



# News from *the Brook*

115 Maddox Road

December 2009

## *My Christmas Greeting to the Middlebrook Church Family!*



*It is a great joy and blessing to celebrate Christmas together for the first time at Middlebrook and*

*I pray that each additional year we will add greater blessing and excitement to*

*each other. I trust that the impact Christmas has made in our lives the past few months will continue to bring a lasting impression about the goodness and grace of God as we continue to serve Him. Through all the blessings and varied*

*experiences in my ministry my desire has always been to glorify and magnify God. I owe everything to Him, even the life I live today.*

*It is my prayer that you will continue to grow in the knowledge of the Savior. I greatly appreciate your love, concerns, loyalty, and mostly your faithfulness to the vision God has given us as a Church. I love you all with Passion!*

*Merry Christmas and  
a Blessed New Year to all of You!*

*With much love and God's grace,  
Pastor Robert Brown, Betty, Keithia and family*



*<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

John 3:16-17

## **MIDDLEBROOK**

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# Middlebrook in Pictures 2009



## MIDDLEBROOK UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Middlebrook's United Methodist Women are looking forward to a busy 2010. Berenda Johnson was asked to serve for a year as interim president for the West Jackson District of the UMC. Congratulations, Berenda! Brenda also serves as Sub-District IV president. Connie Fitzhugh, who serves on the state level as Secretary of the Mississippi Conference, is preparing to attend the UMW "Faith, Hope, Love in Action" Assembly, April 30-May 2, 2010, in St. Louis, Missouri.

In addition to Berenda and Connie serving in positions outside of our unit, Cheryl Haynes serves on the Nominating Committee of the West Jackson District. Genny Seeley, of Middlebrook, will be the UMW Spiritual Life Retreat speaker at Camp Wesley Pines, March 5-6, 2010. The theme of the retreat is

"All Are Welcome To Gather At The Table."

In May of 2010, Jasmine Haynes will be graduating with a Master's Degree in Communication from Louisiana State University

The Middlebrook Unit has agreed to meet quarterly during 2010. The February meeting will be "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Service", held at Berenda Johnson's home. In May, a business meeting will be held at Ida's Restaurant on a Saturday morning. The August meeting will be held at Cheryl's home, and a meeting with a theme yet to be decided on, will be held in December.



Rev. Brown with the Middlebrook UMW at Connie Fitzhugh's House for Saturday brunch December 5, 2009.



### Children's Corner

The children/youth Sunday School classes are delighted to have the grandchildren of Pastor and Mrs. Brown added to the roll. They are :

Justin, age 12 Jalen, age 10  
Jasmyn, age 4, and Jade, age 3

In addition, 6 year-old Jordan, whose grandmother, Ava Kimble is a member of Philipian Baptist Church, has also joined our classes.

We give thanks to the teachers of the children and youth who have served during 2009. They are, Rebecca Harrell, Cheryl Haynes, Cynthia McMillian and Janice Morris.

We look forward to increasing the attendance of the children and youth Sunday School classes in 2010 by changing the starting time of the classes, (for children and youth), to 9:30 a.m., on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

(Submitted by Roberta Pennington)



The Young Ladies to the left were preparing for the first ever Middlebrook Fashion Show. This was held August 15, 2009.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sundays:

9:00 AM – Philippiian Church Worship

9:00 AM – Middlebrook Sunday School

10:30 AM – Middlebrook Morning Worship

Wednesdays: 6 PM – Middlebrook Prayer and Bible Study

## *A Church for All God's Children*

### 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.

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### Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 31, 2009, 10 pm – Watch Night Service

Sunday January 17, 2010, 5 pm – Jesus and All that Jazz

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Mrs Eunice O. Edmonson, Wife of the late Howard E. Edmonson Sr. mother of Howard Jr, Darius, Roland, Carl, Cleveland and James Edmonson, celebrated her 100th birthday on November 29, 2009 at the Town Hall, Enterprise Mississippi. The event was attended by a host of relatives and friends. Congratulations were received from the Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Senator Thad Cochran, Governor Haley Barbour and President and Mrs. Michelle Obama.

*Howard Edmonson*

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**More Pictures from Middlebrook events can be found on the web at:**

[http://thebrook.info/m\\_archives.htm](http://thebrook.info/m_archives.htm)