

MIDDLEBROOK

United Methodist Church

8th Anniversary Celebration

"We've come this far by faith"



For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Order of Worship
October 19, 2008 - 10:30 a.m.
Eighth Anniversary Celebration

PROCESSIONAL

We've Come this Far by Faith

GREETING

Pastor L. Fitzgerald Lovett

THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Jared Fitzhugh

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Reverend Patrick Phillips

Leader: We can't do everything

People: but we can love.

Leader: We can't speak the final word,

People: but we can love.

Leader: We don't quite feel like we belong,

People: but we can love.

Leader: When Jerusalem is a faint memory,

All: still, we can love

WELCOME

Cheryl Haynes

OCCASION

Alice Philips

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Ava Kimble (Philippian Church)

***OPENING SONG**

Middlebrook Choir

OT SCRIPTURE (seated)

Joshua 4:1-7

Howard Edmonson

***NT SCRIPTURE**

Hebrews 11:1-7

Roberta Pennington

The word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

When you get it, GIVE IT!

When you know it, DO IT!

When you have seen it, TELL IT!

** Stand If Able*

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Course family

***PASSING OF SIGNS OF PEACE**

Ms Martha Summers

TITHES and LOVE OFFERING

Class Leaders

PRAISE DANCE

*Middlebrook UMC Praise Team
Carrie Wade Director*

INTRODUCTION OF PREACHER

Frances Moffett

MUSIC

Middlebrook Choir

SERMON

The Reverend Derek Harris

MUSIC

Middlebrook Choir

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISICIPESHIP

CLOSING REMARKS

Pastor L. Fitzgerald Lovett

***BLESSING of FOOD and SENDING FORTH**

Pastor L. Fitzgerald Lovett

** Stand If Able*



Refreshments will be served in the Annex Fellowship Hall behind the Church

Our History in a Chronological Summary



Mount Pleasant 1871 - 2001

- 1871 July 25** Mt. Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church founded- Maddox and T.V. Road Jackson, MS
- 1873** First parsonage built under leadership of the Reverend Robert Anderson
- 1968** Methodist Church and Evangelical United Brethren Church merged
Mt. Pleasant became a member of the inclusive United Methodist Church, under the leadership of the Reverend Alfred Nelson
- 2001 Feb 17** Razed the building called Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church. Cleaned up and fenced in Cemetery Named Cemetery Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens



MIDDLEBROOK 2000-2008

- 1998-2000** The Reverend Albert Mosley appointed pastor, Mt. Pleasant/ Associate, Galloway UMC New Church plant designated as first intentional multicultural, multiracial congregation in South Jackson
- 1998 July** MS Conference purchased 18.875 acres of land, Highway 18, cost of \$200,000
- 1999 Oct.** Mt. Pleasant moved worship site to Siwell Middle School
- 2000 June** The Reverend Dr. Martha Alexander appointed pastor, Mt. Pleasant/Outreach Associate, Galloway UMC
- July 27** Mt. Pleasant renamed Middlebrook United Methodist Church, dissolved assets and transferred membership of 63
- Sept.** Worship site moved from Siwell to Trinity Lutheran Church, Highway 18 & Siwell Road
- Oct.** Faith-Walkers raised \$10,000 to clean up and fence off cemetery at Mt. Pleasant site
- Dec.** Giving increase from \$300 per Sunday to \$800
- 2001 Jan** Middlebrook developed worship and ministry strategic plan
Initiated nurturing program to reconcile members' issues with razing Mt. Pleasant Conducted survey of target area for name recognition and attitude toward planting a United Methodist church on Highway 18
- April** Strategic planning/Visioning Team formed; conducted visioning sessions for ministry and membership development—sorting out values, beliefs and vision for new church plant
- October** Stewardship Teams formed for building fund campaign
- December** Presented ministry structure, mission and vision, building plan phased over 5 years to Charge Conference

- 2002 Jan.** Presented equipping membership and leadership team for service to community and membership
- 2002 April** Galloway provide music ministers (Sean Pollock and Ken Roberts) for Middlebrook Networking relationship begun between United Methodist churches in south and southwest Jackson to build ministry partnerships
The Reverend David Fuquay, pastor of Leavell Woods UMC began team preaching on 2nd and 4th Sundays at Middlebrook
- July 14** Galloway hosted fund-raiser, Quiet Storm Concert—raised \$18,900 for building campaign
August Timber bids received (\$43,576) and proceeds collected by West Jackson Trustees Tchula UMC dissolution—property proceeds (\$32,000) designated for Middlebrook Bay Springs UMC makes commitment which grew out of Faith-Walkers Campaign of quarterly contributions of \$150 to Middlebrook for building campaign
- September** Presented phase 1 construction plans to Charge Conference—Community Outreach Center Covenant Relationship language initiated with Galloway under the leadership of The Reverend Willis Britt
- December** Middlebrook membership 90 (85 African American, 5 Caucasian) Average Sunday attendance 72. Average giving \$5,000/month
Still worshipping at Trinity Lutheran Church
- 2003 Feb. 18** Land survey revealed only 9 acres of land at Highway 18 habitable
- March 6** Membership determined not to disband but find a permanent worship site
13 Found a site to purchase (115 Maddox Road)
Met with Bishop Carder and District Superintendent Ludrick Cameron
- March** New Church Development makes decision to fund \$100,000 of purchase beginning installments December 2004
- August 14** Middlebrook and Forest Hill (founded in 1857) Leadership Team meet to work out “courtship” understanding the two churches would be side-by-side
- August** Middlebrook purchases property at 115 Maddox Road
October 5 **Consecration service for Middlebrook**
- December** Outreach and Relationship Building campaigns developed
- 2004 Jan.** **Jesus and ALL that JAZZ worship**
- October** **After School Learning Connection pilot study began**
December **Transform Grant for capacity building**
Community Foundation Grant for After School parental training
May **After School Learning Connection parental training**
- 2005 July** Dedicated and Blessed Bell and Signage for Cemetery, under leadership of Mother Willette Bracey
- 2007 July 1** Middlebrook continues the journey with a new pastor the Reverend L. Fitzgerald Lovett



Mission Statement

Middlebrook United Methodist Church, consecrated October 5, 2003, is a worship community in which all God's children fellowship together regardless of, race color or national origin, or religious affiliation.

Our mission is to:

- Make disciples of Christ;
- Build community; and
- Enhance the quality of life - through the development of social structures to improve the lives of those we serve and seek to serve.

WEEKLY EVENTS:

6:00 p.m. Wednesdays: Prayer Service & Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Worship - Philippian Church
9:00 a.m. Sunday Classes All Ages
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship



Welcome

If you are a first-time visitor, we especially welcome you. If you are seeking a church community for fellowship and worship, you are invited to come to the front when the invitation is extended by the preacher. We welcome you with open arms and an open heart to Middlebrook United Methodist Church.

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