

The Order For Worship
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 2007

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Bringing in the light

**Welcome & Announcements*Richard Wilson, Liturgist

**Hymn of Praise* “ Ye Servants of God “.....No. 181

**Affirmation of Faith-The Apostles’ Creed*.....Richard Wilson, 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.

Infant Baptism Hymn “This Little Light of Mine”.....No. 585

Infant Baptism Lily Branwen Harvey

Greeting Time

Prayer Time/Prayer Concerns/Pastoral PrayerRev. 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-* “ His Name is Wonderful ”No. 174

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 MinuteRenee Rowse

*(After Children’s Minute, children ages 3 1/2 - 5th grade are
dismissed for Children’s Church)*

Anthem - “ Come Thou Fount ”Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Luke 6:37-38, 17:1-6

Sermon “Sweating Our Forgiveness” Rev. Jim Stringfellow

**Hymn of Dedication* —“ Be Thou My Vision “ No. 451

**Benediction*

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

*The flowers on the altar are in honor of
Caroline & Brandon Dewberry’s 20th wedding anniversary.*

“The Story”

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Dried milk, soda crackers

RUMMAGE SALE Mark your calendars. Our sale will be October 27th with proceeds going towards the Epworth Mission Team.

CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE is **TODAY**, Sunday, September 26th 11:30 a.m. held in the Sanctuary.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS UP AND RUNNING! Starting today OCC shoe boxes are available in the narthex. This is an opportunity for us to share the good news of Christmas with needy children worldwide. Please take a brochure, too. 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. ****We are going ice skating today!!****

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS Tammy & Joey Palmer are leading a brand new Sunday School class for young couples and singles in their 20s and 30s. Are you looking for Sunday School class? This is the class you are looking for! Meet at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor in Room # 212 across from the computer lab.

CIRCLE OF GRACE Women’s Book Club - Wednesday Night 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Read the 4th-6th chapter of The Prayer That Changes Everything. *The Hidden Power of Praising God* by Stormie Omartian. Come enjoy girl-time fellowship, talk, and prayer!

“CIRCLE OF GRACE” is calling all women for a girls road trip to a **Living Proof Live Beth Moore Conference** March 28 and 29, 2008 (the weekend after Spring Break) in Jacksonville, FL. Tickets are \$55.00. Go to www.lifeway.com/livingproof and order your ticket!

CHILDREN’S CHOIR There are 2 children’s choirs, one for pre-school through 2nd grades and one for 3rd through 5th grades. Join the children’s choir tonight as we begin working on our Christmas program “Cookin’ Up Christmas”. Please meet outside of the Adult choir room. Mrs. Melanie will be leading the children tonight ringing bells. **1st Sunday:** Computer Night, **2nd Sunday:** Game Night, **3rd Sunday:** Bell Choir Night, **4th Sunday:** Book Club Night, **5th Sunday:** Board Game Night. *****3rd-5th graders -** bring your new ‘Hands-On-Bible’ with you to choir tonight. We are beginning our book club, “The Scripture Sleuth.”**

DAVE & ETHEL SHARP– New address: 5345 Cottage Circle Hoover, AL 35226

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE: **New combination bulletin/newsletter deadline is Tuesdays at noon.**

E.D.G.E. is looking for someone to help us choreograph performance music for this year’s Behold. See Renee Rowse or Cody G. if you’re interested.

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 worshipping 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.

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

September 16

Worship: 163

Sunday School: 123

Children: 25
Youth: 18
Adults: 80

Stewardship **For September 16, 2007**

General:	\$2,797.00
Loose Plate Offering:	\$329.00
Flowers:	\$22.00
Sunday Night Dinners:	\$263.00
Youth Fund:	\$50.00
Sunday School Literature:	\$276.09
Total:	\$3,737.09

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: _____

THOSE WHO SERVE Month of September

Trustee		Donnie Ballance
Ushers	Capt. J. Gattis, J. Whitaker, Leone Purser,	James Kirkland
Altar Guild		Joyce Smith
Monthly Counting Team		Larry Mathis, Russell Spiess
Communion Servers	Larry & Cindy Conwill, Russell & Patricia Spiess	

September 23

Liturgist		Richard Wilson
Greeters	P. & J. Ballance, K. Cornutt & F. Burkholder, C. & T. Avery	Gabriel Palmer, Rachel Lozier
Acolytes		Holly Keel
Nursery Volunteers		Kelly Edwards
Children's Church Volunteers		John Cole
Visitation		TBD
Sound		Richard Wilson
Tape Ministry		Patricia Spiess
Prayer Chapel		

September 30

Liturgist		Tom Panucci
Greeters	Brent & Joy Deerman, Bill & Odell Kerr	Michael Tilson, Lynne Kerr
Acolytes		Thomas Rowse
Nursery Volunteers		Joy Deerman
Children's Church Volunteers		Vernon Oden
Visitation		TBD
Sound		Brent Deerman
Tape Ministry		Russell Spiess
Prayer Chapel		

Prayer concerns and praises for the week of . . . September 23, 2007

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Philippians 4:6

Vicki Manhart	MDO/Prek/K Staff	Bill Franklin
Virginia Franklin	Becky Bortnick	Wilbia Lee Howard
Gayle Butler	Barbara Clark	Ethel Sharp
Sgt. David Baggett-Nat'l Guard	Jennie Miller	Daisy Sublett
Bonnie Treadway	Angela Treadway	Angela Turner
Clovis Oden	Fred Simpson	Patricia Weatherford
Kathryn Loggins	Wilbia Lee Howard	US Military & Families
Vicki Manhart	Carolyn Durden	
Nancy Sexton	Hiram & Lillian Quillin	
Capt. Scott Cline-Air Force	Exie Marshall	
Lorinne Fanning Lilly	Jessie Sanders	
John Keel	Ronald McClure	
Glenda Edwards	1st Lt. Robert Bott - USMC	
Connie Pyszka	Clara Mae Brooks	
Benny Fiske	Carol Hunt	
Ruby Champion	Margaret Fisk	

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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Rev. Jim Stringfellow, Senior Pastor
Renee' Rowse, Director, Children's Ministries
Mike Gimenez, Director, Music Ministry
Reek Wilson, Director, Adult Ministries
David Keel, Church Treasurer

Rev. Cody B. Gilliam, Pastor,
Student Ministries
Tammy Palmer, Director, MDO/Preschool/
Kindergarten
Billy Ledbetter, Custodian

Dianne Campbell, Church Secretary

Ongoing Weekly Events and Meetings Listed Below

Sun.	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	"Endangered Salvation" the Youth Praise Band
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
	5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.	Youth
	5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Family Fellowship
Mon.	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	11:30 a.m.	Women's Emmaus Mtg-Prayer Chapel
	6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	Girl Scout meetings/Searchers & Rm 310
	7-8:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tues.	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	6:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.	Stitchers, Etc.-Parlor (meets 2nd & last Tues of each month)
Wed.	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	5:30 p.m.	Men's Emmaus Meeting-Parlor
	6:30 p.m.	Circle of Grace Book Club-Parlor
	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Wed. Night Youth Movie Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Parlor
	12:00 p.m.	Thurs. Noon Emmaus Reunion- Parlor
Fri.	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten

Wish to Join? Questions about Membership?

You may join EUMC 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 role.

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 536-1559 or eumc@hiwaay.net and our pastor will be happy to meet with you.