

The Messenger

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Watsons to be Honored: We are all invited to attend the "Goodbye Party."



A farewell reception celebrating the ministry of Bishop Mike and Margaret Watson is planned for Sunday, August 17 at the Vineville United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Macon at 4:00 p.m.

All clergy, lay members, and friends of our conference are invited to bid them farewell as he begins his new appointment as bishop of the North Georgia Conference in September, after eight years of faithful service to us.

Bishop Mike Watson is a strong preacher and effective Episcopal leader. In appreciation of the Watson's ministry among the people of South Georgia, the Conference Episcopacy Committee is inviting individuals and congregations to tangibly express appreciation by making a financial contribution to the Allie and Excell Watson Scholarship Fund at the Candler School of Theology. This scholarship fund will generate income to provide scholarship assistance to seminarians enrolled at Candler, our Bishop's alma mater. It is the sincere hope of the Episcopacy Committee that they will have a very generous gift from the South Georgia Conference to present to the Watsons on August 17. All contributions toward the honorary offering should be sent prior to August 15 to the Conference Treasurer's Office (P.O. Box 52101, Macon, GA 31208), clearly earmarked "The Allie and Excell Watson Scholarship Fund."

I hope you'll attend the Watson's reception as we say farewell to these faithful servants and friends in Christ.

See you in church this Sunday.

Rev. Jenny

The Church At Worship

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams

Evening Worship Service
Rev. Billy Kimbrel
Special Music
Ashley Williams, soprano

Sunday Worship Volunteers
August 10

GREETERS

9:00 A.M.
TBA

11:00 A.M.
Louis and Iris
Teddars

ACOLYTES

9:00 A.M.
Mary Margaret Gilbert
Lydia Prichard

11:00 A.M.
Peyton Sells
Wade Walker



AUGUST

August 4 - Houston County Schools begin classes

August 13 - Westfield School begins classes

August 17 - 4 p.m. - Farewell Reception for

Bishop Mike and Margaret
Watson

Vineville UMC, Macon, GA

August 17 - Camp Meeting Services

August 24 - PUMC Promotion Sunday

August 24 - PraiSing - First Baptist Church

A New Short-Term Disciple Study
Beginning in August

“INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT”

Thursday Evenings 7:00 - 8:30
Or
Friday Mornings - 10:00 - 11:30

The Holy Bible is the revelation of God’s love for us! It begins with God’s creative love and concludes with the revelation of God’s gracious love in Jesus Christ. Although we speak of the Bible as having two testaments, the revelation they proclaim is the same: God is a gracious, caring God who desires that we live an abundant life of faith, hope, and love. The mission and ministry of Jesus is understood more fully as we see it in the context and knowledge of the Old Testament.

In a few weeks a new short-termed Disciple Bible Study entitled “An Invitation to the Old Testament” will begin at PUMC. Two groups will journey through the Old Testament, seeking to understand more fully God’s revelation to us. Each group will meet in the Conference Room in the Crossway (Office Building). The Study begins with an Orientation Class offered on August 21 and 22. Each participant will receive a study manual (\$9).

Please **sign up for the study by calling the church office at 987-1852**. Due to the small group nature of the class, **enrollment will be limited to fifteen for each study**. Rev. Roland E. Fall will be the Study Facilitator.

Music Notes



A Note About Sunday's Anthem.....

The text for this Sunday's anthem, *And Can It Be*, is one of two autobiographical hymns composed by Charles Wesley following his conversion in May of 1738. The words of this great hymn celebrate Charles Wesley's conversion experience and are often referred to as the "national anthem" of Methodism.

*And can it be that I should gain,
An interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? Who caused his pain!
For me? Who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Although this particular Charles Wesley hymn has been in hymnals for over two hundred years, it was seldom sung until it was reintroduced in the 1960's to the tune of SAGINA, composed by Thomas Campbell. SAGINA comes from a collection of twenty-three original tunes from Campbell's *Bouquet*, which was published in London in 1825. All twenty-three tunes in Campbell's *Bouquet* have botanical names after the title of the collection.

Sagina is a Latin word meaning nourishment. It also describes a small herb that grew in abundance on the thin, rocky soil of the plains surrounding Rome. The Sagina plant provided abundant spring nourishment for flocks of sheep pastured there for fattening.

The 1982 United Methodist Hymnal (page 363) was one of the first to publish Charles Wesley's text, *And Can It Be*, with Thomas Campbell's tune, SAGINA. Just as the Sagina plant provided nourishment for the sheep of Rome, this hymn provides nourishment to the soul today through the words of Charles Wesley.

The setting to be presented by the Sanctuary Choir on Sunday is arranged by Albin Whitworth, organist at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.



Blessings,
Jane

Church Staff

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams	Senior Pastor
Rev. Roland Fall	Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Rev. Billy Kimbrel	Associate Pastor for Evangelism
Dr. Billy Key	Pastor Emeritus
Krissy Pope	Children's Pastor & Dir. Of Christian Ed.
Jane Kimbrel	Minister of Music
Miriam Marchetti	Music Associate/Pianist

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Leslie Mercer, Financial Secretary	Christie Rooks
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Deborah Walker, Pianist	Lisa Mixon
Alice Releford, Custodian	

Our Methodist Connection

Bishop B. Michael Watson	Resident Bishop
Rev. Ronnie Wills	District Superintendent

God's Big, Big, Big, Big, Big Backyard! Perry UMC Children's Ministry



**Yearly Parent Meeting-Sunday afternoon, August 17th 4pm
Back Porch
Yearly Calendars will be distributed.**

**Promotion Sunday- August 24th 10 am (during SS Hour)
Sanctuary
Children need to bring school backpacks.**

WASP Kick-Off Wednesday, September 3rd 3:30-5:00 (Ages 4Yrs. old-5th Grade)

PICNIC Kick-Off Sunday, September 7th 5:00-6:15 (2nd-5th Graders)

YOUTH NEWS



**Continues Sunday, August 10
5:30—7:00 p.m.**

**The Pinckney's House
109 N Fairway Drive
Kathleen**

**Bring your Swimsuit and Towel
Snacks and Drinks Provided
Call 987 1891 for directions**

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 10

- 9:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship

Monday, August 11

- 4:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 12

- 2:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, August 13

- 6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Attendance Report - August 3, 2008

Morning Worship	436
9:00 a.m.	213
11:00 a.m.	223
Sunday School	254
Evening Worship	55
UMYF	40

Financial Report - Week 31

Budget Needed Weekly:	22,376.25
Budget Receipts Aug. 3	30,881.80
Needed Year to Date:	693,663.75
Disbursements to Date:	706,582.51
Received Year to Date:	585,222.80
Other Contributions:	
Communion offering	135.00

Mission . . . Possible!

The Missions Committee wants you to be in the know about the mission work of PUMC. Each week we'll be highlighting mission projects. This week we are celebrating the Perry Ministerial Association.

The Perry Ministerial Association consists of pastors from local churches in the area. The Association provides an outreach ministry by providing gas, food, and lodging for those in need who are traveling through Perry. The Perry PraiSing is the major fundraiser for the Perry Ministerial Association. Please bring your most generous gift to support this vital ministry.

The 2008 Perry Praise Sing is scheduled for August 24th at the Perry First Baptist Church at 6:00 PM. Area church choirs will join to present musical selections. Our Sanctuary Choir and Sanctuary Bells will participate in this community musical service. A reception will follow and a nursery will be provided. The Perry PraiSing will take the place of our Sunday Evening Worship Service.

How can you get involved in Missions? Contact Brian Bowen through the church office or at blbowen@aol.com



[Houston Medical Center](#)
Lucy Talton

LADIES! SAVE THE DATE!

October 4

**For a Women's Retreat to Augusta
to Hear Dee Brestin**

**PRAY
FOR
OUR
MILITARY**



Justin Dunnam, brother of
Aimee Curtis

**Capt. Elmo Cooper Wright, III and
Lt. William R. Wright**, grandsons of Elmo and
Elaine Wright

**Capt. Brandon Perdue, Lt. Barrett Perdue,
Capt. Jeff McFarland, PFC John Lane Sirmon**,
grandsons of Rene Fendley Sirmon and John
Sirmon

Lt. Phillip Ferris, son of Mark and Gloria Ferris