week for the budget: \$ 6,398.62

Needed each week for budget: \$ 7,370.40

Needed for budget to date: \$ 213,741.60

Received for budget to date: \$ 196,086.70

Difference: \$ - 17,654.90

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# The Interpreter

**IT'S HARD TO BE THE CHURCH**

I mentioned this to a church member a long time ago in a place far, far away and that person was amazed. The reply back? *"It's not hard to be part of a church. I can come and go as I please. I can give whatever I want to give. I can volunteer wherever I please. What's hard about being part of the church?"*

Well, let's see. It's not hard if you think you're the only member of the church and if you think nothing you do affects anyone else. But the church is not a group of solitary individuals. True, we start out that way, but the Holy Spirit melds us together into a faith community, a church family and as such, we share the church with so many others.

We share worship with many others who may or may not be like us, which is why we have so many styles of hymns—from *"As the Deer"* to *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."* We share different acts of worship from responsive readings to passing the peace of Christ. If something doesn't touch your soul, you are sharing the act that it is touching *someone's* soul, maybe one of your friends or family.

We share the church because we are a spiritual part of each other, related to each other by the living Christ. We draw strength from each other's presence in worship, in Sunday School, in church activities.

It's hard to be the church if we aren't in a mood of sharing church, resources, finances, worship with others. It's hard when we think our issues are the most pressing, our attitudes the correct ones. My long ago friend said, *"I can do pretty much what I want, plug into the church where I want, give what I want, volunteer when I want."*

Doesn't that go against the grain of Christian faith? It is the Lord who calls us into obedience, guides us into our mission and ministry. Didn't we give up our will for the Lord's will? Didn't we replace the phrase *"what I want"* with *"what the Lord wants"*?

It's not hard to be the church when we remember whose church it is—the church of Jesus Christ. We're the stewards.

Stan

**Sunday, July 23**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Morning Worship

3:00 pm UMW General Meeting

**Monday, July 24**

9:00 am Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, July 25**

4:45 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm Mentors Meeting

**Wednesday, July 26**

5:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

**Sunday, July 30**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Activity

**Monday, July 31**

9:00 am Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, August 1**

4:45 pm Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting

**Wednesday, August 2**

5:00 pm Fellowship Meal

5:45 pm Emerging Ministries Dream Team

6:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER CELEBRATION

On Sunday, July 30, at 5:00 pm we will celebrate the beginning of a new school year with food, fun, fellowship, and prayer. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings 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 whose is best. After the meal and dessert, we will begin a time of prayer for all students, educators, administrators, and support staff as they begin their new school year. The prayers will be done in stations or zones around the church. Each

station will be unique and specific to a need of our children and educators. Please make plans to attend this **Back to School Prayer Celebration** and let's start this school year off right!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The Wednesday evening meals will begin on August 2, 2006. Menu for the meal is:

#1: Baked Potato Bar, Chicken Strips, and Ice Cream Bar

or #2: Mac & Cheese, Fruit, and Milk

Please make your reservation in the Sunday Worship Bulletin or by calling the church office no later than noon on Wednesdays. Activities scheduled for the August 2 include: meal from 5:00 to 5:45, Emerging Ministries Dream Team Meeting at 5:45, Pastor's Bible Study at 6:00, and Choir rehearsal at 7:00. We hope that you make plans to join your church family on Wednesday evenings for Christian fun and fellowship.



## DREAM TEAM TO MEET

Do you have a dream for a new ministry? Do you remember what to do and where to go to make that dream a reality? Any church member or group of members can propose a new ministry to the Emerging Ministries Dream Team. If the proposal is in keeping with the congregation's vision, the team will arrange for the proposal to be tested with the congregation. And the new dream just might become a reality and a vital ministry of our church. **The Emerging Ministries Dream Team's next meeting is Wednesday, August 2, at 5:45 pm in the Spirit Seekers Room at the end of Wrathier Hall.**



## DON'T FORGET THOSE NAMETAGS

The Visitors Ministry Team would like to remind everyone of the importance of wearing a nametag. When a visitor enters our church they may feel a bit overwhelmed by the sea of unknown faces and the many doors and halls of the building. If a visitor sees someone with a nametag they would automatically know your name and they might feel a little more comfortable about asking you for help. Don't we want to make everyone feel as comfortable and welcome as possible? If you already have a nametag, please remember to wear it. If you need a nametag, ask Lisa. She will gladly make one for you.

## OUR CHURCH VISION STATEMENT



"Recognizing that we are members of the family of Christ and have been richly blessed, we feel drawn to a life of servant-hood. 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."

## OUR PRAYER LIST

<b>Robin Harris</b>	<b>Abe Fayling</b>	<b>Tara Gilbert</b>
<b>Annoy Scott</b>	<b>Nancy Hinson</b>	<b>Danny Scates</b>
<b>John Ozment</b>	<b>Janice Patterson</b>	<b>Otto Britt</b>
<b>Patricia Holmes</b>	<b>Kay Simpson</b>	<b>Max Harwell</b>
<b>Dianne Ward</b>	<b>Janice Strawn</b>	<b>Royce Drewry</b>
<b>Sandra Spears</b>	<b>Joe Isaac</b>	
<b>Family &amp; Friends of Gerald Lloyd Montgomery</b>		
<b>Family &amp; Friends of Sherry Geddes</b>		
<b>Family &amp; Friends of Dale Loftin</b>		
<b>Family &amp; Friends of Dean Reed</b>		
<b>Family &amp; Friends of Ray &amp; Camilla Bartholomew</b>		
<b>Family &amp; Friends of Laura Scott</b>		
<b>Family &amp; Friends of Karol Fisher Cherry</b>		



## Gerald Lloyd Montgomery

by *Elwood & Carole Small* for Choir Fund  
by *Becky & Jerry Graves* for Choir Fund  
by *Dorothy Douglass* for Bell Tower Fund  
by *Wayne & Nancy Hinson* for Memorial Fund  
by *Dr. & Mrs. Rupert Stivers* for Memorial Fund  
by *Otto & Kathy Britt* for Memorial Fund  
by *Barbara Clement* for Memorial Fund  
by *Kay Henderson* for Choir Fund  
by *Sammy & Martha Hay* for Memorial Fund  
by *Lois Walker* for Memorial Fund  
by *Buster & Edwina Bunch* for Budget

## Ida Mae Gurley

by *Otto & Kathy Britt* for Memorial Fund

## John Barni

by *Otto & Kathy Britt* for Memorial Fund