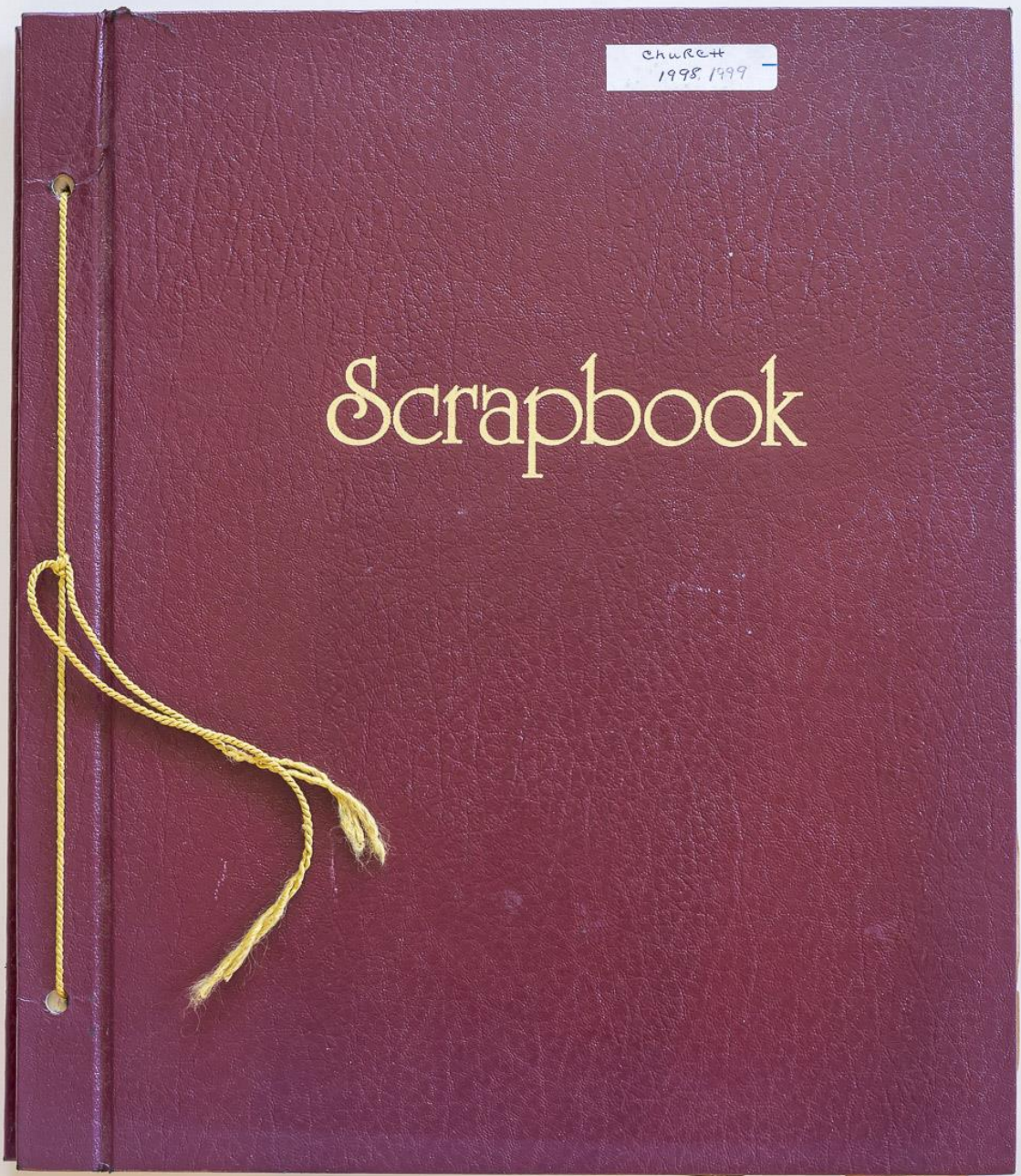


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1998, 1999

Scrapbook



*Be in prayer for Samantha Granger, Linda Keith and Larry Pauley as they go as "our missionaries" to Guatemala, Feb. 12-22. They will be travelling with UM Volunteers in Mission and working with the local Christians there.

Thank you for your prayers for Bro. Jim and Kay as they are in Israel for a Holy Land Tour. They will be returning Thursday, Jan. 15.

WED 7:00 P.M. Asbury College Concert
"Men's Glee Club & Handbell Choir"



March 18 at 7:00 PM.
Gulfview UMC Sanctuary

* Our Winter Revival begins this morning and continues through Wednesday, Feb. 25. Let me encourage you to avail yourself by coming to every Service this week. Why? It seems the cumulative effect of God's preached word lifts our faith level and we are able to see and experience more of what God has for us. The world says, "One gets out of something what he puts in"; the Bible principle is this, "You reap what you sow" (II Corinthians 9:6). Sow prayer, fasting, attendance, invitations to others, and reap blessings now and eternal rewards in Heaven!

◆BREEZES FROM GULFVIEW...◆

Volume 3 Issue 9

January 1998

Jim Fillingim, Pastor

"Seek.....His Presence"

Recently, as I sat alone in a hospital waiting room, while Kay was having a heart procedure (she's fine, Praise the Lord), I was reminded again that what we need for life's daily demands is the sense of God's presence with us. And when His Presence permeates one's mind and spirit, all is well.

So many of our folks here at Gulfview (are, and) have suffered discouragement and physical pain that I would say to us all: "seek the presence of God" until you are at peace. Oh, to be sure, the pain, the difficulties and suffering may continue; but, you are different. There is joy about you, an unflinching cheerfulness that rises above the bed of suffering. And we find ourselves musing over the words, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me" (Philippians 4:13).

In this New Year, I want to encourage you to make worship and Sunday School a priority. When you go away, plan to arrive back on Saturday so you can be "in your place" on Sunday; or, plan to leave on Monday to travel rather than Sunday. If you have guests or family visiting, tell them to bring some "church clothes"



Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun.

Ecclesiastes 11:7

and plan to come with you when they are here. Dare I say anything about coming on Sunday nights, too? Let it be said of all us, "he or she is faithful in worshipping their God." Here, you will also sense His Presence!

Glory to God in the Highest.
Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

Be Blessed,

Bro. Jim

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110 Harwood Place
Enterprise, AL 36630
(334) 393-2948

Rev. Charles Dennis
P.O. Box 9583
Columbus, GA 31908
(706) 561-7542

Winter Revival February 22-25

We will be blessed during our up-coming Revival, which begins on Sunday - Wednesday, with two outstanding preachers of the Gospel! Right now, set aside these 4 days as a time for spiritual renewal and blessing. If you have to reschedule doctor and hair appointments, another week for your company to visit, etc. Give these days to God; and you will be spiritually rewarded!

Our speakers are the Reverend J. Carl Couliette, retired Pastor (42 years!), Revival and Camp Meeting Evangelist, and former Regional Representative with Asbury College, Wilmore, KY, and the Reverend Charles Dennis, General Evangelist of the UM Church, and resides in Columbus, GA.

Drop them a letter telling them you are looking forward to having them at Gulfview and praying that God will use them to bring Revival to our church and community. Then, make a list of 3 things you want God to do in your life; and, a list of 4 persons you want to invite to the Revival Services. We need housing for our two Evangelists and their wives. Call the church (234-2889) if you can help.

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198 Apr. Dinner
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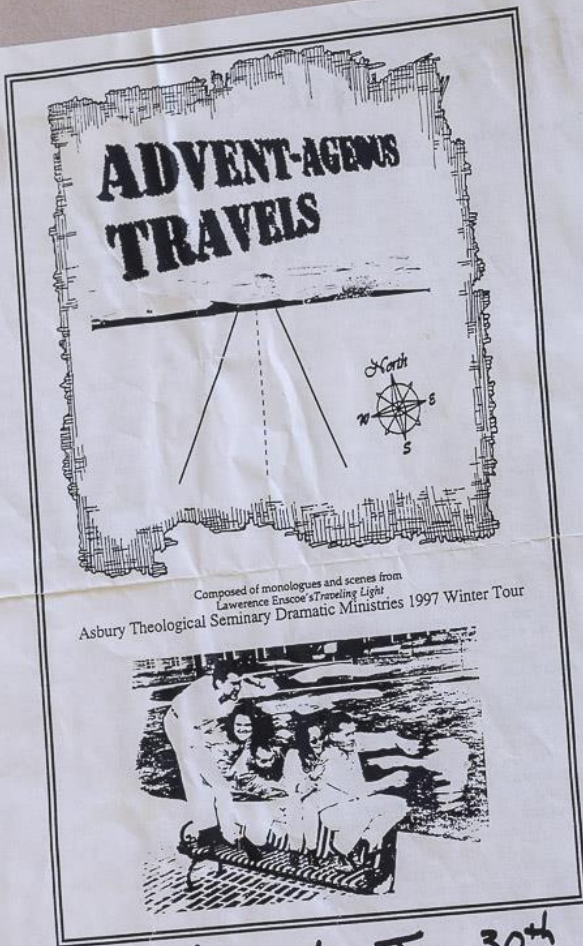
Spaghetti dinner





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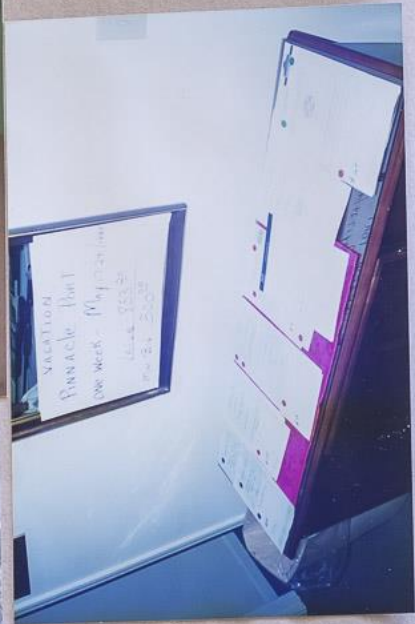


Thursday - Jan 30th
7:00 PM
Gulfview United Methodist Church
Everyone Welcome - "Love Offerings"



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silent auction



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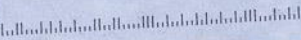
**Mathison
Education Annex
Dedication**

**"A
Miracle
on the
Beach"**

**232 Rose Lane
Laguna Beach, FL 32413**

Mary Hammett
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Panama City Beach FL 32413

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memory days

Dedication Pictures



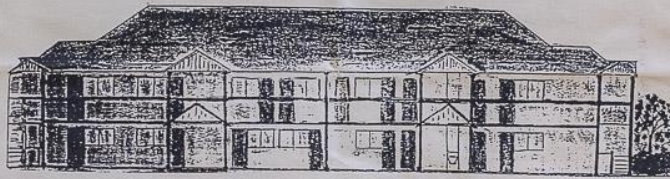


Secretary Boys

DEDICATION SERVICE

June 21, 1998

MATHISON EDUCATION ANNEX



*Gulfview United Methodist Church
Panama City Beach, Florida*

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Service of Worship
5:00 O'Clock

The Prelude Mrs. Camille Salter
"To God Be the Glory" by William H. Doane and
"Be Thou my Vision" arranged by Stephen Neilson

Call to Worship Rev. Jim Fillingim
O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him all the earth.

They that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Dearly beloved, this building, which by the blessings of God, the generosity of God's people and the labor of man has been so far completed, embodies the obligation of each generation to impart its treasures of wisdom and knowledge to the generation following. For the fulfillment of this task we need, not only the best that men can do, but above all the blessing of almighty God. Let us therefore bring to him our praises for his aid in this undertaking, and our prayers on behalf of those by their gifts and service shall unite in fulfilling the purpose for which this building is prepared.

The Hymn No. 140 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

The Old Testament Lesson Proverbs 3:13-22
Mr. Joe Morales, Sunday School Superintendent

The New Testament Lesson Matthew 7:13-14, 24-27
Mrs. Teresa Henson, Children's Teacher

Prayer of Thanksgiving Mr. Charles Hurt, Past Chairman of Trustees

Congregational Prayer in Unison: "Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

Prayer followed by the Gloria Patri No. 70

The History, Need and Vision of this Educational Building with a goal of building it "dele free" to the Glory of God; by trusting Him to provide through faithful people. To do so, we believe, would be a modern day "miracle". HE DID IT. Bless His Name. The Mathisons served this congregation and community for 15 years, 1980-1995, and endeared themselves to countless people; many have gone before us to the Father's House. We want to take this time now to share about the Building and the Mathisons.

Words of Appreciation, Panama City Beach Mayor, Mr. Philip Griffiths
Thoughts from our Lay Leader, Mr. Glenn Bowron
Letters of Appreciation from Bishop Wesley Morris, Bishop Paul Duffey
Video Greetings from Dr. John Ed Mathison, Senior Pastor Frazer UMC
Sharing from Dr. George Mathison, Senior Pastor Auburn UMC
Unveiling the Portrait of the Mathisons by renown artist, Agnes Jones
Introduce Architect, Mr. John Bozarth and Contractor, Mr. Tom Kolmetz
Present Building Committee and Chairman, Mr. F. T. Pison

Special Music by Mrs. Neysa Trout "How Great Thou Art"

Presentation of Building by Board of Trustees (Trustees stand)
Chairman, Mr. John Thomas addressing Rev. Dick Wright, District Superintendent

We present this building to be dedicated to the glory of almighty God, and for his service in the enlightenment of his children; in honor of the Reverend Dr. M. C. Mathison, known to all as "Bro. Si" and in memory of the late "Miss Mary" Mathison; the building to be henceforth called the

MATHISON EDUCATION ANNEX.

Response by Rev. Dick Wright and Leading Congregation in Dedication

Dearly beloved, it is right and proper that buildings erected for such service in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ should be formally and devoutly set apart for their special uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled. And, as the dedication of this building is vain without the solemn consecration of those whose gifts and labors it represents, let us now give ourselves anew to the service of God: our souls, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ; our bodies, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; and our labors and business, that they may be according to God's holy will, and that their fruit may tend to the glory of his name and the advancement of his kingdom.

*Mathison Annex Dedication
June 21, 1993*



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spaghetti
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class

spaghetti dinner '78



Delivery Boys

Season Class





*Season
SS Class*

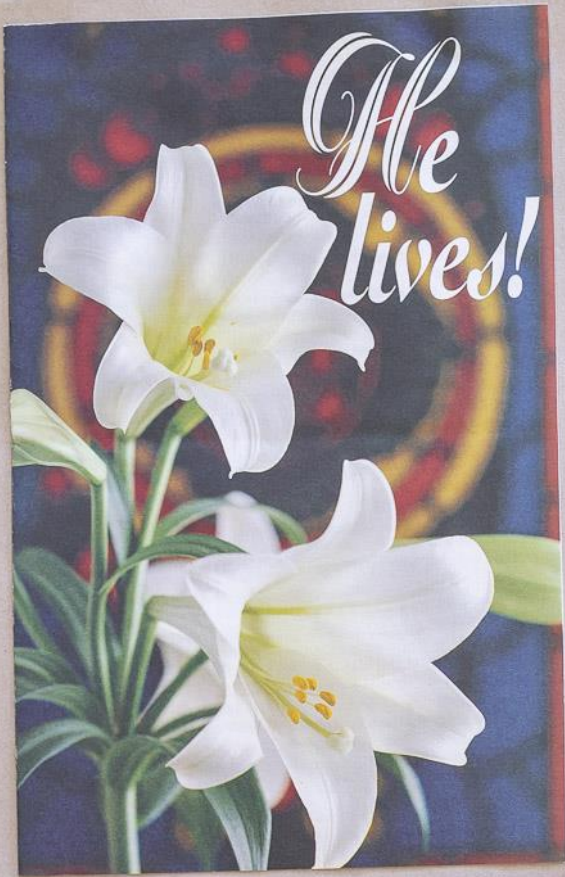


Joe Payne
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4-11-98
Lester Egg Hunt, 1998
Pond Lake

Denise Siruca
4-12-98





Easter 1998



Easter 1998



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Easter 1998







Guatemala pictures





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Guatemala '98

Linda Keith
Larry Pauley
Samantha Granger

Belle School '98













Baptism
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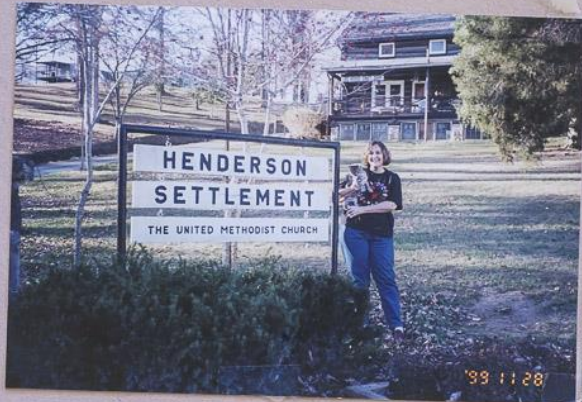




Baptism
at Reward







*We are grateful to Linda Kerith who took your toys and gifts to the Henderson Settlement over this past weekend. Your generosity will make it possible to bless a number of families in the Appalachian Mountains. Be Blessed for caring and sharing.*****



Linda A
Preaching
1-97



Children of
Sisters



Asbury '97
School Seminary
Drama Team





Larry



Tom
Herbert
Larry



Pinson
&
Strawberry



*We will have a special day on Sept. 6, Labor Day Weekend. To begin the Sunday, we will have Promotion for our children and youth S.S. classes. Then, at 5:00 P.M., a BBQ Picnic followed by a concert including the "Rock of Faith" Quartet from Birmingham. Make your plans now to be a part of this great day.

*Vacation Bible School begins Monday from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Commencement fun day and lunch will be Sat., July 25 from 9:00 A.M. til Noon. Registration forms are in the Fellowship Hall. Please take some and invite your neighborhood children! We are looking forward to beginning this special ministry for our children. Call Angie Clark at 230-2730 if you have any questions.

*Youth "Car Wash" at the church on Sat., August 29, to help raise funds for Ray Boltz Concert (Tickets for Sept. 17 concert still available for you to attend). Sign up sheet on office Bulletin Board. Car Wash from 8:30 AM-11:30 AM.

*We are giving our choir the "day off" to sit with their families. Lee Ann Harbin, our Music Minister, was asked to fill in at Blue Lake for the Weekend. Thanks for your faithfulness "week after week"! And we're grateful to the Youth Choir for sharing with us today.

86-7-98

Christopher Beason

Christopher L. Beason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beason of Panama City,

has graduated from Southern Adventist University. Beason received a bachelor of arts degree in theology in May. While at Southern,



Beason

Beason served as assistant pastor of the Apison Seventh-day Adventist Church in Apison, Tenn. and as fund-raising officer for the Student Ministerial Association. He currently is serving as minister in Montgomery.

*Christopher and Christy Beason have announced their new daughter Victoria was born Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, at 12:36 P.M. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz., and was 20 3/4". Christopher reported she is of course "the most beautiful baby!" Congratulations and God's blessing on your family! (Address is 78 Sandy Lane, Hattiesburg, MS 39402, 601-271-7997)

*We are excited to have Bro. Si Mathison preach for us next Sunday morning (Nov. 8) and Bro. Glenn Bowron in the Evening Service. Bro. Si will be baptizing a baby. Don't miss this special Service and invite a friend.

*Gulfview is hosting the **Community Thanksgiving Service** here on Tuesday, Nov. 24. We will be providing the refreshments following the Worship Service. Plan now to make this a part of your Thanksgiving Celebration.

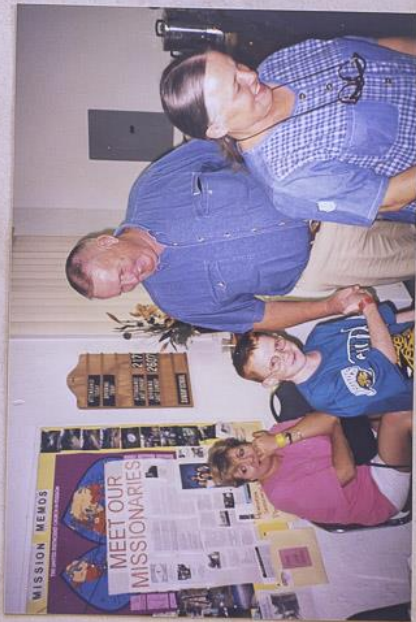
*We are now offering graded classes for our children and youth. Our Superintendent is Mrs. Faye Kabaci and Mrs. Loretta Moore as Assistant. New classes will be as follows:
Nursery: Birth - 1 Year Elementary: 4th-5th Grades-Room 206
Toddlers: 1-3 Years-Room 105 Middle School: 6th-7th Grades-Room 205
Pre-School: 4-5 Years-Room 106 Middle School: 8th-9th Grades-Room 204
Kindergarten-1st Grade-Room 211 High School: 10th-12th Grades-Room 203
Elementary: 2nd-3rd Grades-Room 208
Adult Classes:
Seasons-Room 103 College/Career-Room 215
Fellowship-Room 104 Jubilee-Room 111



*Thanks to everyone who helped make our "Hallelujah Harvest" such a fun event!
The donations and volunteers for our party was tremendous! We pray any new families
led here for that event would make Gulfview there church home.







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*Our choir will be performing the Christmas Cantata Saturday, December 19, at 7:00 P.M. for the community (and again Sunday morning during our regular service). Please invite your neighbors and friends to hear this ministry about Christ's birth. They will be blessed.



Christmas '98
parade



*It is a great joy to welcome today our Episcopal leader, Bishop William Morris and his wife, Mary Morris. They reside in Montgomery, Alabama and he presides over the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. We are also grateful to have the Reverend Dick and Linda Wright, our Marianna-Panama City District Superintendent. We are blessed in having these godly men lead our church.

*Our last call for the year is no less important than others and this our White Christmas offering for the Children's Home Ministry. The "stockings" have been given out for the children to give; and then, we will receive our offering when the children present their Christmas program on December 20. Thanks again.

*Thanks to the Jubilee S.S. Class for decorating the Christmas Float for the Parade last night. It was great fun and you made a positive impact with many people along the route. Thanks to Mr. Herbert Letlow for the use of his trailer.

choir 12/78





Camille had Christmas party for the
Choir 12/98



Three
More Christmas party
at Camille Solter's





**Best
Gift
of All**

Arranged by Russell Mauldin

Saturday, December 19, 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 20, 9:00 am
Gulfview United Methodist Church
Pastor - Rev. Jim Fillingim
Music Director - Lee Ann Harbin



*Candlelight
service 78*

Welcome to Gulfview United Methodist Church.
Thank you for joining us in our musical celebration
of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday, December 19
Sunday, December 20

PROGRAM

Prelude "What Child is This" by Don Wyrzten Camille Salter

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jim Fillingim

Opening Prayer Rev. Jim Fillingim

Christmas Hymn #230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Solo "Bethlehem Morning" by Sandi Patti Lee Ann Harbin

Best Gift Of All

Arranged by Russell Mauldin

Directed By Lee Ann Harbin
Rehearsal Accompanist - Camille Salter
Narrator - Cecilia Harbin
Sound Engineer - Ted Nulle

REJOICE MEDLEY

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, How Great Our Joy!, Angels We Have Heard on High

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER
with O Holy Night

THE BEST GIFT OF ALL

HE CAME SO FAR

STRANGE WAY TO SAVE THE WORLD
Solo by Clare Haynes

CHRIST IS BORN MEDLEY
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Go, Tell it on the Mountain, O Come, All Ye Faithful

HEAVEN'S CHILD
Solo by Linda Thompson

LEAD ME TO BETHLEHEM

IN THIS HOLY PLACE

FINALE

REFLECTIVE THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR





Vic and Evelyn Ralston joined
Gulfview on Jan 4, 198.



Darin Hyer joined
Gulfview Feb. 1, 1998

'98 New Members
~~Members~~



Duffie Chism
joined Gulfview
on March 22, 1998



Tom + Deanie Miller
joined Gulfview
on March 22, 1998



Tom and Mary Lou Dodson joined
Gulfview on March 22, 1998
(Cinda Lynn born 1-22-98)



Alfred and Margaret Anderson
joined Gulfview, March 22, 1998
Affiliate members



J. D. and Mot Gray
joined Gulfview
on March 22, 1998



Mary and Lois Stoddard joined
Gulfview on Sunday (Easter)
April 12, 1998



Betty + J. D. Hill
joined Gulfview 5-24-98



Jane + Walter Ransdell
Gulfview Methodist
June 14 - 1998



Eddie + Linda Thompson
(w/ Tyler + Zachary)
joined Gulfview on
Sept 20, 1998



Jan. Dickson joined
Gulfview on Sept 20 1998



V
C
Norm + Mary Elliott
joined Sulphur as
Associate members on
Sept 20, 1998.



June + Gordon McKelvey
and Sulphur on
Sept. 20, 1998. They
are affiliate members.



Edward Green joined
Sulphur on Nov. 22, 1998.

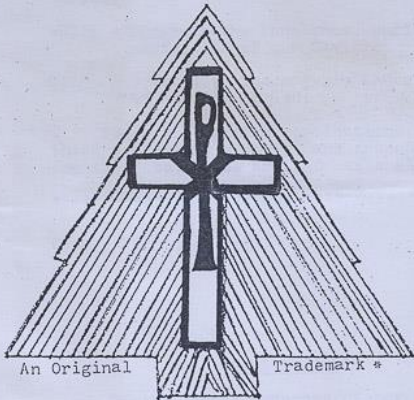


Mrs. Lucille Amstrong
joined Sulphur
Sunday, Dec. 6, 1998 as
an affiliate member.



Dave + Tom Sample
joined Sulphur on
Dec. 6, 1998. Dave will
be an associate member.

Chrismons



THE SYMBOLISM OF OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

*All children will leave for Children's Church as they continue preparing for the Children's Christmas Program that we will have December 20 at 6:00 P.M.

THE CHRISMON TREE
(CHRIS + MONogram)

The evergreen tree, which symbolizes the eternal life which our Savior has won for us, is a background for tiny white lights and white and gold Chrismons. The lights of Him Who is the Light of the World, and Chrismons proclaim the Name, the Life, and the saving Acts of Jesus the Christ.

WHITE - suggests the innocence, purity and perfection of our Savior;

GOLD - symbolizes the majesty and glory of the Son of God.

There are various combinations of these monograms, symbols, and crosses on our tree, but these are the basic elements.

THE CRECHE

On the lowest branches of our tree, our youngest visitors will find the Creche. It is the Manger Scene of the Christ Child in the manger with Mary and Joseph. LUKE 2:7

THE CROSS



LATIN CROSS TREFLEE - is the most widely used cross form today, and the three circles on the ends of the arms symbolize the Trinity. ST. MATTHEW 28:19



CROSS TRIUMPHANT - The world united in Christ and the triumph of the Lord over our earthly sins. EPHESIANS 1:2



CROSS OVER THE WORLD - symbolizes our Lord's dominion over the earth, heaven and all that dwells there. II CORINTHIANS 13:11



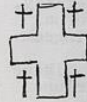
CROSS IN ETERNITY - God, through His Son, Jesus, made Himself known to man and provided for man's eternal salvation and encircles us with His Love for us forever.



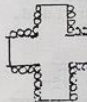
TAU CROSS (Anticipatory, Old Testament, Advent) - Salvation promised but not accomplished. NUMBERS 21:9
SERPENT ON TAU CROSS - Pre-figuration of the sacrifice on the cross. JOHN 3:14



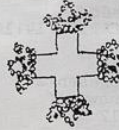
CELTIC CROSS - The circle around the center of the cross is variously interpreted as symbolizing the sun or eternity.



JERUSALEM CROSS - Four Tau crosses meet in the center to form a larger cross: FIVE WOUNDS OF OUR LORD. Or the Old Testament prophecies (the Tau crosses) culminated in the crucifixion of our Lord (the large cross) on a hill outside Jerusalem. Since then, his followers have carried the Gospel to the four corners of the world. (Small crosses in the corners).



CROSS GAMMADIA (Greek Cross) - All parts of the Greek Cross are equal in length. When the edges of the cross is emphasized, four Greek Gammas appear.



GREEK CROSS
The arms of the cross ends with crowns to suggest Christ's crown of glory. HEBREWS 2:9

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SYMBOLS FOR OUR LORD AND GOD



-The circle symbolizes eternity, God who is the only eternal life with God in His Kingdom.



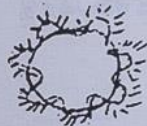
-The triangle, and 3-part figure or 3 of anything - The Triune God.



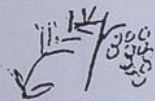
-FISH, ICHTHUS or IXOYC - The Greek word for fish is an acrostic on the first letters of "Jesus Christ, God's Son Saviour." One of the most ancient symbols for our Lord. JOHN 20:31.



-CROWN - The Kingship of our Lord; his victory over sin and death; His place of honor at the right Hand of God. I TIMOTHY 6:15, REVELATION 14:14, ROMANS 8:34.



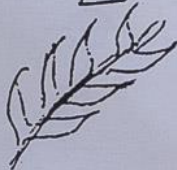
-CROWN OF THORNS - A representation of our Lord's crown of suffering. MARK 15:17



-WHEAT & GRAPES - Bread and Wine; the body and blood of our Lord. LUKE 22:17,18



-CHALICE - The Lord's Supper or the Sacrament of the Altar. MARK 14:23-25



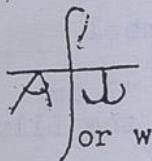
-PALMS - "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" JOHN 12:13



-STARS, formed by crosses set at various angles, show the close relationship between the birth and death of our Redeemer.



-TRIQUETRA - Symbol of Holy Trinity, expressing their eternity in a continuous line, their indivisibility in the interweaving of the line and their unity in the triangular form.

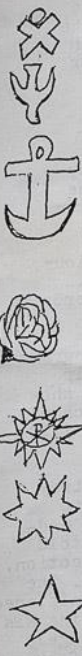


-SHEPHERD'S CROOK - Our Saviour. "I am the good shepherd". JOHN 10:11, or the shepherds at the manger.



-CORNERSTONES - Are the monograms or our Savior are on their sides, while the bottoms show another symbol for the "chief cornerstones." EPHESIANS 2:20; MARK 12:10.

-ANGELS AND ARCHANGELS- portray the spirits God created to praise and serve him. As God-sent messengers, angels told men of the birth, resurrection, and ascension of His Son. The Gospels tell how they ministered directly to our Lord during His life on earth. Herald angels symbolize the Nativity of our Lord and God's redeeming love.



- CHRIST CHILD - In the manger. LUKE 2:7.
- DOVES - Symbols of the Holy Spirit. MATTHEW 3:16.
- ANCHOR CROSS (Cross of Hope) This Child, the hope of the world. Or, a cross rises out of the crescent moon, a symbol for Mary, our Lord's mother. HEBREWS 6:19, LUKE 2:7
- ROSE OF SHARON - Is a symbol of the promised Messiah, based on the propesy, "I am the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley," SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1. It may be combined with the 5 pointed star.
- SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS - 12-pointed star. Our Lord as prophesied in MALACHI 4:2.
- EIGHT POINTED STAR - Man's regeneration through Holy Baptism. IPETER 3:20-21
- FIVE POINTED STAR - The Epiphany Star; the manifestation of the Wise Men, MATTHEW 2:2. "I am... the bright morning star" REVELATIONS 22:16. "A star of Jacob." NUMBERS 24:17.

MONOGRAMS, LETTERS and WORDS

- X -CHI, the first letter of the word for Christ in the Greek alphabet. LUKE 2:11
- XP -CHI THO, the first letters for Christ in Greek. Another interpretation is based on the Latin, CHRISTUS REX, Christ the King.
- IX or * -IOTA CHI, monogram of the first letters of Jesus Christ.
- INRI -The first letters of the words in the latin inscription, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." ST. JOHN 19:19
- IHC or IHS -IOTA ETA SIGMA, for our Lord's given name are based on the Greek for Jesus, IHCOYC. MATTHEW 1:21-
- +X -CROSS AND CHI, the Greek Chi, the first letter of Christ combined with the Cross.
- A or Ω -ALPHA + OMEGA, the first and last letter of the Greek alphabet. Since only God is before and after all, a symbol of divinity. REVELATION 22:13

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PARABLE BALLS

The "Parable Balls" depict teachings of our Lord about Himself, the Father and The Kingdom. On some of the balls, you will see, in picture form a parable He told. Others show a "figure" He used. A few illustrate words, phrases or ideas the Son of Man expressed.

GOLD BALLS - Describe the Father God.

WHITE BALLS - Portray who and what Christ Is.

Merry
Christmas
&
Happy New
Year
to You from Us



Hank and Grace Russell
622 Woodland Drive
Paducah, KY 42001-5338



Painted by Agnes Jones June 1998



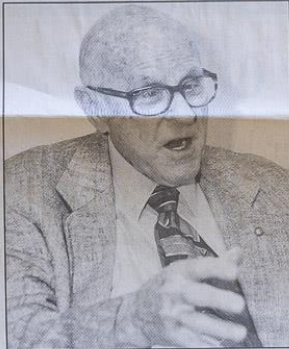
Bra Li + Miss Mary
dedication of picture

Reception + dedication '98
of Sunday School Building



Beverly Darden + The Rev. Glenn Franklin

THE BAY AHEAD



"It (the gay issue) is hurting the church. It is very divisive. We are to reach people for Christ for real. The doctrine of the Methodist Church says gays are not to be united in marriage. We are to love them, but we don't love their guilt, and their wrongdoings. They are to be made welcome, but we are not to accept gay marriages."



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Brother Si still hears the calling

MAC McKERRAL
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Si Mathison preached 31 sermons in January and his dance card is full for months ahead: revivals, guest preaching at churches, working as chaplain at Bay Medical Center and preaching at churches in Alabama where his sons, John Ed and George, minister.

He talks about caring for the needy, working to raise more money for the Methodist retirement home in Bay County that will bear his name and generally hob-nobbing with the county's business leaders and offering to help

with whatever project comes down the pike.

"I ask the Lord to give me 10 more years so I can keep doing these things, and then he can take me whenever he wants," Mathison said from behind his desk in the Chaplain's Office at Bay Medical Center.

"Unless my health goes — then I want him to take me right then and there."

In 10 more years, Mathison will reach 100 and, he figures it will be time to retire — again. He did that once in 1980. It's been more than 60 years since the DePue Springs native began to preach full time. His calling sent him throughout the Southeast to little known hamlets like Loxley, Notasulga,

Wetumpka and Opelika, Ala., and to Pensacola. It took him to school at Bob Jones University, Auburn University, Huntingdon College and Emory University.

In Bay County, he led the First United Methodist Church for 24 years and the Gulfview United Methodist Church for 15 years. Nary a board, agency organization or club that serves the county has been without his help or without him as a member, officer or board member.

If you're inclined to say "I don't think I've seen this guy," think again.

You may have seen him at the recent Mardi Gras Parade in St. Andrews. Mathison, the grand marshal, waved to the crowd from the back of "a big ol'

convertible" and loved every minute of it.

His daddy was a preacher, and he and his sons have 135 active years of preaching among them.

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"But George? I had my doubts."

But, for Mathison, there were very few doubts about taking that road to the pulpit — a road that started with a stint with the Florida Highway Department.

Mathison worked with the depart-

ment and tended to several small churches when one day he turned to his wife, the former Mary Spear of Laurel Hill.

"I said, 'Sweetheart, I want to preach all the time,' and she said, 'I am behind you 100 percent,'" Mathison said.

"I said, 'Let's start tithing today,' because Methodists didn't tithe back then. You had to find a Baptist for tithing. And she said, 'I'm behind you 100 percent.'"

"I said, 'Let's start saving some money every month — even if it's just a dollar. And she said, 'I'm behind you 100 percent.' And that's what we did. My first year, I made \$1,000, and I had a

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FROM
THE BAY AHEAD

MATHISON: The toughest counseling is the loss of a loved one

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wife, a child and five churches to care for."

The story goes that when someone parts from a visit with Mathison and says, "I'll see you later, Si," Mathison often replies: "It's better to be seen than viewed."

After preaching more than three decades in Bay County, Mathison has seen a lot, and he has views on everything.

He offers some for the Bay Ahead.

Q What are the toughest counseling sessions for a preacher?

A The toughest thing, and I can sympathize with this, is when someone loses a loved one. I can understand that because I lost my wife three years ago, and it takes a long, long time to get over it. I miss her every day. That loss will cause some people to think about desperate things. That's a difficult situation.

Marriage counseling, that's a real problem too these days, and so many times a divorce is motivated in great part by selfishness. He won't give in. She won't give in. I tell them a story about Barbara Mandrell. Barbara Walters interviewed her and asked how such a big star, a celebrity, could be married for 18 years. Barbara Mandrell said three things: "We got married to stay married. We work at it because anything you succeed at you work at. We took Jesus Christ into our lives, and he's for real in our lives."

Someone who is dying, an older person, well, that's hard, too. I saw a man the other day. He's getting ready to die. He had the death rattle in his throat. He was an old man. He asked if you can be saved after so many years. "Can you do it this late?" he asked. I told him you can be made ready any time. This old man started huffing and puffing with joy. He was so happy.

Q What are your thoughts about gays — particularly in light of the issue of same-sex marriages and your church, the Methodist Church?

A It (the gay issue) is hurting the church. It is very divisive. We are told to reach real people for Christ. That means everyone. But the doctrine of the Methodist Church says gays are not to be united in marriage. We

are to love them and accept them, but we are not to love their guilt and their wrongdoings. They are to be made welcome, but we are not to accept gay marriages.

Methodists are a cosmopolitan church. And in the Northeast and the West, Methodists are very liberal in their theology. But I don't know of one Methodist preacher in the Southeast who would bless a same-sex marriage.

Q What's your take on President Clinton and his problems?

A I think he did a terrible thing. I think it's been detrimental to our nation and its people. I hope he is truly contrite. He said he was. Our Lord always asks people that when they are on their way. The American people seem to want to keep him. I pray for him every day.

Q What was your reaction to Commissioner Danny Sparks and County Manager John Mantay with regard to the "hunting trip" incident?

A I think when something costs people they learn a lesson. And this cost them. I think they will make an effort to not let it happen again. And I think the people will get over it.

Q What's the difference between "the calling" when you experienced it and "the calling" today?

A I don't think the calling is different. I spoke to a boy about it in my church. He wants to preach. You just get this feeling that that's what you want to do. But I think what preachers today have to do is much harder. I think there are more problems today than there were when I was starting out. But I think preachers are better prepared today to handle them. They have so much more education. My boys, I was determined they would get the education I was so late in getting. The farther along in (college) I went, the more I knew I needed more education.

Q What are your thoughts about money and preaching, especially since some televangelists and church leaders have profited so much and also run into problems because of money?

A The preachers who I see as successful never put that emphasis on money. Money comes naturally when a preacher does the job. When a preacher does the job, the church will meet the preacher's needs.

Q The separation between church and state has become a much more contentious issue. What are your thoughts on that separation?

A This country was founded on Christian concepts. I think more and more we are getting away from that. I get concerned about groups like the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union). They always seem to be against (our Christian roots.) I think we can take this separation too far. And you have some judges that are not sympathetic to church concepts.

Q What about preachers who get into politics?

A Of course Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell are the ones that come to mind. On one hand, you can't have respect for them if they don't take a stand. But I think you have to draw the line somewhere.

Q The church and state issue has come to Bay County with the controversy over the adult clubs. What are your thoughts on that?

A I'd like to do what I can to help those dancers get a job. I think the Lord would love every one of those girls. They know they don't have a future.

Q What thoughts have you given to the future — the year 2000?

A When people ask me about it — in terms of the Bible — I tell them to really read the Bible. There are a lot of people who will take things from the Bible and turn them into what they want them to mean. No one knows when (the end of the world) is going to happen. It

could be today, 1,000 years from now or 10,000 years from now. I don't think of (2000) in that respect. When I was a growing up, I didn't think much about being alive when it happened. I thought about us going to the moon when I was a boy. Gracious, now they are going to Mars. And they'll get there.

Q What is your view of race relations in Bay County?

A We have made a lot of progress, but we need to do more. I think the churches are a good example of how to do more. We have churches with mixed race (congregations) and that was unheard of when I was starting out. The blacks' style of worship is different than ours. They want to know if they can come to my church. And I welcome them to come. But when they know they can, they don't usually want to. But they want to know they can. That's what's important — they can.

We must be more attentive to the needs of other races (in Bay County). The Vietnamese, they have a much more difficult time and are harder to get close to than the blacks. They have to go a long way to get into our culture. Jobs help break down the barriers.

Q What do you think about the perception that sometimes "Christians" seem to be the least tolerant when it comes to the ways people choose to live?

A The devil doesn't want you to be religious. So if you are religious, the devil wants you to go to extremes.

The best sermons aren't from the pulpit. They are what I call "sidewalk sermons." Sidewalk sermons are the great need of the church. (They come from) people who don't tell people. They show that they live the Lord every day.

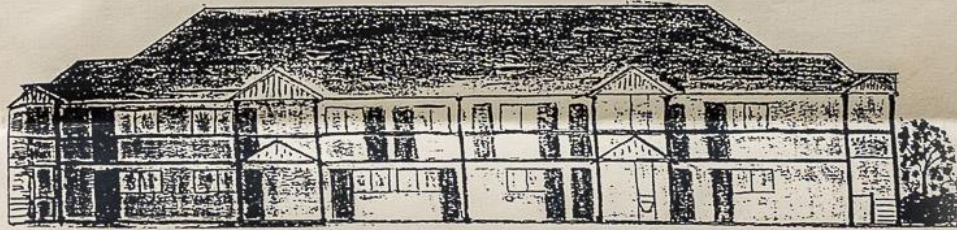
(Mathison starts to sing) "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one every day . . . for to see good put into action is what everyone needs."

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Hank + Grace Russell
taught study on
Sodomias 1999











*Made on mission trip in
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REVIVAL DAYS!

Speaker: Bishop Robert Spain of Nashville, TN

Schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 21
9:00-10:20-7:00
Mon., Feb. 22
10:00-7:00
Tues., Feb. 23
10:00-7:00
Wed., Feb. 24
10:00-7:00



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Bishop Spain has preached in over 100 countries. He has served on many civic boards and agencies and has been a participant in community life wherever he has lived. He has served the church at the General Board level and has often represented the church as speaker and seminar leader. The thrust of his ministry, however, has always been the local church. The local congregation and its mission has been the priority of his entire ministry.

Mr. Shea Nickell, an Attorney in the State of Kentucky, loves Jesus and has a powerful music ministry, serving both as Choir Director and Soloist.

NURSERY PROVIDED. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

REVIVAL DAYS -- Sunday, Feb. 21 - Wednesday, Feb. 24

Theme:

"In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified"

*In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
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Our Guest Preacher: Bishop Robert Spain and Syble Spain from Nashville, Tennessee
Our Guest Singer: Mr. Shea Nickell and Jeanne Nickell from Paducah, Kentucky.

Be praying for these exciting days as we prepare our hearts for a fresh touch from God.

Our Evangelism Committee has prepared some wonderful events for the week.

Meals:

Sunday lunch - Evangelism Committee
Monday lunch - Fellowship S.S. Class
Tuesday lunch - Seasons S.S. Class
Wednesday lunch - Jubilee S.S. Class
Wednesday dinner (Feb. 24) - Covered Dish Supper -- Everyone

Choirs:

Sunday PM Regular Choir
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Theme Song: "In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified" will be Call To Worship each night.

Cottage Prayer Groups: J.D. & Mot Gray, Wayland & Jeanette Clark, Marian Smith,
Reva Brewer, Jim & Kay Fillingim

Nursery: Volunteers for Monday-Wednesday Morning Services
Evening Services (Sunday-Wednesday) - Claire Fillingim

❖ BREEZES FROM GULFVIEW...❖

SPECIAL EDITION

April 1999

Jim Fillingim, Pastor

Welcome: David Ashbrook, Youth Minister

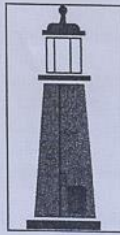
It gives me great pleasure today to announce the hiring of our Youth Minister, Mr. David Ashbrook. David is currently a sophomore at Chipola Jr. College in Marianna, Florida, and will graduate in mid-May. He lives with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Steve Ashbrook, who pastor at Bonifay First UMC.



David will move to Panama City this summer and live with his brother, who Pastors at St. Mark UMC! He will enroll at Florida State University/Panama City Campus this Fall in his pursuit of a Business degree.

David's ministry here will focus on reaching and building a youth group. His primary focus will be upon those youth entering middle school up through college age. Gary Salter shared the thought, "we have been building with bricks and mortar, now, we are building our staff to provide ministry"! How true. And, the harder part is the investment of time, love, prayer in developing a strong youth ministry at Gulfview.

Our leadership will be supporting David, especially through a Youth Council consisting of the Youth Minister, Pastor, S.S. Superintendent (Joe Morales), Youth Coordinators (Tom and Deanie

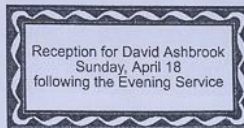


Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

Miller), 2 Parents and 2-3 Youth. Your support, prayers, and encouragement will mean a great deal to David, the youth, and their families. Thank you in advance for welcoming David to Gulfview. Blessings,

Pope Jim



You are invited to a reception honoring our new Youth Minister following the Sunday Evening Service. Bring your favorite "finger foods" as we make David "Welcome" at Gulfview.

Compiling a Youth Directory

Your help is needed: Please give us the names of any youth (middle school and up) that you want us to contact. Ask around in your neighborhood. Call the church office or David (234-2889). Thanks.

Office Location

Our Youth Minister will have an office next to the library in the Mathison Education Annex, Room 210 (the "old" S.S. Superintendent's Office). This will enable David to be close to the Youth S.S. rooms, the Conference Room and library. Thanks to the following men for getting his office ready: F.T. Pinson, Jimmie Rucks, Strawberry Simmons, Joe Morales, and Earl Mobley. Thanks to Craig Dewey at Toner Tech, (Sam Reedy's son-in-law) for donating a copier which David can use as well as being available for library use.

Check the web:

<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/pcb/>

We will begin having regular "Youth Notes" for your youth.

E-Mail:

GULFVUMC@JUNO.COM

*Our Vacation Bible School will be June 14-18 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. for the ages of 4 years through high school (our first youth class this year!). Our theme is GOOD NEWS @ gospelrock. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call Cindy Tucker at 230-1642.

New Members 1999



Gladys Hammell joined
Gulfview Jan. 24 99. She
came from Grace Meth. Atlanta



Robbie Martin joined
Gulfview on Feb. 28 99



Tom & Betty Barber
joined Gulfview as
Affiliate members on Mar. 21.



Teddy DeLoach joined Gulfview at his
home EASTER Day 4-24-99. Ted went to
be with the Lord 4-22-99.



Nora, Notman, Casey, Sara, Phil
Shull
joined Gulfview 5-2-99



Nell Luckie joined
Gulfview 5-16-99



Lee + Irene (Letchworth) Hinton
joined Gulfview 6-13-99



Dorothy Bellus joined
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Helen Kelly joined on Profession
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MARGARET and DEAN BAUER
joined Gulfview 11/14/1999

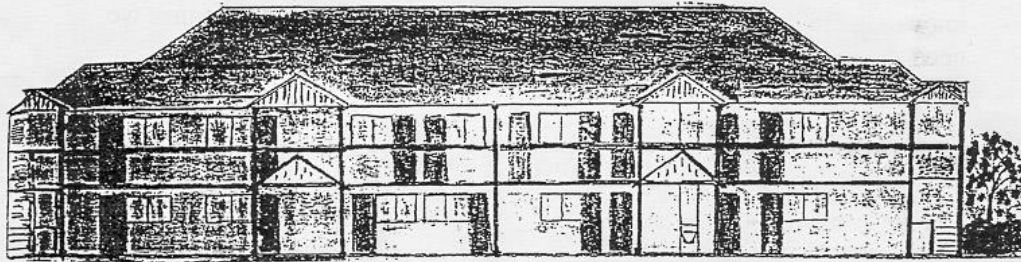


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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

We dedicate the Mathison Educational Annex.

To the holy ministry of education,

We dedicate the Mathison Educational Annex.

To the spiritual enrichment of all who shall come here in pursuit of knowledge,

We dedicate the Mathison Educational Annex.

To the loyal service of those whose training and devotion have prepared them to lead students toward the truth,

We dedicate the Mathison Educational Annex, and we dedicate ourselves anew to that service of our fellow men wherein can best be performed our true service of God, in obedience to the spirit of the Master when he said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself."

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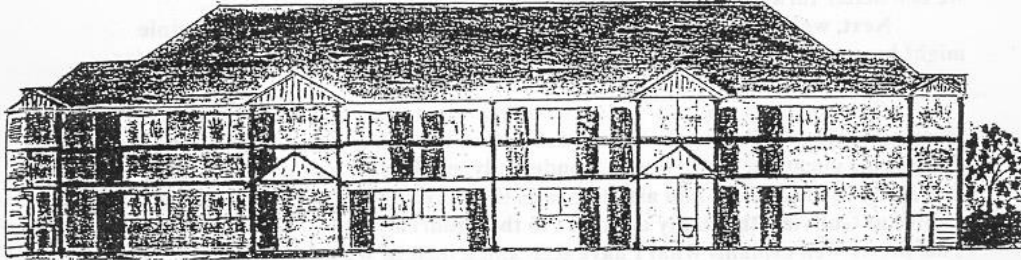
Reverend Dr. Hank Russell, Retired D.S. Kentucky Conference

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose eyes are ever toward the righteous, and whose ears are ever open unto their cry: Graciously accept, we pray thee, this Mathison Educational Annex which we now dedicate to thee, to thy service, and to thy glory, that in it love and wisdom may unite to make plain the path of knowledge to those who gather here; and we beseech thee, receive us thy servants who here dedicate ourselves anew to thee and to those offices of fellowship and good will in which thou art well pleased. Grant that those who come here, whether as administrators, teachers, or students, may come with pure minds, upright purpose, and steadfast endeavor to learn and to do thy holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

You are cordially invited now to tour the Mathison Educational Annex and then return to the Fellowship Hall for a Reception. Following the Reception, we will go into the Sanctuary for a "Concert of Old Favorites" with Neysa Trout, Larry Pauley and Steve Southerland.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED TO MAKE THIS SUCH A SPECIAL DAY. EVERYTHING WAS SO TASTEFULLY DONE AS UNTO THE LORD. BE BLESSED.

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THE MATHISON EDUCATION ANNEX STORY:

"A MIRACLE ON THE BEACH"

The "vision" given by John Thomas, our S. S. Superintendent, on September 20, 1994 set into motion the resulting reality! "A vision of a large, pleasant and pleasing area, well lighted, well ventilated, constructed with separate areas for each age group with adequate area for storage and for use of teaching aids. An area where each person can see the other as well as see and learn from the teacher.

This "vision" is one where the loving, qualified, dedicated members vie for the privilege of serving our Lord by teaching His Word and the beliefs of our church.

This "vision" has a sign over the entrance that reads "Education Building, Gulfview United Methodist Church".

I hope each of us and those who are not here can see this vision as clearly as I have seen it. Now, we need to set in motion the machinery that will bring this vision to reality. First, we need to systematize and organize and to some extent formalize what we already have. We need to know who comes to S. S., what these groups want and need in terms of Christian education, both for instructional material and educational aids. By formalizing attendance records and listening to the teachers, we can better furnish what is necessary.

Next, we need to know who isn't coming to S. S., and why? An example might be young adults, primarily because there is no viable program or space for them.

The culmination of my vision is this: input and assistance from every member of this wonderful church. A dedication of an area expressly used for Christian Education. A list of you wonderfully, qualified members who are willing and desirous of teaching and assisting in S. S. at every level. A Christian Education Center at Gulfview that truly ministers to the children of Jesus as He would want. This pretty well explains what I have seen and a little of what I believe is needed to bring this to fruition.

I know that there is much to be done. I know that we are the ones who must do it. We need to plan, to work and to fulfill (this vision) together. I ask for your help and suggestions in meeting these goals. With this help and 'God's Blessing' we'll get the job done."

A study committee was setup to study the needs of Gulfview United Methodist Church and the following is a summation of those early meetings. By January 1995, more than \$22,000 had been given for the "Sunday School Building Project". The study committee included this paragraph in their report:

"...compilation of the listed requirements total 5605 sq. ft. for class room only. Other factors to be included are a media center (library) small kitchenette, storage cabinets, facilities for handicapped drinking fountain, Superintendents office and other amenities as needed..." It would be named the "Mathison Education Annex" in honor of Bro. Si and the late "Miss Mary" Mathison, who served Gulfview from 1980-1995.

As the 1966 year began, and we were able to put Hurricane Opal behind us, attention was again pointed towards the Sunday School project. By February, under F. T. Pinson's capable leadership, the building committee was working on the basic plans. After studying our existing properties, and securing an architect, Mr. John Bozarth, it was decided that "a 2 story education building, approximately 6,000 sq. ft. would be constructed directly east of the existing buildings." This location would not impede future construction needs.

Once a 2 story design was accepted, a committee then decided on basic room configuration to meet present and projected S. S. needs. Now, by June, 1996, over \$54,000 had been given along with stocks valued at over \$12,500.

The original plans were for a new Education Building plus 4 additional alternatives (Office/hall entrance, covered drive-through, additional parking in front of Sanctuary and Covered-walkways coming out of the side-Chapels). The estimated cost from the Architect on July 29, 1996 was \$292,000 for the Annex and \$37,920 for the Covered walk and drive through; and then with professional fees, furnishings, etc., for an estimated total of \$384,900. The Church then adopted a \$400,000 goal.

With this information on hand, the Church adopted a 10 point program entitled:

**PLANS FOR BUILDING TO GOD'S GLORY THE
MATHISON EDUCATION ANNEX
GULFVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The Theme: "GOD IS OUR SOURCE: HE WILL PROVIDE, DEBT FREE"

Included in this plan was the selling of a lot given to the church (appraised at \$17,500) and the stock, when it reached \$13,000. The Administrative Board approved transferring \$50,000 out of the General Fund (September 1996), which would bring our total to \$136,000. We would get a thermometer and color in at this \$136,000 level. A Fall Banquet was planned with Dr. John Ed Mathison as our keynote speaker--the goal that night was to raise another \$128,000 which would bring us to the 2/3 goal: at that point, we felt we could let out the bid.

A Charge Conference was held on October 13, 1996 to accept the Building Procedure and Estimated Cost. The vote was unanimous and agreed once again to "trust God to provide the funds through faithful people, debt free."

The Banquet was held at the Optimist Club building on November 4, 1996 and was a great success. Though we did not reach the goal, over \$52,000 was given along with \$56,000 in six month pledges. This "Miracle on the Beach" was unfolding.

A new goal was then set to reach the \$260,000 goal by Palm Sunday, have Bro. Si to preach and then to go out and "break ground". On March 23, 1997, we reached the goal with \$261,987.10 Praise God; and, we had a glorious "ground breaking service".

Now, we felt we could move towards "letting the bids". A set of working plans was now secured from the architect and sent to 6 general contractors. The day for opening the bids was set at June 24, 1997 in which we would then have 30 days to accept or reject. Were we shocked when the bids were opened.

Excluding architectural fees and other costs, the bids ranged for the annex and four alternatives from the low of \$429,750 up to the high of \$569,362. The church leadership was "stunned". The lowest bid for the annex alone was \$391,000! The church had 30 days to respond. After numerous meeting, and long hours of discussion, the decision was made to accept the low bid with none of the alternatives. With estimated civil engineering cost, the figure was set for the Annex alone at \$394,550. With additional expenses to complete the annex (all estimates)--furnishings, landscaping, carpet, contingency fund--(\$33,500) plus monies already spent for architectural fees, permits, septic tank, brought the total estimated cost to \$455,099.

Once accepted, the Church had to show "proof of payment" to the Contractor for his construction of the Annex. On July 20, 1997, the Administrative Board and Church members present approved a plan from the Finance Committee of how we could pay the contractor his \$394,550 and still build "debt free". The trustees signed the contract on July 24, 1997. The plan was as follows:

Contractor's Bid & Civil Engineers:	\$394,550.00
Church had on hand 7-16-97	<u>268,650.00</u>
Needed:	\$125,900.00

Proposal Included:	1) Outstanding pledges	\$ 5,000.00
	2) Transfer from General Fund	50,900.00
	3) Letter of Credit Guaranteed	<u>70,000.00</u>
	Total:	\$ 125,900.00

This proposal was agreeable to the Contractor and accepted.

The next item in this proposal was how the Church's Goal of Building "Debt Free" could still be accomplished. Excluding what had already been spent and with the cost as follows:

Annex & Civil Engineers	\$394,550.00
Other Expenses (furn, etc.)	<u>33,500.00</u>
Total Needed:	\$428,050.00
Church had on hand less expenses:	<u>268,650.00</u> Church had received \$295,707
Need to raise:	\$ 159,400.00

Original Goal:	\$400,000
Received	<u>295,707</u>
Balance of Goal:	\$104,293

By transferring from General Fund:	\$ 50,000.00 (Actual approved amt \$50,900)
By reaching the Original Goal	104,293.00
By receiving remaining unpaid pledges	<u>5,477.00</u>
Balance:	\$159,770.00 "Debt Free"