



St. Matthew's 25 Challenge



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Jesus said, "When you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matt. 25:40

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MISSION & VISION

What is the difference between a Mission and Vision. A mission is what we are supposed to do and a vision is what we are to become. As the Church we do not choose our own mission. The Church is the Body of Christ. The church and its mission belong to Jesus our Lord.

Our Mission was established by the risen Lord when he told us, "Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have Commanded you;"; "be my witnesses" and "preach the gospel to the whole creation."

Everything we do in the life of the church works toward the end of making disciples. Many churches have forgotten that. We at St. Matthew's are reminded that this is primarily what we are called to do as a Church. Our vision is shaped by our view of what we should become as a church located in this community surrounding us on Hope Mills Road. The Church Ministry Council adopted the following vision statement:

Our Vision is for God's grace in Christ to transform our lives and Church through exciting, creative ministries that embody St. Matthew's 25 Challenge by faithfully serving the poor,

hungry, naked, imprisoned, sick and strangers in our own community, as if ministering to Christ himself, for Jesus said, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matt. 25:40

We live in the hope that members of St. Matthew's UMC will be transformed by the grace of God to become the kind of disciples who are so alive with the love of God in Christ that people want to be like us. We desire to be so strong in the faith that others are attracted to our church by the quality of our lives as Christians.

We also believe that God's Grace will transform our life together as a community of faith through exciting and creative ministries to change our community by living out Jesus command to faithfully serve the poor, hungry, naked, imprisoned, sick and strangers right here in our neighborhood and around the world.

We are moving in that direction. Our ministries through the Thrift Shop, Emergency Fund, Food Pantry, Families First, Project InAsMuch and mission support through our Conference Apportionments and Extra Mile Mission giving have improved over the last year or so. I am sure we can do more if we try harder. We do have a vision.

Shalom,

Mike



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

There is a familiar expression, "Time flies when you're having fun," and that is so true within the ministry of the UMW. Christmas is just around the corner and the UMW will lead our church into our annual "**Shoe Box**" ministry again this year. It's easy! Just take a large shoe box, decorate it with Christmas paper, and then fill it with unbreakable non-perishable items. **Toys** - small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, jump ropes & yo-yo's; **School Supplies** - pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, paper, writing pads, coloring books, & solar calculators; **Hygiene Items** - toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.; **Other items** - individually wrapped hard candy, lollipops, gum, sunglasses, ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, watches, etc. Decide between a boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Labels for your boxes have been ordered and will be attached to the top of each box. See me for a label if you do not attend a November Circle meeting. For more information see the UMW Bulletin Board.

Now, **BAZAAR!!!** Thanks to **Lola Smith** for heading up the Bazaar this year, and all the others who have volunteered their time and items for the Bazaar. We will have **Sausage Biscuits & Coffee** both Friday and Saturday mornings thanks to **Catherine** and "**friends.**" Saturday's lunch will be **Hot Dogs** with **Ginger's** infamous **chili** and **Shirley's** delicious **slaw**, so plan on a weekend free of cooking. We need everyone's items for the "**White Elephant**" room (clean out your closets) and **Crafts** and **Baked Goods**. We also need your prayers for endurance.

Mary Rozier, UMW President

RUTH-ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE

Summer is over. Now it is time for our "**Fall Bazaar**", which will be held **October 11th & 12th**. We have some good things planned, and I hope everyone will look in their closets and garages for items you no longer need and bring them to the Church Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 10th. Don't forget to buy your "**Quilt Tickets**" for only a **\$1.00** for a chance to win a beautiful quilt. Our Circle met September 11th and had a good turn out and program. We agreed to purchase **15 Turbans** for Cancer Patients. Our next meeting will be October 9th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Once again, all ladies of the Church are welcome to come and enjoy good fellowship and a chance to get to know our Church family better. See you at the Bazaar!

Catherine Morgan, Chairperson

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, October 5 - UMW Annual Mtg. at
Methodist College

Friday & Saturday, October 11-12
Fall Bazaar

Sunday, October 27 - Fayetteville District
Annual Mtg. at Clinton First UMC,
2:30 pm

Sunday, November 17
Deadline for turning in "Shoe Boxes"

Saturday, November 30 - Cumberland/Hoke
Sub-District Mtg. at Sandy Grove UMC,
2:00 pm

Monday, December 2
7:00 pm—UMW General Meeting, 7:00 pm

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

"Fried Green Tomatoes"

2 lb Green Tomatoes	4 Eggs
1 1/4 cup Corn Meal	3/4 cup Water
1/4 cup Butter	Cooking Oil
Salt & Pepper to taste	Yield: 6 servings



Slice tomatoes 1/2 inch thick, but do not peel or core. Drain well and pat well with paper towel until most of the moisture is gone. Make a batter by beating the eggs and water together to make a wash. Place butter and oil in a heavy skillet until hot. Dip the tomatoes in the egg wash and then in the corn meal. Fry and eat and enjoy!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

A special congratulations to **Janet Wagoner** on the recent birth of her grandson, **Jackson Patrick Wagoner** born September 13th. He weighed **6 lbs. 4 oz.** The proud parents are **Scott & Candice Wagoner**. If you would like to congratulate the happy couple, their address is:



Mr. & Mrs. Scott Wagoner
260 Love Circle Apt. 18-B
Richland, Mississippi 39218



THANK YOU NOTES!

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, cards, calls, visits, food and flowers. These kind expressions of Christian concern were a comfort to me. Thanks to you too, Dr. Mike for being there.

Sincerely & With Love,
Marie Parker

Dear St. Matthew's UMC,

Thank you so much for the wonderful school supplies you sent us at J.W. Coon Elementary School. The teachers and students were elated. Your continued support and dedication to the children is greatly appreciated and valued. Please contact us if there is something that we can do for you.

Sincerely,
Ella M. McRae

"NEW BEGINNINGS"

During the first meeting of "New Beginnings", we discussed several activities that we are planning in the future. Some of these are **Bowling, Miniature Golf, Movies, etc.** Our first activity will be a **Cookout & Softball Game** on Sunday, October 20th from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. We will be playing against the Youth. Dr. Hale has also offered to present some seminars for us. If you have ideas or topics you would be interested in learning about, please let us know. We hope to see everyone with Baseball Mitts and Ben Gay on October 20th.



HELP'N HANDS



Help' N Hands met on Thursday, September 26th and went to **Hudson Bay Seafood** for lunch. The food and fellowship was outstanding. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 24th at 11:00 a.m. Come and join us for fun and excitement coming up in the next couple of months.

Eva Smith

Yesterday is like a canceled check;
Tomorrow is like a promissory note;
Today is all the cash you have,
So spend it wisely!

FAN MAIL FOR OUR TROOPS

Friends of Our Troops is a non-profit morale program that sends cards and letters to our troops around the world and across the United States. They are in the process of collecting **cards & letters** to send for the **Christmas** season. Would you be willing to prepare **10** or more cards or letters? If you would, please do the following:

- ◆ Prepare Christmas Cards and Cheerful Letters.
- ◆ Write your name & address in the upper left corner. Address across the middle of each envelope...

Troop Fan Mail

www.troopfanmail.net

- ◆ Cards and/or letters can not be any larger than 6 X 9'. Do not seal the envelopes, but tuck in the flaps.
- ◆ Send cards and/or letters only no bulky non-flat enclosures.
- ◆ Do not place stamps on individual envelopes, instead give them to Karen Ogden no later than November 20th. (Earlier is better!)

HELP NEEDED!

If there is anyone who has **Large Shoe Boxes**, please donate them to those of us who will be participating in Franklin Graham's "**Shoe Box Ministry**" in November. They will be sent all over the world to bring joy and smiles to needy children at **Christmas**. You do not have to belong to a Circle. We hope that all of our church family and friends will participate this year. You may place your shoe boxes in the church office.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



4 - Shirley Dominie	18 - Amy Jo Everts
9 - Jonathan Hargraves	19 - Emma Spidle
10 - Dorothy Brackett	22 - Betty Gray
12 - Mary Rozier	23 - Lori Montaque
Ruth Caldwell	26 - Lee Anna Sproul
14 - Robin Lewis	27 - Rebecca Parker
15 - Frank Bagley	Amanda Hughes
17 - Betty Probst	30 - Heidi Snyder
Darren Snyder	

UNITED METHODIST MEN

On September 15th, the UMM met at 8:00 a.m. for their regular monthly meeting. There were **15** men present. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by **Julie Griffin, Lynn Graham** and **Leigh Thomson**.

Dr. Hale gave a devotion on the book of Job. He highlighted Chapter 2: 7 - 13 and visitation. Job's friends sat quietly for seven days and no one spoke. For all of us who visit, don't worry about what to say, say nothing because God will give you the necessary words to say if needed. Job lost everything and was not a patient man, but he stayed true to God. Maybe we could learn something from this scripture.

We discussed Bill Parker and Frank Sipes health problems. Bill's cancer is in remission and Frank had heart surgery at the VA hospital in Durham. He is back home and doing good.

Our business consisted of the upcoming **UMM Barbeque Sale** which will be during the **Bazaar on Friday, October 11th**. Tickets are available from any of the UMM. **J.A. Sessoms** gave us good ideas on selling tickets. He is always our **#1 Ticket Salesman**.

"Operation In-As-Much" is still in the planning stages. Men who work on Friday's will go the work site on Saturday, October 12th. Dan will have information on this soon.

Our **Church-Wide Family Picnic** was August 24th. We had approximately **70** people in attendance. It was very hot outside, but there were games inside, as well as outside. Plenty of Hot Dogs & Hamburgers with all the trimmings were topped off with Ice Cream & Cake.

The Thrift Shop Workers were assigned and Charles Lucas will be Head Usher for October.

Sincerely,
Troy Willoughby



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- ◆ **EMERGENCY FUND**
 - from God's Teens for Families with Children
 - from the Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
 - from the Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle
 - from Paul & Jewel Sharpe
 - in honor of Joann Terrier's birthday (9-6) from her Secret Prayer Partner
 - in honor of Betty Zielinski's birthday (9-22) from her Secret Prayer Partner
 - from Perry Smith
- ◆ **POWER BILL** from the Thrift Shop
- ◆ **SCHOLARSHIP FUND** from Wayne & Elaine Everts
- ◆ **MAINTENANCE FUND** from UMM
- ◆ **MEMORIAL FUND** from Doris P. Brooks in memory of James S. Parker

CARD MINISTRY

The following is a "note of response" to the calls and cards many of which were the result of our "Card Ministry Team". We pray that our mission action has been as positive for others as it has been for the following couple:

Dear Friends,

Thank you seems so small in trying to let you know what your continued prayers, all the beautiful cards with a message to uplift our spirits, and the concerns for us, so shown to us in all ways. We are so grateful for each of you. Our prayers are with you, asking God's blessings upon you, that as you continue your great ministry many spirits will be so uplifted as ours are.

We could never put on paper what our hearts feel for ones as you, who have done so much. "God is so good" and will always continue to lead His dear children along on His journey to bless all who minister to others for His honor and glory. No work for Him is ever in vain.

*Joyfully in Jesus,
Edgar & Pegi Lineberger*

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 3 - Fall Operation Inasmuch (Fayetteville Urban Ministry, 7:00 p.m.)
- 6 - World Communion Sunday
- 8 - Finance Ministry Team, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 - UMW Bazaar, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 - UMM Barbeque Sale, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 12 - UMW Bazaar, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 20 - Laity Sunday
- 22 - Lay Leadership Ministry Team, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 - Youth Lock-In
- 29 - Church Ministry Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 31 - Fall Festival

NOVEMBER

- 3 - Rev. David Malloy, District Superintendent, will be our Guest Preacher followed by a Donation Lunch 12:15 p.m. & Charge Conference at 1:30 p.m.
- 8-10 - Pilgrimage for UMYF (Crown Coliseum)
- 10 - Honor Veterans
- 17 - Harvest Dinner/Children's Program, 6:00 p.m.
- 24 - United Methodist Student Day
 - Angel Tree
 - Community Thanksgiving Service
- 27 - Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 1 - Hanging of the Greens & Chrismon Service, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 - Christmas Cantata
- 24 - Christmas Eve Communion Service, 6:00 p.m.

UMW BAZAAR

Friday, October 11th

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 12th

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

White Elephant Sale

Lots of Crafts

Baked Goods

UMM BARBEQUE PLATES

Friday, October 11th

11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Cost - \$5.00 per plate



Samaritan's Purse
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

Franklin Graham, *President*

August 19, 2002

Dear Friend,

Operation Christmas Child touched the lives of 5.4 million needy children in 94 countries last year, as shoe boxes filled with toys, candy, and other small gifts brought happiness to boys and girls who otherwise wouldn't have received any presents. The gifts also opened doors for presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ through children's literature, personal witnessing, and evangelistic programs. We praise God that many lives were changed for eternity.

I would like to invite you to join us this year as we again reach out to boys and girls in the Name of Jesus. Our goal is to collect 6 million shoe boxes worldwide for children who face a daily struggle against war, persecution, disease, natural disaster, and poverty.

If you have any questions or need additional information about the project, please call 1-800-353-5949 or visit our Web site at www.samaritanspurse.org.

We look forward to working with you this year. Thanks you and God bless you.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham

OCTOBER ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Companions in Christ Bible Study – 10:00am	2 Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice-7:30pm	3	4	5
		Prayer Group – 7:00pm	Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice-7:30pm			
6 UMYF – 4:00pm	7	8 Companions in Christ Bible Study – 10:00am Prayer Group – 7:00pm Finance Ministry Team - 7:30pm	9 Ruth/Ethel Smith Circle - 10:30am Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm	10 Night Owls Circle – 7:00pm	11 UMW Bazaar 9am – 8pm UMM Bar-B-Q 11am-7pm	12 UMW Bazaar 9am-3pm
13 UMYF – 4:00pm	14	15 Companions in Christ Bible Study – 10:00am Prayer Group – 7:00pm	16 Home Extensions-9:30am Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm	17	18	19
		One-By-One – 7:00pm	Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm			
20 UMM Breakfast Mtg. – 8:30am New Beginnings – 2-6pm Lake Rim Park	21	22 Companions in Christ Bible Study – 10:00am Prayer Group – 7:00pm Lay Leadership Team – 7:30pm	23 Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm	24 Help'N Hands – 11am	25 Youth Lock-In	26 Move clocks back 1 hour before bed
27 (Daylight Saving Time Ends)	28	29 Companions in Christ Bible Study – 10:00am Prayer Group – 7:00pm Church Ministry Council – 7:30pm	30 Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm	31 Fall Festival – 6:30pm		
UMYF – 4:00pm	One-By-One – 7:00pm					