

# Mural and new stained glass windows donated by artists bless Friendship

By CYNTHIA DAVIS  
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Over the past couple of months, Friendship United Methodist Church in Millington, Tenn., has been in the spirit of celebration.

First, Dr. Bob Canady, a retired professor and avid painter, designed and installed beautiful stained glass windows in the entire sanctuary. Giving has become a way of life for Dr. Canady and his wife, Dr. Shirley Raines, president of the University of Memphis.

Dr. Canady graciously purchased all the materials and painstakingly designed the scenes for the windows. The designs depicted twelve of the most poignant events in scripture. Canady then translated the designs into twelve beautiful stained glass windows.

Following a Consecration Service, a reception was held in the fellowship hall and a plaque of gratitude presented to Dr. Canady.

Mr. Johnny Nathaniel, a local religious artist, magnificently painted a mural in vary-



Left: Johnny Nathaniel, a religious artist, painted a mural for Friendship UMC that portrays the three methods of baptism recognized by the Methodist tradition.

Below: Dr. Shirley Raines, president of the University of Memphis, receives a corsage from Valerie Murphy. Dr. Bob Canady, retired professor, stained glass artist, and Raines' husband, is seated to the right. Canady received a plaque for filling the Friendship UMC sanctuary with twelve beautiful stained glass windows.



ing shades of purple to match the sanctuary of our new one-year-old building.

The painting portrayed the three methods of baptism based on the Methodist tradition. Immersion, pouring and sprinkling are all done in subdued tones with the illumination of light from

heaven shining on each depiction.

Friendship has been tremendously blessed by the talents of these superb artists and their commitment to doing work in the local church as their ministry. •



## South Pleasant Grove Sunday School Class stocks shelves at Needline

The ladies of the Tri-M Sunday School class of South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church recently restocked the shelves of Needline, a local pantry that serves the needy of their Murray, Ky. area.

Jane Jackson, a member of South Pleasant Grove, says their local Needline recently moved to a new location.

"Needline is one of the charity organizations supported by our church," Jackson said. "We donate food and other supplies as

well as our service."

Pictured with the well stocked shelves, to the left, are (left to right) Diane Clark, Glenda Hill, Belinda Elliot, Janice Rogers, Donna Jackson, Nancy Overbey and Martha Butterworth.

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## Beauty of Galilean Service lifted spirits in East Dyersburg

By CATHY FARMER

The Rev. Dale Mills, balanced in a fishing boat with his Bible in his hand, preached to the congregation of East Dyersburg United Methodist Church which was gathered on the shore of a lake outside Dyersburg, Tenn.

"Rev. Mills led the congregation in a Galilean Service," wrote Pat Rice, church secretary. "He explained that this is a service where the pastor preaches from a boat just as Jesus did from the Sea of Galilee."

The lake and beautiful country setting was provided by Jeff Johnson, son of East Dyersburg members James and Gloria Johnson. The service followed a fellowship picnic.

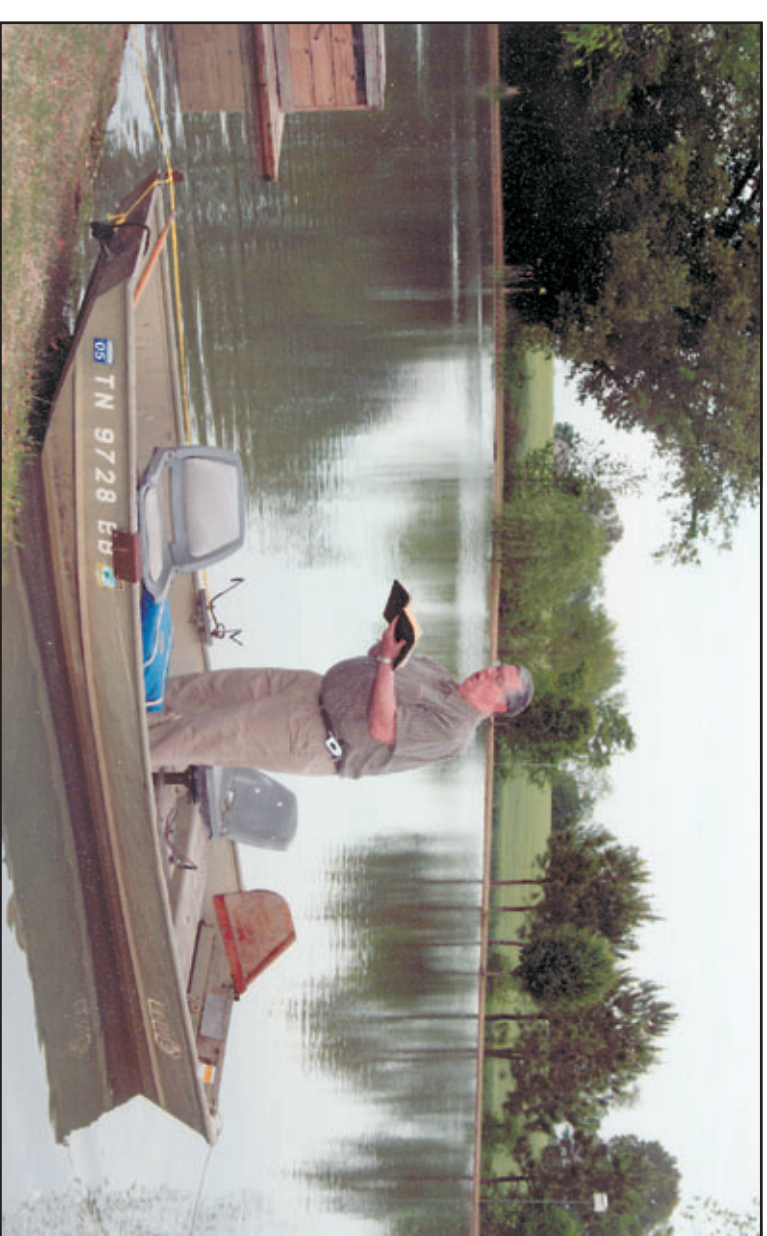
Choir director James Cooper and pianist Betsy Cooper led the music. Betsy played her accordion, an instrument many of the children had never seen played before.

"One of the youth remarked that it was awesome!" Rice reported.

The Galilean Service was well received by the Dyersburg congregation.

"There has recently been so much damage and devastation from storms in our community that to experience such a beautiful and peaceful service seemed to lift spirits and remind us of the greatness of God and His creation," Rice said. •

For a detailed description of the service, call Mills at 731-285-1527.



Above: The Rev. Dale Mills preached to the East Dyersburg UMC congregation gathered on the shore of a beautiful lake. The peaceful service blessed a group shaken by recent tornadoes.



Left: Betsy Cooper, East Dyersburg UMC pianist, accompanied the singing with her accordion, an instrument the youth of the church called, "Awesome!"

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