Woolgathering

Matthew 6: 6  But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

My favorite Science Fiction Author is Frank Herbert. What I consider as some of his best works include the books, Dune, Dune Messiah, Children of Dune, God Emperor of Dune, Heretics of Dune and finally Chapterhouse Dune. These books involve a main character Paul Atreides and the storyline covers thousands of years. Paul had a son, Leto II who eventually becomes the emperor. In the book, God Emperor of Dune, there is a scene between Leto and his good friend Duncan. In their conversation, Duncan is not paying attention to what Leto is saying. Leto asks him “Duncan, are you woolgathering?”

Woolgathering-time is when you let your mind rest. It can mean to daydream or time to give your mind a Sabbath moment.

We all need Sabbath in our lives. Jesus illustrates this best when he says for us to go into a private place to pray. He reminds us that we need time apart and alone with our Father in Heaven. When Jesus heard the news about the death his cousin John, Jesus left the Disciples and went off by Himself. A Sabbath moment is a time of refreshment by the Holy Spirit. It is a time of stillness in the presence of God. It is a pause in our lives. We can take a deep breath and know that God surrounds us, holds us and takes good care of us.

It is not bad to be woolgathering. Sabbath!! We all need this time with God.

Shalom
Pastor Dale

Covenant Prayer Group!!!!!!!

Did you know that Spring City United Methodist Church has a Covenant Prayer Group? We are thankful that David and Joyce Eicher host the prayer group in their home. David and Joyce live at 715 Williams Drive. The group shares together, reads the Word together and prays together. The group gathers at 2:00 on Monday afternoon. Please come if you are interested in becoming a part of this group. If you need a ride, there is always someone leaving the Church parking lot around 1:30 p.m.

“Let’s Do Lunch” gets $3,500 Grant

CLIFF AMOS, DIRECTOR OF GIFT PLANNING, PRESENTS ALTHEA MOLONEY THE GRANT CHECK AS PASTOR DALE LOOKS ON.

Have you been hearing about the new program “Let’s Do Lunch”? It is designed for our church ladies who will reach the age of 65 or over by the end of this year. Donna Barber and Althea Moloney, co-chairpersons, applied for and received a grant for start-up funds for this new program from the Holston Conference Foundation’s Margaret Loving Trust.

“Let’s Do Lunch” will be luncheons on the third Tuesday of each month catered by Pat Banks. They will feature a light lunch, brief devotion, and a program centered around things of interest to our ladies. Our hope is that this nurturing atmosphere will provide an opportunity to develop relationships and provide a ladies’ support system within the church family.

The “Let’s Do Lunch” first meeting will be August 19 with guest speaker Mayor Mary Sue Garrison bringing us information about the Spring City Historical Museum at the Depot. Invitations will be sent out August 4 and RSVP’s are expected by Thursday, August 14. There is no charge, but we must have reservations for our caterer. If you are 65 years or over and do not receive an invitation, it is because the church computer does not have your birthday. Please call the church office and give Judith your birthday for the computer and we will be pleased to include you on our guests list. We don’t want to leave anyone out.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Please welcome the following new members into our church family:

Marc Klein  
Kathy Klein  
P.O. Box 128  
Spring City, TN 37381  
Phone: 365-6644  
Marc and Kathy joined on July 13.

Penny Rice  
452 West Jackson Avenue  
P.O. Box 564  
Spring City, TN 37381  
Phone: 452-0386  
Penny joined on July 20

We are pleased to have them join our fellowship. If you have not met them, please introduce yourself and make them feel at home.

PASTOR DALE AT SCHOOL
Our pastor will be out of the office Tuesday, July 29 until Friday, August 8 attending the School of Congregational Development in Grand Rapids. While Pastor Dale is out of town, Rev. Don Allison will be on stand-by for any emergencies. On Sunday, August 3, Loyal Cornelius will be bringing our Sunday morning message. Everyone always enjoys having Loyal in the pulpit. Thank you, Don and Loyal, for your help.

There will be no Bible Study on Sunday evening, August 3.

WELCOME BASKETS
The Adult Ministries committee plans to present welcome baskets to new persons that come to our church. It will contain maps of the area, information about our church, cookies and/or treats as well as a section that is listed as “Methodists in Action in Spring City”. This will include any local Methodist business that would like to be like to be included. Please send your business name, what service you provide, address, phone number, and owner’s name the church office in writing within the next two weeks. Thank you for your help with this new program. If you have questions or need further information, contact Terry McBrayer at 503-7247.

THANK YOU, ED BRUCE!
The church wishes to thank Ed Bruce for the marvelous job he did last Sunday morning, July 20 with his mini-concert and testimony. He was indeed a blessing to all that attended and we had a record crowd. Thank you, Ed.

CHARGE CONFERENCE
Charge Conference will be Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. here at our church. Our church is required to have all forms in the District Office by 10:00 a.m. on September 10. If your committee needs to meet before Charge Conference, please make plans now. The deadline for your information to be in the church office is Wednesday, August 27. This will allow the office six working days to prepare all forms, copy and collate information and prepare books before the September 10 deadline. Your kind cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

LITTLE MISS BELLA
Roiya Haerr want everybody to know that she now has a little sister!

Bella Magdalena Haerr was born July 21 weighing 8 lbs. 10 1/2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Bella’s parents are Greg and Amy Haerr. Her grandparents are Chris and Carolyn Haerr. Congratulations to all.

Welcome little Bella and congratulations to Roiya on becoming a “big sister”.

LAY LEADERSHIP (NOMINATING COMMITTEE)
This committee will meet August 11 at 7 p.m. in the parlor to finalize the 2009 church leadership positions before Charge Conference.

SUPER SATURDAY
The next Super Saturday will be August 23 from 2-4 p.m. in the Family Life Center. It's back-to-school time so take a break and have some Saturday fun.

This is a time for all children age 4 through 5th Grade to enjoy skating (bring your own skates), movies, crafts, games, devotions and refreshments. If you haven’t tried it yet, call a friend or two to come with you.
**August 2008**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 6-8 p.m. Youth Group (UMYF)

**3**
- 12th Sunday after Pentecost – Red
  - 11:00 Loyal Cornelius, speaker
  - No Bible Study
  - 6:00 Youth

**4**
- 2:00 Prayer Group
  - @ David & Joyce Eicher’s home

**5**
- 6:00 School Starts
  - 6:00- Youth

**6**
- School of Congregational Development
  - July 29-Aug 7

**7**
- 1:30 Circle III

**11**
- 12th Sunday after Pentecost – White
  - 2:00 Prayer Group
  - @ David & Joyce Eicher’s home

**12**
- 7:00 Nominating Committee

**13**
- 7:15 Trustees Meeting – Parlor

**18**
- 12th Sunday after Pentecost – Red
  - 3:00 MDO Orientation – FLC
  - 6:00 Bible Study
  - 6:00 Youth

**19**
- 2:00 Prayer Group
  - @ David & Joyce Eicher’s home

**20**
- 6:00 Youth

**26**
- 8:30 Mothers’ Day Out

**27**
- Charge Conference Deadline
  - 6:00- Youth
  - 7:00- Choir

**The Family Life Center is open Monday—Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for walkers.**
**Barbeque and Bagels**

Barbeque and Bagels is the name of the traveling exhibit that is on display at the new Spring City Historical Museum at the Depot. The exhibit shows the history of Jews in Tennessee such as Dinah Shore, UT’s Bruce Pearl and more. The exhibit will run through Sunday, July 27 and end with a reception from noon to 4 p.m. on that day. Everyone is invited to visit the exhibit and attend the reception.

**Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School is running this week each night starting with dinner at 6 p.m. and ending each night at 8:30 p.m. We have had very good attendance. The children are bringing their money each night to send to Zwedru, Liberia to help build a school for the children there and to help with scholarships.

This year’s theme is “Surfing through the Scriptures” and the children are enjoying the Beach Party fun.

The Bible School program will be this Sunday morning, July 27 at the 11:00 a.m. service. All parents and friends are invited to see what the children learned at VBS this year.

**Remember in Prayer**

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- **Mary Hale** (Virginia Hale’s daughter-in-law)
- **John Keever** (Theresa Lisa’s uncle)
- **Michelle Lawrence** (Jeanne De Croce’s daughter)
- **Mary Martin** - S.C. Health Care Rm 711 (Millie Orr’s friend)
- **Austin Nowell** (Sharon Cowart’s nephew)
- **Dave Parks** (Karate instructor)
- **Gwen Alice Reece** (Kathleen Reece’s sister-in-law)
- **Joe Reece** (Beth Keylon’s uncle)
- **Daniel Watters** (Al & Garnett Watters son)

- The Family of **Eula Henley**
- The Family of **Pearl Nowell** (Sharon Cowart’s mother)
- The Family of **Baby Keylon Tolliver** (Diann Foutz’s grandson)

The Family of **Jim Ed Tallent**

**Sympathy to Al Watters’ family in the death of his brother.**

If you wish to place a loved one or friend on the prayer list, please call the church office or add them online at the website: springcityunitedmethodistchurch.com

The prayer list will be updated monthly and names removed. If the need still exists, please add them back each month. Thank you for helping us keep our prayer list current.

**Pray for Our Military**

- **Kimberly Bowyer** (John & Sam Hanson’s granddaughter)
- **Cherokee Brown** (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s granddaughter)
- **Tanner Cheek** (MDO teacher Vickie Cheek’s son)
- **Doug Hanson** (John & Sam Hanson’s son)
- **Ben Johnston** (Elizabeth Alexander’s grandson)
- **Amy Kester** (Richard Trail’s cousin)
- **Charles Krumweide** (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s nephew)
- **Aaron D. Mooneyhan** (June Pitman’s grandson)
- **Martin Morgan** (Frances Morgan’s son)
- **William McClenaghan** (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s son-in-law)
- **Joel McCormick** (Jim & Lois McCormick’s son)
- **Ben McDonald** (Katie McDonald’s grandson)
- **Colby Nelson** (Leon & Nancy Hicks grandson)
- **Brandon Pride**
- **Bobby Reece** (Kathleen Reece’s son)
- **Andrew Reed & Tom Reed** (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
- **John Cody Robinson** (Virginia Hale’s grandson)
- **Earl Schaller** (George & Phyllis Schaller’s grandson)
- **Chris Stephenson** (Ed & Helen Stephenson’s grandson)
- **Thomas R. Taylor** (Marilyn Cooksey’s daughter-in-law’s brother)
- **Daniel Wermer** (Rosalind Booker’s grandson)
- **William Wilkey** (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s grandson)
- **Nick Williams** (George & Phyllis Schaller’s nephew)

Please send the church a picture of your Military loved one and their APO address. These will be published on the new website as well as the Pictorial Directory to be done in the fall. Cards will also be sent to the ones we have addresses. Help us let our troops know they have our support.
In the next few weeks, we will be circulating cards asking for your best wishes to be sent to our “Servicepersons”. This is our attempt to tell them we love them, acknowledge them, and honor them for their service. We need APO addresses for each. If you have a military loved one on our prayer list, please send their address to the church office or email it to springcityunited@bellsouth.com. We can’t do it without your help. If you have questions, contact Terry McBrayer.

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