The Order For Worship

Children's Sabbath

October 14, 2007

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Bringing in the light

***Welcome, Greeting Time & Announcements** .... B. J. & Bobby Marsh, Liturgist

***Hymn of Praise** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".....No. 154

Affirmation of Faith-The Apostles' Creed..... B. J. & Bobby Marsh, 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.

Acolyte Recognition.....Leslie Shepard

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, for ever. Amen.

***Offertory Hymns-** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought".....No. 128

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 Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon "Investing Your Life" Rev. Jim Stringfellow

***Hymn of Dedication** —"Blessed Assurance" .....No. 369

***Benediction**

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

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The flowers on the altar are in honor of
Jack Huck's Birthday
from
Mike, Jeff, Beth, Kristen, and Ina

"The Story"

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Powdered milk, soda crackers, canned fruit

RUMMAGE SALE Mark your calendars. Our sale will be October 27th with proceeds going towards the Epworth Mission Team. For more information, call Ina Hucks at 536-2370. You may leave your rummage Sunday and Monday in the lobby of the fellowship hall. Beginning Tuesday, items may be left in the fellowship hall from 10:00-12:00 and in the evening between 6-8 p.m. Tell your neighbors about our big sale on Oct. 27th starting at 7 a.m. Please save your clean plastic bags for the sale.

'**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD' IS UP AND RUNNING!** OCC shoe boxes are available in the narthex. Please take a brochure, too. This is an opportunity for us to share the good news of Christmas with needy children worldwide. It has instructions for filling a box, labels to designate who should receive it, and a donation envelope. Filled boxes can be placed in the coat hanging areas of the narthex. Collection deadline for Epworth is **November 18**.

YOUTH NEWS Our new Sunday Night Youth Schedule: Starting at 3:00 p.m. "Endangered Salvation" meets. Starting at 4:00 p.m. the Youth Choir and E.D.G.E. Drama Group meets simultaneously. Youth Group will start at 5:00 p.m. Youth Snack Supper is now $6.00 per youth.

FAITH JOURNEY is a new Sunday school class for the college age, young singles and couples in their 20s and 30s being led by Joey and Tammy Palmer.

Lydia Circle will meet on **October 16** at 10a.m. in the parlor. We will be having our Pledge Service. Don't forget to bring school supplies for Chapman Elementary School. We will have lunch after the meeting so please bring a covered dish to share with the group. All women in the church are invited. For questions or information call Carolyn Shotts @ 534-1273 or e-mail @ cbshotts@bellsouth.net.

THE CHILDREN'S COUNCIL AND EPWORTH'S MDO/PRESCHOOL KINDERGARTEN are teaming together to bring you this year's FALL FESTIVAL. Join us on OCTOBER 20th from 2:00-4:00 as we celebrate the changing of the season. Come in your costume and enjoy games (with prizes), a moon bounce, costume contests, and really good food. We will be conducting a silent auction on baskets full of goodies. Some of these include: a spa basket, a Christmas basket, a movie night basket, a Family game night basket, a coffee break basket, a Noah's Ark basket, a golfing basket, a restaurant basket, an Epworth's MDO basket and a Fall basket. All proceeds will benefit our children's playground.

THE CHILDREN'S COUNCIL is asking for donations for our FALL FESTIVAL to be held on **October 20th**. We need 2 liter drinks and small prizes, such as Happy Meal toys. Thank you!!!!!

LEADERSHIP TEAM meets Tuesday, **October 16th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Conf. Rm.

SPRC TEAM meets Thursday, October **18th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Conf. Rm.

Children's Church Schedule: 1st Sunday– God's Recreation Center, Camp Sonshine; 2nd Sunday—Fellowship Hall; 3rd Sunday—Art Museum; 4th Sunday—God's Recreation Center, Camp Sonshine; 5th Sunday—God's Recreation Center.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE: New combination bulletin/newsletter deadline for submitting articles is Tuesdays at noon. Publication is done on Wednesdays with posting to the website on Thursdays.

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.

SUNDAY EVENING FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

The Sunday Bible Studies and Leaders are:

The Power of a Praying Wife-	Tammy Palmer
The Power of a Praying Husband-	Joey Palmer
The New Short-term Disciple Bible Study- (Romans)	John Cole
Adam Hamilton's: Christianity's Family Tree-	Jim Stringfellow
Children's Choirs and Bell Choirs-	Joy Deerman & Lynn Stringfellow

Nursery will be available for those who need childcare.

The prices for the meal on Sunday Night are:
Adults: $6.00 Children: $3.00 with a cap of $18.00 per family.

Payment in advance is appreciated. Please notify the church office by noon on Thursdays if you wish to make a reservation for Sunday. If you do make a standing reservation for Sunday night meals and you are unable to attend, we ask that you call the church office and remove yourself from the list for that week. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Wednesdays

Our Senior Pastor, Jim Stringfellow, is leading the **Adam Hamilton's Christianity's Family Tree** at 6:30 p.m. in the Brotherhood SS Class on the second floor.

"**Circle of Grace"** (women concerned with spiritual formation and service) is offering Stormie Omartian's **Prayer Changes Everything**. We will meet in the Conference room.

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Join the Children's Choir ***tonight*** as we begin working on our Christmas program "**Cookin' Up Christmas**." Mrs. Melanie will be teaching the children tonight ringing bells.

1st Sundays—Computer night
2nd Sundays—Game night
3rd Sundays—Bell Choir night
4th Sundays—Book Club night
5th Sundays—Board Game night

We hope that every person, every week, will experience the presence of Jesus in soul-stirring worship.

October 7

Worship: 113

Sunday School:

Children:
Youth:
Adults:

Stewardship
For October 7, 2007

General:	$ 6,938.00
Playground Fund	190.00
MDO	7,627.00
Van Fund	25.00
Social Concerns	776.00
Total:	$15,556.00

To make reservations for next Sunday Night's Meal, please fill out this form and place in the offering plate.

Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Check here if you wish to have a standing reservation: _____