

*The Order for Worship
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2010*

Chiming of the Hour

<i>Prelude</i>	Nicky Wilson, Organist
<i>Bringing in the Light</i>	Acolytes
<i>*Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time</i>	Ben Shepard, Liturgist
<i>*Hymn of Praise</i>	"O How I Love Jesus" No. 170
<i>*Affirmation of Faith</i>	Ben Shepard, Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria Patri.* No. 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer Time/Prayer Concerns/Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jim Stringfellow

Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Offertory* "Sweet Hour of Prayer" No. 496

Giving of God's Tithes & Offerings

**Doxology* No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children's Minute Renee' Rowse
 (After Children's Minute, children ages 3 1/2-5th grade are dismissed for Children's church)

Anthem Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Luke 11:1-13 Ben Shepard, Liturgist

Sermon "Our Father" Reverend Jim Stringfellow


**Hymn of Dedication* "This Is My Father's World" No. 144

Benediction
 *Congregation, please stand as you are able.

The Story

YOUTH NEWS:

• **JULY 26-30:** Youth Missions Week/DRM
 We will meet at church at 8:30 am and leave (riding together in the church van) to go to the Downtown Rescue Mission. We will work 9-1 and then return to church to eat and play games until 3 p.m. Corey at the DRM said we will be doing various thing: pulling weeds, serving meals, getting ready for a banquet, and ground work. Parents can pick a day to go with us. Parents can also help by providing lunch for youth at church at 1:30 each day.

• **FRIDAY, JULY 30:** Lock-in at EUMC; 7:00 pm—7:00 am 
 • **SATURDAY, AUGUST 7:** Ocoee Whitewater rafting—2:00-5:00

TODAY, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE
 Open House at the Parsonage, 2101 Basel Drive




DOWNTOWN RESCUE MISSION BARREL: Please bring canned non-perishable food for this most worthy charity and place in the barrel in the Narthex.

ATTENTION CHILDREN: Do you have talent? Get your dancing shoes on and your singing voices ready for "Moses' I've Got Talent Show." During Children's Church on today, we will be performing our hidden talents for each other. Come and join in the fun!!!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 is the start of Camp Meeting month. We will have a cookout on that Sunday. Family Life will furnish the meat, buns, and drinks. Those who attend will furnish the rest. We need baked beans, potato salad, slaw, desserts, onion, tomatoes, lettuce, ketchup, mayo, mustard, and pickles. See Tobey Avery after church July 18 or 25 to sign up. Set up will be during Sunday School on August 1.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 Each child needs to bring a plain white t-shirt to Children's Church for "Esther's Ti-Dye T-shirt Factory."

Epworth will again be participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program this fall. As the beginning of school sales are now showing up at local stores, now is a good time to get items for the shoe boxes. Pencils, crayons, pens, notebooks, scissors, glue sticks, erasers, and markers are at greatly reduced prices. Also, if you are interested in serving as a volunteer at an Operation Christmas Child Processing Center, registration begins on Monday, August 2-spaces fill up quickly. You are encouraged to call 1-800-442-9120 for more information or request a reservation.



*The flowers on the Altar are in thanks to God
 for giving us 50 years together
 "50th Wedding Anniversary"
 Jim & Jan Zielinski*

Welcome to Our Guests We are honored that you have chosen Epworth United Methodist Church as your place of worship this morning. If you are not active in a church or if you are looking for a new place in a caring, serving church, we invite you to become part of this church family. Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex.
Sunday School classes are 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Thank you for worshiping with us today.

In Memory of
Given By
 Sam & Julie Presson

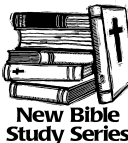
Daisy Sublett
Our mother, Helen Branum

For
 Capital Fund

Her Children *Handicap Ramp*

WISDOM & GRACE CONFERENCE August 9-12, Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center, "Reaching Up, Reaching Out-Spiritually and Mission."

Making Disciples Through Bible Study
 Are you interested in a long-term, life transforming study of the Bible? Making Disciples Through Bible Study is an intensive thirty-four week survey of the entire Bible. DBS is divided into two 17-week semesters. DBS is a major commitment requiring reading large portions of the scripture each week. DBS meets weekly for two to two-and-a half hours each week. Weekly meetings features group discussion of scripture based on careful study and preparation. DBS is not simply an informational Bible study. The aim of DBS is life-transformation as class participants are invited to bring their personal experiences and struggles to the scripture each week.



Am I Right For This Church?

Look at yourself and ask, Are there opportunities here for me to serve and exercise my spiritual gifts? Does this local body have a need that by God's enabling I can meet? Am I willing to get what the church can do for me, but also what I can do for the Lord as I serve Him in this church? Am I willing to give of my time, money, energy, and prayers to contribute to the success of this church (Mark 12:30; Rom. 12:1)?

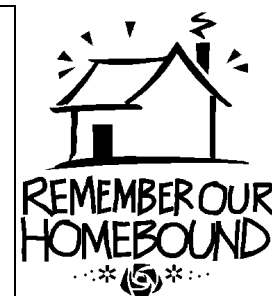
A house is not a home until all the members of a family contribute to its success. The same is true of a church home. Only when each member in the family of God exercises his or her God-given gifts will God's children feel at home in His church. The decision you make about what church to attend will greatly affect your spiritual life and the lives of your children. In fact, the decisions you make now will affect your descendants and the generations to come. That's a sobering reality.

Remember that no church will ever perfectly fulfill all these criteria. There is no perfect church. Also, remember that every church is going to have its own special blend of its foundation, structure, functionality, and environment. The key is to find a church that has them in proper balance, not overemphasizing some or de-emphasizing others. A balanced ministry is a Spirit-controlled ministry. If you find a church that possesses most but not all of the characteristics we've mentioned, don't immediately disregard it. Consider whether God wants to use you to help improve that local body as you exercise your own particular spiritual gifts.

May each of us spend at least as much time and effort making that decision as we do deciding on our earthly dwelling. Choosing a church home is one of the most significant decisions you will ever make--one that reaches into eternity.



Attendance July 18, 2010	
Worship:	162
Sunday School:	111
Children:	17
Youth:	20
Adults:	74



Stewardship July 18, 2010	
General	\$4,413.00
Building Fund	115.00
Flowers.	22.00
SBB	30.00
Youth—White water	51.00
Camp Sumatanga Scholarship	285.00
	\$4,916.00

THOSE WHO SERVE
Month of August

Trustee Fred Reeves
Ushers Ezio & Heidi Wheeler, John Whitaker, Scott Jones
Altar Guild Leone Purser
Monthly Counting Team Larry Mathis, Barbara Cady
Communion Servers Bill & Joyce Smith, Lynn Quann, Diane Martin
Communion Steward Nancy Ballew

July 25
Liturgist Ben Shepard
Greeters Joe & Joyce Mathis, Reek & Wanda Wilson
Acolytes Pete Shepard, Tylor Thompson
Children's Church Volunteers Renee' Rowse, Caroline Olivier
Visitation John Cole
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Reek & Wanda Wilson

August 1
Liturgist Joy Deerman
Greeters Loyce Esslinger, Joyce Peek, Clay & Anne Hyde
Acolytes Rachel Lozier, Kathryn Larson
Children's Church Volunteers Renee' Rowse, Mary Anne Bott
Visitation John Cole
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Chris Marshall



Prayer concerns and praises for the week of July 25, 2010

Ed Hunt
Nell Rose Brackett
 Buck Bannister
Mildred Barnes
 Sandra Boyle
 Nancy Ballew
 Ann Burleson
 Helen Branum
 Ashley Daniel
Joy Daniel
 Andrew Eakes
Fannie Mae Falkenberry
 Corrine Fanning
Chris Franklin
 AIC Trey Franklin
 Ed Friday
 Lue Harvell

Mildred Hopper
 Donna Hamilton
 PVT Chris Howser
 Jane Hoffman
 Tammy Hoffman
 Jimmy Hopper
Joyce Hunt
 Bill Kerr
Lillian Johnson
 Bill Johnson
 Darby Jones
 Valerie Jones
 Mary Ann Kirkland
 Carolyn Knight
 Dee McPeters
 Gwen McKimey
 Vickie Manhart
 Gayle Pickett Matthews

Maymie Pickett
 Ethel Phillips
 Faye Reese
 Madeline Reynolds
 Bill Schrimsher
 Ann Sexton
 Sue Sinyard
 Sam Sproles
Earl Stringfellow
 Nell Stone
 Pam Strunk
 Ethel & Rodney Short
 Rev. Michael Taylor
 Joan Trader
 Marcella Weinzettl
 Rhonda Tucker
 Marguerite Wilson
 US Military families

Prayer Needs:

I am requesting prayer for: _____

Situation / relationship: _____

_____ Please contact me. _____ Please list this prayer request in the bulletin.

_____ I would like to talk with a staff member about joining Epworth UMC.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Reverend Jim Stringfellow, Senior Pastor
 Renee' Rowse, Children Ministries Director
 Judy Panucci/Valerie Jones, MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten Directors
 Eric Wilson, Music Ministry Director Nicky Wilson, Organist/Pianist
 Joy Deerman, Interim Youth Director
 Leone Purser, Secretary
 Jimmy Gattis, Treasurer Larry Mathis, Assistant Treasurer
 Billy Ledbetter, Custodian

Ongoing Weekly Events and Meetings Listed Below

Sunday School	9:00 am	
Sunday Worship	10:15 am	
	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	E.D.G.E. (every 3rd Sunday)
	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Youth
Monday	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts/Pack 96
Tuesday	10:00 am	Lydia Circle-Parlor (every 3rd Tuesday)
	6:30 pm	Stitchers, Etc. - Parlor (2nd & last Tuesday of each month)
Wednesday	6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Youth choir
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study—Parlor
	12:00 pm	Noon Emmaus Reunion - Parlor
	6:00 pm	Rebecca Circle - Nell Stone's (2nd Thursday each month)
	6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting-Conference Room (2nd Thursday of each month)

Wish to Join?

Questions about Membership?

You may join Epworth United Methodist Church by

Confession of Faith - the initial entrance into membership in the church when you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Reaffirmation of Faith - renewing your initial confession of faith after a period of inactivity or not being on a church membership roll.

Transfer of Membership - from another United Methodist congregation or from a Christian church of another denomination. We recognize baptism from all other Christian churches.

If you have questions about baptism or church membership, please contact the office at 256-536-1559 or eumc@hiwaay.net, and our pastor will be pleased to meet with you

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."- 1 John 1:7