A very special thank you to all the reporters. There would not be a News ‘N’ Views without you! Thank you also to each of the retirees who took time to talk to our reporters. I know it is difficult receiving a call from a stranger asking for information. At this publication we have been able to reach out to almost 50% of our retirees. Our goal is to reach (or attempt to reach) 100% by Dec. Please be sure the Conference Office has your updated contact information. We are finding many disconnected or incorrect phone numbers. I have asked that the reporters include the names of the people that were unable to reach so that you know we have made an effort. If you don’t wish to be contacted, please feel free to let us know. I am enjoying getting to know many of you when I call. Remember, when you have news to share you can call me at any time.

Memphis Annul Conference

June 19-22
Northside UMC,
Jackson, TN

NOTE: DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

2016 General Conference
Portland, OR
May 10th – 20th, 2016

Members of the Memphis Conference Delegation:
David R. Reed, Martin First UMC, Elyse Bell, Paris First UMC, Rev. Sky McCracken, Purchase District DS, Rev. Eddie Bromley, Milan First UMC,

S. E. Jurisdictional Conference
July 13th – 15th
Lake Junaluska

Annual Retirees Retreat
Lakeshore UMA
October 4th & 5th

2016 Clergy Spouse Luncheon
Tuesday, June 21st
First United Methodist Church
Clayton Dining Room

Annual Conference would not be complete without our time away from all the hustle and bustle. Please plan on joining us for our Clergy Spouse Luncheon. First church has graciously offered to cater this event again this year (so you know it will be delicious). Bus/Van transportation is planned from Northside UMC. **Reservations are $15 and can be mailed to Marcia Tate, 40 Jeremiah Drive, Jackson, TN 38305. Please make reservations by June 6th.**

Menu: Roasted Turkey with mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, seasoned green beans, garden salad, rolls, and cheese cake with fruit topping.

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Retirees Luncheon
Sponsored by The Board of Pensions
Monday June 20th
Gymnasium, First UMC, Jackson

Note: Bus/Van transportation will be available from Northside UMC. **Please R.S.V.P by June 15 to: Clair Wilson cwilson@memphis-umc.org or 731-664-5540**

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Come to the Water
Festival of Wisdom and Grace Conference
August 1-4, 2016
Southeastern Jurisdictional Assoc. of Older Adults invites all who are thirsty to “Come to the Water.” Led by Dr. Tony Campolo and Dr. Mickey Efird, this event will be full of worship, Bible study, workshops, professional training, and fellowship.

INFO: Festival of Wisdom & Grace Registration PO Box 67, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745 Phone 800.222.4930

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Memorials

W.A. “Dub” Nance
October 10, 1918 – February 3, 2016
Spouse: Elizabeth “Lib” Nance

Charles E. Stewart
September 9, 1922 – February 26, 2016

Richard Taylor Carruth
October 27, 1940 – March 7, 2016

Dorothy “Scottie” Brafford Deaconess
September 26, 1951 – March 7, 2016
Spouse: Wayne Brafford

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Father who is full of mercy, the God of all comfort. 2 Corinthians 1:3 (ERV)
From The Mail Bag

Russell and Carol Gallimore (Jackson, TN): It has been a challenging winter to say the least! In November, while playing Table Tennis I tore my rotator cuff. After a difficult (and may I add, painful) surgery I am on my way to recovery. I have now completed 30 physical therapy sessions plus over 100 independent session at home (I know, I’m an overachiever!) I can raise my arm almost 180 degrees. I am now driving, which helps the cabin fever. I am enjoying church activities once again. In late April I will be preaching in Adamsville, TN. One disappointment is that the doctor ruled out any participation in the Senior Olympics this June. Carol and I want to thank all of our friends who lifted us up in prayer.

Jerry & Dot Carr (Oakland, TN) Our daughter, Cynthia, had an MRI recently, and physician’s compared the results with those from three months ago. The report was good! The doctor said, "All lesions are reducing in size, and there are no new ones. Keep doing what you have been doing, and we'll check again in three months." That will by May 11, 2016. Thank you sincerely for your continued interest and prayers. Keep it up, please. We are very grateful. We hope you and yours are well and that 2016 is off to a good start for you. Dot & I are fine! (Editor’s note: This update was dated Feb 3rd)

Bobbie Clarke, Reporter

John & Bobbie Clarke, (Jackson, TN): I had difficulty reaching many on my calling list. Please don’t be disappointed. Each of our retirees are important to us. I did speak to Patricia Alford (Mt Juliet, TN) Charles & Laverne Walker (Tifton, GA), and William and Anna Kay Walker (Germantown, TN). They are all doing well and send their greetings. John and I are doing well. We are excited about the upcoming visit from my cousin from Richmond, VA. John and I had the opportunity to host her in our home when she was a student at Lambuth. She became like a daughter to me. Over the years we have remained close friends. She has recently retired from a teaching position so we look forward to having more opportunities to visit.

Don & Becky VanVoorhis (Munford, TN): report that they are doing well and enjoying retirement. Don is serving at the Campground UMC. Recently Don had the opportunity to celebrate his mother’s 95th birthday (April 1st) – Now that’s something to celebrate!

I was not able to reach Marge Vaughn (Jackson, TN). Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Walter German, Reporter

Donna and I are doing well. Our health is good. We continue to be active in the Bemis United Methodist Church in Jackson, Tennessee. I teach an adult Sunday School Class and do some programing with the Golden Rulers senior group. We try to keep up with our oldest daughter, Dianna and Jeffery and the grandsons in Richmond, Indiana mostly by e-mail and telephone. Our youngest daughter, Nicole, lives at home and has been in constant demand as a substitute teacher. I still find time to play golf often. Donna and I wish all of you a joyful spring and we hope to see you at Annual Conference.

Benny and Gail Hopper (Jackson, TN) have been taking turns seeing doctors. Benny has been to Vanderbilt hospital for a surgical procedure and it doing fine. Gail will be having surgery on her back to correct a problem she had for some time. Keep them in your prayers. Their daughter, Kelly, has been a big help to them in their trips to Nashville where she and her family are living.
Judy and Dennis Renshaw (Jackson, TN) are doing well. Dennis completed the total distance in his hike of the Appalachian Trail. He has an interesting story to tell. Judy is also retired and they enjoy their seven grandchildren. They informed me they were planning a trip to Panama City, Florida. Dennis teaches a Sunday School Class each Sunday.

James Larry and Debbie Riley (McKenzie, TN): They attend First United Methodist Church and take an active part. At the present time Larry has just gotten out of the hospital and is taking radiation treatments at the cancer center in Jackson. They ask for everyone’s prayers. Their youngest daughter will graduate from high school this spring. She has received a full four-year scholarship to Murray State University. Debbie’s mother is just getting over surgery. Debbie has her hands full as the caregiver for mother and Larry.

Hank and Grace Russell are living in Decatur, Alabama in Riverside Senior Living, an assisted living facility. You can still reach Hank and Grace on his cell phone. They are living near their daughter, Peggy and husband Bill. They have other relatives in the area. Hank has just finished rehab for a fall with damaged some ribs. Hank and Grace have five children, seventeen grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren. The most recent great grandchild was born at Christmas time. Hank has enjoyed a connection with Gulf View United Methodist Church where he has been guest preacher. He also has recently written a book of devotions.

Howard and Kathryn Russom (Finger, TN) Although, retired, Howard has been serving a charge. Recent health problems are requiring him to give up his churches. Please keep Howard and Kathryn in your prayers.

I did not get a response from Allean Simmons and Barry and Ruth Roberts.
include hats for the ladies receiving chemotherapy at the Kirkland Cancer Center. Rosaline adds that she is thankful for her many friends – they are like “flowers in life’s

Mary Wright & Keith Wright (Jackson TN): It is always a delight to talk to Miss Mary! We enjoy reading some of the same authors. At this time Mary says she is not reading a book but looks forward to picking one up again. She is looking forward to her annual “Hen Party” when all five of her sisters get together for the day. Mary is going to host lunch at the Olive Garden and then they will retire back to her home for a long visit and catching up on each other’s news. Most of her family lives in west Tennessee, although one sister drives up from Decatur, Alabama. Grandson, Kellan (Keith’s son) came for a visit recently. Mary also has an 8 year old great grandson who is hard to keep up with – especially during baseball season! Mary is not driving anymore and appreciates Keith serving as chauffeur (as well as helping in many other ways).

Nancy Wheatley (Huntingdon, TN): I have recovered from my November knee replacement. Tuesday is supposed to be sunny and 80 degrees. I plan to go to the golf course for at least 9 holes! This will be my first time since late last summer. My biggest news as of late is that Lisa, my next-door neighbor granddaughter, is now in Senegal, Africa with the Peace Corps! She will be there for 2 years teaching business. She will be living with a family, but, that assignment has not been made yet. I would ask all who read this letter to be in prayer for her that her time there will be constructive, helpful and that she will be safe. She assures her family that she will be. I love seeing nature coming into full bloom.

Tom & Mary Perkins (Dyersburg, TN): I’m back in the pulpit for a while. I have been supplying for Richard Carruth, who recently passed away. I do love preaching far more than retirement. Mary likes the activity of the pastorate as well. I have had good news from Cokesbury. They will be handling my books in their catalog as soon as Ingramsparks gets them in the proper format. I’m working on "TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION," right now. I like to write and will do it even if no one else reads it. Writing and publishing means little, unless you actually write something that many people want to read. I encourage everyone to write. I’m firmly in the undiscovered writer stage. I sell a few but not enough to buy a badge that says, I’m a writer. Write for yourself and you will be happy. I can give advice on the publishing process. My advice is free and may be worth it.

Joe and Julia Thornton (Brownsville, TN): One of the many privileges Becky and I enjoy as part of the "Taylors of Camp Meeting" is our time with outstanding preachers who have blessed our heritage with powerful preaching. For an entire week in July we are inspired and challenged by some of United Methodism's most noted pulpit-persons. Recently we were further privileged by having Dr. Ellsworth Kalas come back to us for keeps when he accepted our invitation to be buried in the family cemetery. Dr. Kalas served as our guest preacher many times over the span of 50 years. He was a well-known and received as preacher, teacher and author of many books. The Kalas' family respected Ellsworth's tenure with the camp meeting cousins and also welcomed his decision to remain on site. For purposes of selecting the appropriate headstone and verbiage, we worked with the family and decided on the following inscription, one that says less about his accomplishments and more about his faith:

J. Ellsworth Kalas
February 14, 1923-November 12, 2015
"Now on a higher plane I dwell, and with my soul I know 'tis well"

Beverlyann Jetton: (Jackson, TN): This spring I enjoyed a wonderful drive through The Smoky Mountain National Park on the way to see my daughter and her family in Virginia. I broke my trip in Pigeon Forge so that I could enjoy a beautiful sunrise in the mountains (albeit a little chilly in late March). May brings a trip to Germany to see my son and his family. I will be attending their church family
retreat/Bible Study. Hopefully there will be enough people who speak English – my German is quite limited. I found a great fare through Iceland Air that allows me to spend several days in Iceland on the way to Germany. I will look strange leaving the Orlando airport with my winter coat! I am looking forward to this adventure.

Bob Moore, Reporter (B Jetton substituting)

Julia King (Murfreesboro, TN): is staying very busy. She is gearing up for another long summer of lawn mowing. We both wondered why we purchased a house with such a big yard! She enjoys playing Dominos several times a month. Her specialty is Mexican Train. She enjoys taking day trips with her Sunday School class. They have been to The Country Music Hall of Fame, several plays at the Cumberland Playhouse in Crossville, and to the Pearl Museum in Camden. Having grown up in Benton County the Pearl Museum and Birdsong Marina were not new to her but she was amazed how much things have changed. She will not be able to make it to Conference this year but sends her greeting to all her friends. “If you are ever in Murfreesboro, look me up”.

Lloyd Doyal Jr. (Franklin, TN) enjoys getting the News ‘N’ Views, appreciates our call, and sends his greetings. (Editor’s note: I enjoyed spending the weekend with Lloyd’s daughter-in-law, Clare Doyal, at the recent clergy spouse retreat at Lakeshore. I appreciate her friendship).

Clayton & Charlotte Davis (Shalimar, FL): I had a delightful conservation first with Charlotte and later with Clayton. Most of Clayton’s career was in serving as a Chaplain in the Navy and with the Veteran Administration. After retiring from the VA in Louisville, KY in 1997 the Davis’ moved to Florida hoping the change in climate would help Mrs. Davis respiratory condition. Clayton has carried an attitude of servanthood with him into retirement. After his wife passed away God blessed Clayton with another helpmate, Charlotte. Charlotte comes from Pulaski, TN and they met while serving in the same Florida church. The Davis’ keep a very active calendar: facilitating a prayer group and a grief recovery group, serving homebound communion, and working in the church’s soup kitchen. Illness has kept them away from Conference for several years but they are looking forward to attending this year. I am looking forward to meeting them and putting faces to what has been just a name on my calling list.

Deborah Morris, Reporter (B. Jetton substituting)

Jennie Doss (Jackson, TN) says she is feeling like a new woman after an emergency cardiac pacemaker implant three weeks ago. She is still on limited activity but the difference in her energy level is remarkable. I enjoyed a long conversation with Jennie and found that we have mutual friends. Jennie is active at Aldersgate UMC and enjoys participating in a Bible study there. She is living with her son and has a daughter in McKenzie. Her grandchildren are grown and now enjoys seeing her great granddaughter grow up.

I reached Marsha Dorgan (Murray, KY) way out in Colorado Springs. Phone reception was poor so we were not able to talk long. Her daughter recently moved to Colorado and Marsha plans to split her time between Colorado and Murray, KY. The weather is unpredictable there – one day it was 70 and the next morning they awoke under 2 inches of snow!

David and Deborah Morris (Humboldt, TN): David has had a little set back – a light stroke. Deborah says it is nothing like the major stroke he suffered several years ago. He is progressing at home with physical therapy and slowly regaining his strength. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. They have traveled this road before and it is never easy.
Joann Garner (Bartlett, TN): Joann and I played phone tag for several days but finally connected and had a delightful conversation. Joann was widowed for several years when she met her husband Palmer, a retired Methodist minister from the Arkansas Conference. After moving to Memphis to be with Joann, Palmer maintained a relationship with the Arkansas Conference and with his colleagues there. He became active in the Schoolhouse UMC in Memphis where Joann had been a member for many years. After Palmer passed away in 1998, Joann downsized and moved closer to family in Bartlett. When Schoolhouse UMC closed she joined the Bartlett UMC. Joann enjoys reading the News ‘N’ Views. Although she is not the “traditional” minister’s wife, she enjoys reading of the many ministers who served in the Memphis area, especially those who were affiliated with Schoolhouse.

I have been unable to contact William Copeland or Gene Davenport

Harold and Linda Montgomery, Reporter

When you are reading the work of this reporter he will have celebrated birthday number eighty-five. Time does indeed fly

Your reporter enjoyed a pleasant telephone visit with Mrs. John Holt (Memphis, TN). John & Robbie are living, as we all must, one day at a time leaning on the Everlasting Arms of a loving Heavenly Father.

Jim and Ida Holmes (Memphis, TN): are enjoying life in the Heritage Community Irene. Jim enjoys playing bridge with a Presbyterian minister neighbor. I can’t help wondering if the outcomes might be predestined. They had recently had an enjoyable visit with their son in Decatur, Georgia.

Larry Humbert reported no news from Stanton, TN. That must mean that all is well there.

Ruby Crockett (Jackson, TN) continues to reside in Maplewood Healthcare Center. Please remember this sweet lady in your prayers.

I was not able to contact Wayne and Judy Holmes (Milan, TN). We hope that all is well with them.

Joe Moseley, Reporter

Myra Horton Bennett is doing well and send her greetings.

Robert & Jackie Gardner (Paris, TN): Robert Gardner reports that he is adjusting well and have a great time in retirement. He and Jackie recently went on a 3 day trip to Peridido Beach Resort overlooking the Gulf of Mexico (job related trip for Jackie) in Orange Beach, Alabama. While Jackie spent a good part of her day reviewing the latest in technology education, Robert spent time on the beach watching the surfers and occasionally getting his feet wet in the ocean. When asked and available, he sub-teaches at the College of Technology in Paris. He also volunteers as one of the teachers for the Senior Adult Sunday school class at First Church in Murray, KY. He loves to devotionally read the Bible as the Word of God for the people of God.

Fred S. & Ann Lou French (Paducah, KY): I have found my calling as a retired United Methodist Minister: I visit the two local hospitals (Baptist Health and Lourdes) every morning, seven days a week, to call on United Methodist patients. I usually find 15 and 20 folks who have listed their church preference as Methodist. Patients come from Southern Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, and Kentucky. I visit each as a United Methodist Minister; and they respond accordingly, and we learn their local congregation, and speak of their involvement. Some request prayer, and most enjoy the relationship. I offer to get in touch with their minister if he/she have not been around. Many
I have met before, either as a former member, or from past hospital visits.

**Donnie & Nancy Harden (Everywhere, USA!):** We had the very rare opportunity to be home for Easter Sunday and attend the truly United Methodist Church worship service at First Church in Martin, TN. The historical hymns, Service of Baptism and Holy Communion, uplifting sermon by Randy Cooper, and post worship fellowship was an experience! We were delighted our granddaughter, Victoria Ary, confirmed her faith with 7 other youth! We also enjoyed a wonderful visit with my family in Dyersburg before returning to work in Georgia on Monday. (Editor’s note: Donnie and Nancy traded in the pulpit for an 18 wheeler and travel the lower 48. I never know where I will find them. The modern trend is for tiny houses – but the sleeper in an 18 wheeler is taking that to extremes!)

**Joe and Carol Moseley (Atoka, TN):** The Moseleys are looking forward to warmer days. I’m excited about starting a small vegetable garden. I’m advancing well with my recovery from Guillain Barre’ syndrome (an auto immune neurological disorder). I’m driving again! Yea!!! On March 7th I drove to Nashville for an endurance test to see if I could go long distances. This was to see if we could make an already scheduled trip to Cooperstown, NY to watch one of our grandsons play in a baseball tournament. One of the hardest things to give up was church. My doctor said my resistance was still low and I should avoid large crowds in the flu season. So from mid-November until Easter Sunday we stayed home. And even though flu season hasn’t quite ended, we’re back and loving it even more. I was really looking forward to Annual Conference just to let everyone see how well I am doing but then it got rescheduled from the first of June to the middle which is when we had already scheduled our Cooperstown trip. So, please know I’m really, really doing well but still ask for your prayers. Most of all thanks for the prayers you have already lifted up. Blessings to all the retirees and the Memphis Annual Conference.

**Bill and Marcia Tate (Jackson, TN):** In our house.......Bill and I are doing well. Bill has been having some stomach problems and has been having some tests. We had a very dear friend to pass away this past week and that has been a hard time. She was a close friend to Marcia especially. We have been doing a lot of yard work getting the patio ready for having friends over. :) Enjoying as much time as we are allowed to spend with our grandchildren. They are truly a joy.

**John & Becky Middleton (Lexington, TN):** We are doing well! I have taken a few online courses and, for the most part, have enjoyed them. The two online courses I have taken recently were both related to poetry. The first was "Literature and Mental Health." The practice is called 'bibliotherapy,' and there is a lot of research and popular literature. One place to start is an anthology titled "The Emergency Poet," ed. by Deborah Alma. The course I'm taking now is The Art of Poetry, a more general and much more difficult study. In any case, I have enjoyed doing online courses and recommend them whatever your field of interest. Becky, who is struggling with M.S., got a good report from her neurologist. Her main problem continues to be mobility, but she has made a couple of recent shopping trips with one of her friends. Our
daughter, Sara will be up from Atlanta in April for Becky's birthday.

Jacque Stricker, Reporter

H.B and Rosie Fields (Paris, TN): said everything was going well at the Eva United Methodist church. The church is strengthening and slowly growing. Rosie and H.B have been sick with allergies but doing better. They are busy working/fixing/rebuilding their home and feeding 8 calves and one mule. (I know a comment could be made about who the mule is, but for once -maybe twice in my life, I will keep quiet.)

Zada Russ (Nashville, TN): Zada spent about 6 weeks with her siblings in Biloxi, MS. thus enjoying a slightly warmer winter. She is so thankful for every opportunity she has to visit and spend times with her brothers and sisters. Everything is going well right now. She enjoys participating in Wednesday night Bible Study, Sunday School and Church. Recently she was in Jackson, TN to celebrate one of her great grandbaby’s first birthday. She says from now on that is what they will be doing-going to grandchildren’s birthday parties (Grands and great grands have a way of multiplying!). Zada said she just finished the book “Walk to Beautiful” by Jimmy Wayne (singer/songwriter). She really enjoyed the book.

Harold and Jacque Stricker (Cottage Grove, TN): are apparently like everyone else on my calling list and aren’t doing very much. I haven’t hoisted Harold up in the tractor bucket for a couple of weeks. I wonder how the conversation will go with EMS explaining why I did it. We celebrated my dad’s 93rd birthday in March when my nephew and his family came for a visit from Florida. Both of our daughters and their families and our youngest son and his family came for the weekend. I love family gatherings! We really haven’t been anywhere to write about, or have done anything exciting. Just taking each day as they come and do what we do when we feel like it. The weather is warming (and I am sooo thankful) which means yard work, but I am OK with that.

Ozella Sykes (Puryear, TN): She is feeling pretty good. She is 94 years old and I hope I am able to be as sharp as she is. I always enjoy talking with Ozella!

Joe and Bernice Walker (Springville, TN): are doing fine. Their son, Joe Jr., comes frequently. Bernice said they aren’t doing much right now but are looking forward to being out more in the spring and summer.
I was unable to reach Rick and Mary Jane King.

Jenna Garland, Reporter

Nell Dotson (Kirksey, KY): says she is doing well. She is busy doing all the “routine stuff” that has just got to be done. The list seems endless somedays! She enjoyed her Easter and is looking forward to spring.

I talked to Fay Garrett (Murray, KY) and she said she stayed in ICU for eight days with pneumonia, was in the hospital for eleven days and came home with home health on a walker because of poor balance. She is doing much better now but will take quite a while to completely get well. She is taking it very easy right now. We pray she will soon be back to normal.

Carol Craig (Evansville, ID – Hazel, KY): had to cancel her trip to California this spring because her friend’s mother died in Vincennes, IN. She went there to the visitation and to be with her friend, Debbie. She has recently returned from a trip to Memphis to see Paul & his wife Erin. They are expecting a baby girl this summer and are very excited about that.
I spoke with Glenn & Georgia Ann Hill (Murray, KY): she said they had a close call with an isolated tornado which took half of the roof of their son’s house next door. She said they did not hear anything and the man who lived there called and asked if they were alright and they did not know what he was talking about. Their son was not hurt because he had just gone into another part of the house and it took exactly half of the roof where he had just left. Tornadoes are really strange. They have the new roof on but are still cleaning up the debris. Of course Georgia has been helping.

I talked with Bill & Sue McKinney (Dexter, KY): They are keeping busy keeping great grandchildren (exhausting but a joy). Coupled with church work, their schedule is very busy. She and Robert both had good checkups at the doctor, so that was good news.

Yours truly, Jenna Garland (Hazel, KY): has had multiple doctors’ appointments for checkups. I go every three months to the eye doctor and every six months to my primary care doctor and they just happened to all come at the same time. I think everything will be fine. Spring is a beautiful time of year. My flowers have been especially pretty this spring. I thank God every day for being able to get up and do my own work and for all the blessings he pours upon each of us. There is a small group who meet in my home every Sunday night for prayer and Bible Study. I go to choir practice and prayer meeting every Wednesday night at church. I still volunteer when they need me at Life House Care Center at Murray on Thursday from one o’clock till three or when we get finished with what they have for us to do. I also read about 4 books every two weeks. They are large print so it doesn’t take too long. Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Jesus is definitely alive! I could not make it one minute without Him. God bless

I left a message with Robert and Doris Saywell and Dan Leslie but have not heard from them.

Gail Gaddie, Reporter

Editor’s Note: Please keep Gail and Bill Gaddie in your prayers. At publication time Bill was hospitalized with generalized weakness.

It was good to talk with Evelyn Brady. She lives in the Wesley Meadows Retirement Center in Hernando, MS 38632. Her address is 1325 McIrgvale Rd., Apt 110. She says it is a nice place and she likes it and is doing well. She enjoys worship on Sunday afternoons sponsored by the Hernando UMC. She has recently broken her leg and is on a walker and will later be in rehab. Her son Mike lives in Southaven and her daughter Carol lives in Olive Branch so they are both nearby. She would love to hear from you.

David and Jan Lewis (Bartlett, TN): Prior to my retirement in 2015, I was serving as the Senior Vice President and Senior Ministry Strategist for Horizons Stewardship Company. Although I have retired from that as my appointment, I continue to serve in this capacity with Horizons on a volunteer basis. When I left the local church to work with Horizons, it gave me opportunities to become more and more involved in my mission programs. Sixteen years ago, I formed Seeds Ministries to support mission programs by providing expertise, equipment, and financial support to Christian ministries. We have built churches, computer labs, provided medical and surgical support. This has allowed me to work in more than 25 countries on three continents. I enjoy leading a medical mission team annually through the Baptist College of Health Sciences for their nursing and allied health students. It is a joy to see these budding young professionals grow. I also work with Crosspoint of India, Inc. to provide financial support to fund work in India. We have built two separate campuses, a 300 acre working farm, a Bible School; an orphanage, two secular schools; and two Christian churches. I work as the Executive Director of Crosslink Memphis which provides free medical supplies and low cost medicines for Christian medical mission teams. We average serving 150 international medical mission teams working in over 60 countries. A final ministry I am engaged in is the WiseHeart Foundation, Inc.
WiseHeart exits to help faith based non-profits with resources and strategies to grow their mission. We work with donors to increase the impact of their giving through God-honoring ministries, and to help them grow their ability to give more. Gail, this is what I am doing in retirement. But I DO take time to fish, enjoy my Grands and my kids, and spend time with Jan. Life is indeed full.

Pat Calhoun, Reporter

Jane Edwards (Newbern, TN): Like many of us, Jane loves to work in the yard. The warmer weather is making her eager to get back outside. Jane’s daughter, Mary Ann will be visiting from Georgia. Jane is excited about her visit. Although Jane drives locally, she no longer makes the long drive to Georgia.

Frank and Ann Gardner (Martin, TN) have had a rough year so far – each have lost a sister within days of each other. I know this is a difficult time for both families. Frank and Ann drove to Florida in March to attend their grandson’s graduation for welding school. They got back just in time for Easter. They were excited to have 133 attending the combined Sunrise service at Stanley’s Chapel and Gardner Church.

Linda Morphis (Medina, TN) is “doing well and can’t complain”. She enjoyed Easter with her family and they all went to Natchez Trace. Linda babysits for her great grandson, Coltan. This is a pleasure for her.

Betty Young (Newbern, TN) has been to Dustin, Florida and had a wonderful time. Her son drove 13 hours to pick her up and then drove 13 hours back to Florida. That in itself was a great gift! Both Betty and her son celebrated birthdays on April 6.

Estell Morgan (Atoka, TN) will be celebrating her mother’s 100 birthday. Her mother lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico along with several other family members. They are planning a big celebration. Estell’s son and daughter-in-law recently moved to England – her daughter-in-law’s home country. Estell had the opportunity to travel to England for a visit.

Sarah Moore (Trenton, TN): In November 2015, Sarah moved to the Harlan-Morris Assisted Living and loves the new arrangement. There are lots of social activities that she enjoys. She plans to sell her home in Trenton, TN soon. Sarah feels well but has to watch her balance. She is using a cane to keep a steady gait. As she is downsizing, Sarah is faced the dilemma of what to do with Rufus’ extensive library. If you know anyone interested in the books please give Sarah a call (731-803-9153). Sarah has been selected to ride on the Harlan-Morris float in the Tea Pot and Strawberry Festival parades. That sounds like a lot of fun!

Mary Margaret Morgan (Trenton, TN): I had a long chat with Mary Margaret. We met a few years ago through a mutual friend so it was good to have a chance to talk again. Mary has had a full and interesting life. Mary trained as a nurse but quickly realized that she felt the call to ministry. Her early training in nursing served her well in allowing her to care for both husbands. After her husband passed away, Mary Margaret married Charlie Morgan in 2008 (He also is deceased). In the past, Mary has had a stroke and recently a fracture knee that required extensive rehab. With her bubbly personality she said “You just can’t keep a good lady down”! Mary recently attended a revival meeting hosted by Gibson Wells, Eaton, and Brazil UMC. Our friend Judd Mowery preached and did a wonderful job.

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Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.

You cannot unsay a cruel word

Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
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1. Go to Goodwill and buy a pair of size 14-16 men’s work boots put some mud on them.
2. Place them on your front porch, along with a copy of Guns & Ammo Magazine
3. Put four giant dog dishes next to the boots and magazines.
4. Leave a note on your door that reads:

Bubba, Me and Virgil, T-Bone, and Jimmy Earl went for more ammo and a gallon of sweet tea. Be back in an hour. Don't mess with the pit bulls. They got the mailman this morning and messed him up bad. I don't think Killer took part, but it was hard to tell from all the blood. Anyway, I locked all four of 'em in the house. B

HANDYMAN HUSBAND

On a cold winter morning, wife texts husband: "WINDOWS FROZEN, WON'T OPEN"
Husband texts back: "POUR SOME LUKE WARM WATER OVER IT AND TAP GENTLY ALONG THE EDGES WITH A HAMMER" Five minutes later wife texts husband "COMPUTER REALLY SCREWED UP NOW"

Submitted by Harold Montgomery

June 28th is the official moving day –
aren’t you glad you’re retired

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