



# The Voice of MABC

Week of July 28

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH

See Inside for details

### Sunday, August 3

9:30 a.m.—Drop In Breakfast for Bolens

9:45 a.m.— Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
Communion

5:00 p.m.—Back to School Party

### Monday, August 4

*Birthdays: Jim Black*

8:00 a.m.—Youth White Water Rafting

9:00 a.m.—ESL

11:00 a.m.—IHN Committee

5:30 p.m.—Church Council

### Tuesday, August 5

*Birthdays: Ella Malone*

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study

### Wednesday, August 6

8:30 a.m.—Staff Meeting

9:00 a.m.—ESL

3:30 p.m.—Worship Planning

### Thursday, August 7

### Friday, August 8

*Birthdays: Charlie Clegg, Adetokunbo Ojo*

7:00 p.m.—AA

### Saturday, August 9

### Sunday, August 10

9:30 a.m.—Minister’s Prayer Time

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

12:00 p.m.—IHN Lunch & Training

### Monday, August 11

9:00 a.m.—ESL

5:30 p.m.—Deacon’s Meeting

### Tuesday, August 12

### Wednesday, August 13

9:00 a.m.—ESL

8:30 a.m.—Staff Meeting

3:30 p.m.—Worship Planning

5:15 p.m.—Midweek @ Milledge

### Thursday, August 14

### Friday, August 15

7:00 p.m.—AA

### Saturday, August 16

## Church Staff

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## CONTRIBUTION REPORT

**Monthly Budget Requirement:**

\$41,325

**4th Sunday in July:**

\$3522

**July Offering To Date:**

\$33,332

**Other contributions:**

World Hunger—\$20

**Budget requirement to date:**

\$292,503

**Total offering to date:** \$268,040

**Balance:** -\$24,423

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

**7/27/08**

**Worship:** 137

**Sunday School:**

706.354.0090

706.354.0344 (Fax)

**www.milledge.org**

**Church Calendar:**

**www.calendarwiz.com/milledge**

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## THE END OF THE SABBATICAL

Edward’s Sabbatical has not only been a time for his own personal growth and retreat. The members of Milledge Avenue have been working on their own growth this summer too, and we are so glad to hear of the wonderful experiences you have had from May until June. Every piece of the puzzle, from the retreat, to the three McAfee professors who have participated with us (Dr. David Garber, Dr. Denise Massey, Dr. Peter Rhea Jones), to your willingness to participate in Sabbath and celebration, has been instrumental in a successful summer. And we, the ministers, have been deeply touched at the way you have treated us during this time. Thank you for the faith you have put in us as your pastors.

A note from Jennifer McClung:

During the past three months, I have been blessed by the trust and encouragement of Milledge Avenue Baptist Church. While Edward has been away on sabbatical, our church has had some unique opportunities for faith development. We practiced a month of “Sabbath time,” choosing to stop having meetings and activities and focusing instead on worship and community. We have heard a variety of voices from the pulpit. We have continued to grow in faith.

I have greatly appreciated your prayers and kind words as I have practiced leadership in some new ways during this time. Ministering among this body of believers is a blessing. Thank you for trusting me with leadership in our church, and thank you for your support as I continue to grow in faith and ministry alongside you. It has been a joy to serve in new roles at Milledge Avenue this summer. I look forward to the coming year of ministry here at MABC.

A note from Amy Shorner-Johnson:

I am ever appreciative for the generosity and confidence you give to the leadership of this church. Especially while Edward has been on Sabbatical, you all have been not only mindful to remind the ministers of your faith and confidence, you have also shown it with your actions. I know of many churches that start to verbalize their fears when a pastor leaves on sabbatical, but I have been amazed and humbled to only hear of your excitement.

I say thank you also because of all the chances you took this summer. You survived a minister’s wedding and first steps into married life, a Sabbath experience, and numerous other adventures over the course of the summer. These activities have nurtured my own growth and understanding of faith, and love. I am excited about what we have learned from one another for our future together. Thank you for making Milledge Avenue Baptist a wonderful place to work, to worship, and to live in as a member of this community of faith.

Our worship at Milledge Avenue is most often planned around the weekly Scripture readings suggested in the Revised Common Lectionary, a system of readings used by a wide variety of Christians. This Biblically based approach can be strengthened and enhanced by the preparation of our church family as we ready ourselves to meet God and each other in worship each week. Readings for this Sunday, August 3: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for Communion this Sunday, August 3.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Will Abney  
Stephanie Calhoun  
Ashley Roten

Contact the church office for addresses and phone numbers.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER

We will be meeting at 5:30 in the library on Monday, August 4th. Don't forget to bring your own dinner, and help us as we go over the calendar of events and coordinate some events together. Your input is important for your committee.

### MABC'S 6TH ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

August 23  
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Help us welcome our neighbors for an evening of food, games, music, and summer fun! Hosting the Block Party at our church requires a lot of effort from all of us. Here are some ideas of ways you might participate:

- Lend us your tents, extension cords, fans or coolers
- Donate bottled water, canned soft drinks, or cupcakes
- VOLUNTEER! Lots of opportunities to serve are available, such as set up, clean up, helping with activities during the party, etc.

For more information about how you can be a part of this exciting outreach event, contact Jennifer McClung or David Dodson.

### MIDWEEK @ MILLEDGE

Beginning August 13, Midweek @ Milledge will start with 3 unique adult studies and lots of fun opportunities for youth and children. Watch for the brochure coming out next week with all of the information. Our first set of adult classes will be: *Principles that Make a Marriage Work*, led by Edward Bolen; *Caring for Self to Care for All*, led by Sarah Daniels; and *Jesus and the MDG's*, led by Amy Shorner-Johnson and the youth, based on our experiences at Passways Camp.

Watch this week for our flyer about all of our Fall Activities on Wednesday nights for more information about children, choir, and dinner.

### DINNER ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We look forward to you joining us for dinners again on Wednesday nights with your family. We hope each week to put next week's menu in the Voice. Please contact the church office for reservations weekly by noon on Monday.



### IHN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION & TRAINING LUNCH

Sunday, August 10 after church. Everyone is invited to attend. Tephra Fields, the IHN Director, will join us for training volunteers.

RSVP to Doug McFarland at 706-208-3623 or [ugamcfarlands@gmail.com](mailto:ugamcfarlands@gmail.com)

### Sunday Servants August 3, 2008

Deacon of the Week:  
**Doug McFarland**  
Deacon Minister-on-Call:

**Sarah Daniels**  
Acolyte:

**Nick Calhoun**

Worship Preparation:

**Bea Grant**

Audio:

**Chester Sosebee**

Greeters:

**Debbie Waters, Tim &**

**Julie Graham**

Door Opener/Closer:

**J.B. Weaver**

Ushers:

**Kevin Chapman, Jim Cunningham,**

**Mac McDonald, Carroll Humphries,**

**John Waters**

Nursery Coordinator:

**Sarah Stark**

Nursery during Sunday School:

0-1 yr olds

**Rachel Sloan, Donna McEwan**

2-3 yr olds

**Lynn Mathis, Anna Scott**

Nursery during Worship:

0-1 yr olds

**Carole Sosebee, Alison Huff**

2-3 yr olds

**Linda Lowery, Julie Graham,**

**Patti McDonald**

Children's Church:

**Carol & Laura Payne White,**

**Rachel Sloan**

Gathering Room Prep:

**Alan & Millie Calhoun**

Youth Meal Provider:

**Solomon Family**

### CO-ED ADULT VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Sponsored by Athens First United Methodist Church.

Games begin September 2 on Tuesday nights.

Please contact the church office for more information or Rusty Wood, Recreation Director of Athens FUMC 706-543-1442.

### Our Prayer Concerns

If you know of any changes that need to be made to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

**Chandler Griffin**

**Pierce Eredia** (Nephew of Hank & Janet Faglie)

**Ruth Stowe** (Mother of Anne Jones)

**Maude Manuel** (Grandmother of Ken McLeskey)

**Norris Mullis**

**David Heard** (Nephew of Roland Heard)

**Marilyn Weisenbach** (Mother of David Weisenbach)

**Sam Haygood** (son of Cindy & Daniel Haygood)

**Ui Sun Chong** (Mother of Erin Hudson)

**Elkins Family**

**Judy Seitz** (Aunt of David Dismuke)

**Jim Fortson**

**Dylan Tuck** (nephew of Amy Shorner)

**Deleon Terrell** (friend of Gail Williamson)

**Dustin Craig** (Lucille Sartain's grandson)

**Jennie Banks**

**John & Wilma Bolen** (parents of Edward Bolen)

**Donna Wright** (co-worker of Rebecca Weisenbach & Rebecca Williamson)

**Diane Collier** (daughter of Hester Fechtel)

**Jennifer Gonyea**

**Sarah Manning** (Bob White's grandmother)

**Rawdon Akins** (Lynn Mathis' father)

**George Boatwright** (brother of Gene Langdale)

**Angie McKenzie** (daughter of Owen & Shirley Plank)

*St. Mary's Rehab:*

**Margaret Rodgers**

*Dogwood Forest:*

**Estelle Farmer**

*Grand View Center*

**Elizabeth Eckles**

*Silverleaf*

**Camilla Barge**

### ACOLYTES

Parents of 5th and 6th graders, you are invited to join us at Planet 56 on Sunday, August 24th for Acolyte Training. All 5th and 6th graders who would like to serve as acolytes during the 2008-2009 school year should attend this training with at least one parent (even if they were an acolyte last year.) See Jennifer for more information.

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**PLANET 56:** The place for 5th and 6th graders at MABC! We will meet on Sunday nights from 5-7 pm starting August 17th for supper, games, Bible study, and mission projects.

**I'M BIG ENOUGH WORSHIP WORKSHOP** - for elementary children 1st grade and older and their parents. This is a two-part workshop focusing on worship education for children and parents. It is especially designed for children who are entering first grade, but older children are welcome to attend as well. The first session will be on Sunday, August 17th from noon until 2 pm. The second session will be Sunday, August 31 from 1-2 pm (there will be a church-wide fellowship lunch that day, so we will meet after lunch.)

**MIDWEEK @ MILLEDGE FOR CHILDREN!** Starting on August 13, we will have Wednesday night activities for children of all ages. For the first 8 weeks (August 13-October 1), our schedule will be...

5:15 **Dinner for the whole family**

6:00-6:30 **Children's Choir**—Music in worship for grades 2-5

**Club K1**—A special worship time for grades K-1

**Jesus Loves Me!** Bible activities just for preschoolers

6:30-7:15 **K-5 Girls:** Women in the Bible—crafts and activities

**K-5 Boys:** Bold Bible Kids—exploring Bible stories

**Mission Friends**—Preschoolers learn about missions and God's people around the world.

A nursery will be available for children ages 2 and under. We hope you will be part of these faith-enriching midweek programs.

## YOUTH NEWS

### MIDWEEK @ MILLEDGE LEADERSHIP CLASS FOR YOUTH

Youth who are interested in leading a Wednesday night class on Millennium Development Goals should come to a meeting this Sunday, August 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We will practice and assign jobs for the following Wednesday nights.

Youth set your calendars for our **YOUTH FALL RETREAT**, a camping and river experience. We will be leaving Friday night to Madison County on Sept. 19, and returning the evening of Sept 20th. See you then.

### WHITE WATER RAFTING PARTICIPANTS:

We leave the church at 8AM on August 4th. Chaperones are Davin Welter, Mike Daniel and Amy Shorner-Johnson. Please see Amy if you do not already have a waiver to raft. All money and waivers are due that day.