

# The Good Views

## From the Pastor

What a joy it is to be at Westview! Gail and I feel very privileged to be assigned as your new parsonage family and look forward to working in ministry with you through the coming years.

Already you have made us feel at home by preparing the parsonage and my office for our arrival in such a wonderful way. We appreciate all the hard work that the Staff Parish Committee under the leadership of Renee Job and the Trustees under the leadership of Daniel Fold have done along

with other church members who pitched in to help prepare for our coming. Everything looks great and we appreciate all that has been done.

We look forward to getting to know each of you over the next few months and I hope that you will call on me whenever I can be of support in ministry to you and your family. Fairview seems to be a friendly and growing community that we know we will enjoy living in for some time. I hope that together over the next few years we can make

Westview into the leading church for our community and a place where persons find the love and support they need to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please join me in worship each Sunday as together we seek God's guidance for our lives and for the community in which we live.

Until then,  
Grace and peace,

Ed Britt

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## Meet Our New Pastor

The Reverend Doctor Edward J. Britt has been appointed as new pastor of Westview Church following the reassignment of Rev. Gary Wedgewood to Riverside UMC in

Columbia. Dr. Britt, or Ed as he likes to be called, has served churches in the Tennessee Conference for 29 years. His appointments have included churches in

Franklin, Clarksville, Columbia and Nashville as well as serving on the Conference Staff in two positions: Associate Director of the

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## Meet Our Pastor Continued

Conference Council and Director for the Clergy Pensions Campaign. Most recently he served seven years as Senior Pastor of Arlington UMC which is located near the Nashville Airport on Murfreesboro Road.

Ed grew up in Alabama the oldest of three children. His parents Charles and Blanche Britt were former missionaries to Liberia, West Africa, who had returned to the US to serve churches in the Alabama-West Florida Conference. It was during his college years that Ed moved to Middle Tennessee to continue his studies at Scarritt College and Vanderbilt University. During this time he married Gail Bradley who was also a student at Scarritt completing a Master's Degree in Christian Education.

Gail and Ed have two grown daughters Ginny and Rachel. Ginny is a graduate student at East Tennessee State University and Rachel is a development editor with the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville. Rachel is married to Mark Hagewood who is on the staff at First UMC Hendersonville.

In 2000 Ed completed his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Columbia Presbyterian Seminary in Atlanta. His dissertation was entitled *Creating Unity in the Midst of Diversity: Helping Christians be the Body of Christ in a Postmodern Context* and was done in part with the Arlington congregation and members of the First Hispanic UMC which met in the Arlington facility.

Ed's interests include music, golf, following the Auburn

University sports program, travel, and spending time with family. As a musician Ed has written and recorded original compositions and performed for a variety of church and civic groups throughout the years. During college years he was half of the duo Bowers and Britt who traveled part-time for a number of years doing concerts and leading youth and intergenerational retreats and events in 22 states. One of those concerts was part of a Sunday morning service here at Westview when Hap Eliason was pastor.

Ed and Gail reside in the church parsonage which retains the same number of 799-0741.

In addition to the church office number of 799-0250 he can also be reached on his cell phone at 944-6291.

## Weekend for Christ

On August 25-27, the youth ministry of Westview UMC will host an intensive discipleship event focused around a central faith issue directly related to the lives of today's young people. This is an annual event to spiritually kick off the new academic year in a way that is meaningful to our youth.

The teens will camp out in sleeping bags on living room floors and meet for small group discussions in host homes provided by church members. The event will be-

gin with games and fellowship Friday evening, Aug. 25, and culminate with the worship services Sunday morning, Aug. 27.

Please encourage every 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader you know to participate in this weekend. They will grow a great deal from the experience, and they will have a great time! It's also the perfect time for them to invite a friend. The \$25 registration fee and signed permission forms must be turned into the church by Sunday, August 13 (if you

can't find Will or Christine please put it into the Youth Box outside the office). Please contact the church office (799-0250) or Christine Penner (799-2125) if you have any questions.



**I Prayed!****God Answered**

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve, I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things, I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy, I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men, I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life, I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for—but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all men, most richly blessed.

Author unknown.

**A day Worth While**

I count that day as wisely spent  
In which I do some good

For someone who is far away  
Or shares my neighborhood

A day devoted to the deed  
That lends a helping hand

And demonstrates a willingness  
To care and understand

I long to be of usefulness  
In little ways and large

Without a selfish motive  
And without the slightest charge

Because in my philosophy  
There never is a doubt

Here on earth  
Must help each other out

I feel that day is fruitful  
And the time is worth the while

When I promote the happiness  
Of one enduring smile.

Author unknown

**August Birthdays**

5 Cheri Cox, Patti Carroll  
6 Carson Gulley, Mike Bloodworth  
9 Kristen Brison  
11 Eva Harris  
18 Willie Anderson,  
20 Margaret McGeehee  
22 Jesse Wright  
23 Cleola Mangrum  
24 Will Penner  
25 Marjorie Pinney

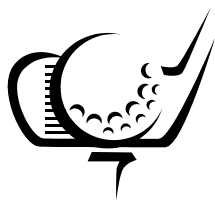
27 Ken Bell  
28 Pauline Mangrum  
31 Wiletta Grady, Tom Daugherty

**August Anniversaries**

4 Tom & Kim Daugherty  
13 Tim & Karen Saunders  
18 Paul and Helen Hartley  
21 Paul & Dorothy Newman  
24 Mark & Gwen Brison, Gene & Wardie Lewis  
28 Reeves & Geraldine Havens

**Golf for Graceworks**

Graceworks Ministries is looking for sponsors and players for the



**Golf for  
Graceworks  
Charity Golf  
Tournament,**  
to be held  
Monday

October 23 at Nashville Golf and Athletic Club, 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start.

Tournament includes: Cart, green fees, breakfast, lunch and beverages. Awards for flight winners, closest to the pin

and longest drive. Hole in One and Beat the Pro contest. Sponsorships begin at \$250. Foursome plays for \$600. For more information contact Tina at 792-9055 ext. 35 or [tedwards@graceworksministries.net](mailto:tedwards@graceworksministries.net)

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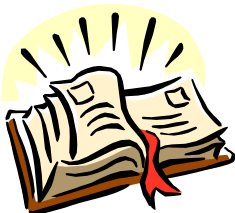
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## Scriptures for August

### Dr. Britt's Sermon Readings

6th—Matthew 18:1-5  
13th—Matthew 14:22-33  
20th—John 3:1-17  
Romans 12:1-2  
27—Acts 1:6-11  
Ephesians 2:1-10



### Lectionary Readings for August

**August 6, 2006**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)  
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

**August 13, 2006**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130 (UMH 848)  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

**August 20, 2006**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111 (UMH 832)  
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

**August 27, 2006**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84 (UMH 804)  
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

# Calendar of Events

## WUMC Events

### August

Sunday, 6th—11:30 Reception  
for Dr. Ed Britt

Sunday, 6th—3:00-5:00 pm—Columbia District  
reception for Rev. Willie Burchfield our new  
superintendent. First United Methodist, 222 West  
7th Street, Columbia, TN.

Monday, 7th—7pm Trustees Meeting

Sunday, 13th—Youth Swimming Outing

Sunday, 13th—3pm Cindy Mangrum Baby Shower

Monday, 14th—7:15 Admin Council

Friday, 18th-Saturday, 19th—Choir Retreat

Monday, 21st— Youth Parents Meeting  
at the Penners—6:30-7:30

Friday, 25th-Sunday 27th—Weekend for Christ

## Community Events

### September

Saturday, 9th—Naturefest

Saturday, 16th 8am-10am—Chili's Pancake Breakfast to  
support Graceworks.

Chili's @ Parkway Commons, Franklin  
\$5.00 each, includes 3 pancakes, 2 bacon strips, juice,  
coffee or tea. **Volunteers needed.**

### November

Sunday 12th 6:30-8:30—Ladies night Out:

Private Shopping Extravaganza

Stein Mart: Hwy 96 Franklin. \$10 Each

Sales Discounts, Food and Drinks, Mini-Massage,

Manicures plus Much, Much More.

ALL proceeds benefit Graceworks Ministries

## WUMC Updates Information

WUMC is in the process of updating all our records and we need everyone to give us their updated information.

Please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey form. This will help us with communications, prayer, and

membership records.

You may mail your forms to the church or drop them off the next time you attend worship services or Sunday School. There will be a special basket in the Narthex.

Thank you in advance for

your support with this process.



## Volunteer Drivers Needed

Senior Transport Partners needs Volunteer Drivers. Do you own a car? Do you have a couple of extra hours a day, a week or a month? Would you like to be a volunteer driver for Senior Transport Partners? Contact Steve or Christe Lane Berning at

Senior Transport Partners,  
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***Mission Statement: "We envision Westview  
United Methodist Church as a place that equips  
disciples to change lives."***

**"The Good Views"** is a monthly publication of  
the Westview United Methodist Church.

**Sunday Activities**

8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

12-2:00 PM Youth Fellowship

**Wednesday Activities**

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice