

MIDDLEBROOK

United Methodist Church

4th Anniversary Celebration

A New Day



*Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43:19

Order of Worship
October 7, 2007 - 10:30 a.m.
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PRELUDE		<i>Ms Trenee Cameron</i>
GREETING		<i>Pastor L. Fitzgerald Lovett</i>
THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES		<i>Miss Whitney Wade</i>
*CALL TO WORSHIP		<i>Reverend Patrick Phillips</i>
	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 and OCCASION		<i>Mrs. Cheryl Haynes</i>
OPENING PRAYER	(seated)	<i>Bishop Warren</i>
*OPENING HYMN		<i>Middlebrook Choir</i>
OT SCRIPTURE (seated)	Psalm 100	<i>Mr. Howard Edmonson</i>
NT SCRIPTURE	Rev. 21:1-6	<i>Mrs. Roberta Pennington</i>
	<i>The word of God for the People of God</i> Thanks be to God <i>When you get it, GIVE IT!</i> <i>When you know it, DO IT!</i> <i>When you have seen it, TELL IT!</i>	
SPECIAL MUSIC		<i>Mr. Jessie Primer III</i>
*PASSING OF SIGNS OF PEACE		<i>Ms Martha Summers</i>
TITHES and LOVE OFFERING		<i>Class Leaders</i>

LITURGICAL DANCERS

Gory Hill Praise Team C.O.G.I.C. of Crystal Springs, MS

INTRODUCTION OF PREACHER

Ms Connie Fitzhugh

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

“Amazing Grace”

Mr. Jessie Primer III

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Embra Jackson
(The Administrative Assistant to the Bishop)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Solo

Ms Mattie Williams

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISICIPESHIP

HOLY COMMUNION *(Liturgy from 2006 UMW Assembly program book, Rise! Shine! Glorify God! held in Anaheim, California, May 4-7, 2006 as presented at Mississippi Conference of United Methodist Women’s annual meeting on September 22-23, 2006 Natchez, MS)*

Litany of Confession

Celebrant (Dr. Jackson): We follow Jesus who was willing to die for us. Jesus—the one who touched the untouchables, led his oppressors, ate with sinners, and spoke to women—invites all to the table who reject evil, seek to live in peace, and claim Jesus as Savior.

ALL: O God, we confess that we have been busy, busy, busy at worship, and we love studying about you. We want to be thought of as a nation of right-living people. We just want to do what’s right. But we confess, we sometimes turn away when our leaders use violence. We ask helplessly, “What can I do?” God, we confess that we bicker and fight among ourselves when we could be working together to help the world. Today, we give ourselves to you one more time—with all our imperfections, knowing that you will take us in again. We ask forgiveness and ask that you guide us to make this world beautiful for all your beloved children. Lord, we are yours.

HYMN:

Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, _____ Lord, have mercy on me.

Assurance of Forgiveness and Words of Institution

Leader: Such Good News we have! Christ died for all sins and all sinners! We are all forgiven!

ALL: Good News! We are all forgiven!

Leader: It is an amazing thing God has done in Christ! As people who are one with Christ in the offering of our lives for others, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

ALL: In remembrance of Jesus, his love, his healing, his speaking to women, his blessing of children, his love for the poor, and his great teachings, we claim and proclaim the mysteries of our faith:

CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN; CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

Leader: On that night, he took bread. He took bread knowing that he had been anointed by Mary of Bethany and was ready for death. He took the bread knowing that one would betray him into the hands of those who would crucify him. He took bread knowing that his disciples were tired and that Peter would deny him three times before dawn. He took bread and broke it, knowing that his death approached, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup. He took the cup and remembered the wine at the wedding feast. He took the cup and remembered the meals with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. He took the cup knowing that a great feast awaited him and all humble souls loved by God. He took the cup and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

All is ready, the feast is prepared! Take the bread, drink the juice. Remember that Christ died for you and the whole world so that we might die to sin and live for love.

Sharing of the Bread and Fruit of the Vine

(the ushers will direct you forward, starting with the back pews.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*All: Our God, we praise you for the resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ; for the hope his new life brings. We rejoice that his spirit empowers us to continue his ministry to the hungry people of this world and that we can draw our strength from him.
Alleluia! Amen. (BOP#59)*

CLOSING REMARKS

Pastor L. Fitzgerald Lovett

***BLESSING of FOOD and SENDING FORTH**

The Rev. Dr. Jackson

**** Stand If Able***

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

SERMON SUMMARY

Sermon Title _____

Key Scriptures: _____

Background Notes: _____

Major Points: _____

What action am I going to take in response to this sermon?

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 2000-2007

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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