The affirmation came to Peter about who Jesus is. This is startling, shocking, and amazing news. Jesus is the Son of the living God. This statement from Peter was not only a statement of fact but also of faith. Once we make this same kind of affirmation our lives we are forever changed. Jesus is the Son of the living God and the Savior of our lives. This radical transformation changes us into a new creation. The challenge for all of us is how we will witness this new life in Christ. Being a witness, is declaring to the world who Jesus is. If we profess Christ, we need to live (witness) for Christ. If we are not witnessing (living) for Christ then what is the focus of our witness?

Shalom
Pastor Dale

BIBLE STUDY STARTS NEW SERIES
Everything you ever wanted to know about the book of Romans. We are starting a new series beginning on September 7th. Come join us every Sunday night at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. --Pastor Dale

HOMECOMING
Homecoming will be September 21. The Church will provide the meat, bread, and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring covered dishes. You are invited to the Family Life Center after morning worship to share a family meal and fellowship.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER
Joyce Eicher Chuck McIllwain
Lorene Fourman Helen Miko
Norman Fourman Kathleen Reece
Marla Hinzman Bill Scholz

Jack Allison (Don Allison’s brother)
Ronald Brown (Beth Keylon’s father)
Mary Hale (Virginia Hale’s daughter-in-law)
Carolyn Hesselbach (Carl & Kay’s daughter)
Ann Jones (Sharon Cowart’s friend)
Austin Nowell (Sharon Cowart’s nephew)
Kristin Pettway (Penny Rice’s niece)
Gwen Alice Reece (Kathleen Reece’s sister-in-law)
Tracey Rose (Chris’ wife, Ken & Barbara Rose’s daughter-in-law)
Joe Reece (Beth Keylon’s uncle)
Sherry May (Angie Rose’s sister-in-law)
Georgia Speers (Dorothy Hasting’s aunt)

Family of Rawlston Hixson (Beverly Allison’s brother)

If you wish to place a loved one or friend on the prayer list, please call the church office. The prayer list will be updated monthly and names removed.

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)

PRAYER WORKS
Tanner returned to Italy from Afghanistan last week. Never doubt that prayer works. Tanner’s battalion lost 10 men during his last two weeks in Afghanistan. It was an incredibly dangerous time. The unit who took over their position has already lost 4 men. Hopefully, Tanner will be home permanently within the next three months. John also returned to Virginia from his tour in Iraq this summer, although he’ll be redeploying again somewhere next spring. I’ll get their new addresses to you as soon as possible. Thank you for keeping my guys and all our military in your prayers.

Vickie Cheek, MDO teacher
SEPTEMBER

Irene Alexander 2 Tracey Rose 18 Scott Henderson 29
Eddie Boles 19 David Gilliam 19 Pete Johnson 29
Jack Phillips 3 Jeanette Long 20 Ben Schooield 30
Angela Nelson 5 Nathan Shaver
Pauline Smith 21 Carol Beckler
Chris Rose 6 Pat Horton
Lenny Winterberger 7 Lynda Smith
Christina Walling 9 Max Douglas 22
Lauretta Cash 10 John Conroy 23
Melvin Garner 11 Ruth Huskins 24
Sharon Kay Ray 13 Michael Swafford
Steven Johnson 17 Christopher Christi 28
Ray Keylon 29 Angela Couch
Shelby Williams 30 Trevor Gilliam

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Monday—Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for walkers.

SEPTEMBER IS
“OPEN HOUSE MONTH” IN THE
HOLSTON CONFERENCE.
INVITE A FRIEND

1 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED
2:00 Prayer Group @ David & Joyce Eicher’s home

2 8:30 MDO 1:30 Women’s Club
3 3:00 Pictorial Directory Committee meeting
4 6:00- Youth 7:00- Choir
5 8:30 MDO 12:00 Deadline for “Let’s Do Lunch” Reservations
6 6:00 Chamber of Commerce Banquet-FLC
7 7:00- Choir 7:30 Circle I
8 7:15 Trustees Meeting- Parlor
9 10:00 Charge conference forms at District Office
10 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:00- Youth 7:00- Choir
11 11:00 GO FOR THE GOLD SUNDAY
12 12:00 DEADLINE FOR PICTORIAL SIGN-UP
13 11:00 HOMECOMING
14 10:00 Minister’s Mtg. Wesley Memorial-Elwah
15 10:00 District Office
16 12:00 LET’S DO LUNCH
17 12:00 Deadline for “Let’s Do Lunch” Reservations
18 6:00 Cops vs. Kids - FLC
19 5:00 Community Meal
20 9:00 a.m. Children’s Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
21 10:45 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
22 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
23 6:00 p.m. Bible Study
24 6-8 p.m. Youth Group (UMYF)
25 5:00 Community Meal
26 2:00 Grandview Twirlers—FLC
27 6:00 Cops vs. Kids - FLC
28 6:00 Youth Group (UMYF)
29 6:00 Youth Group (UMYF)
30 6:00 Youth Group (UMYF)

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

FAITHFUL WORKERS

9/7 USHERS
Arthur Gilliam
Marty Gilliam
Jerry Henley
Leon Hicks

HOSTS
Margaret Scholz
Lynda Smith

NURSERY
Beth Keylon
Taylor Thurman

ACOLYTE
Hailey Keylon

CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Barbara Lemos

YOUTH
Lesia Garrison

9/10 Gray & Sharon

9/14 USHERS
Earl Keeby
Steve Keylon
Fred Mullins
Billy Ray Patton

HOSTS
Edna Strunk
Lois Walling

NURSERY
Lesia Garrison
Anna Messimer

ACOLYTE
Faith Wright

CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Susan Maddix

YOUTH
Clyde Thurman

9/17 Laura Messimer

21 USHERS
Earl Robbins
Ken Rose
Kevin Rose

HOSTS
Pete & Shelby Williams

NURSERY
Cherie Henderson

ACOLYTE
J.T. Baker

CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Laura Messimer

YOUTH
Kelly & Elizabeth

9/24 Angie Couch

28 USHERS
Eddie Boles
Jerry Smith

HOSTS
Jim & Sylvia Baldwin

NURSERY
Debbie & Carlie Wilson

ACOLYTE
Will Boles

CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Angie Rose

YOUTH
Barbara Lemos

10/1 Beth Keylon

29 USHERS
2:00 Prayer Group @ David & Joyce Eicher’s home

28th Sunday after Pentecost - Green
6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth

30 8:30 MDO
7:15 UMW Executive Council - Parlor

9/7 9:00 a.m. Children’s Choir
9/8 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10/4 10:45 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
11/1 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
6-8 p.m. Youth Group (UMYF)

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

- Jennings & Betty Smith gave to Music Memorial for Eula Henley & Wilson Cash
- Loan Reduction Memorials for Jim Ed Tal lent
- Jerry & Lynda Smith gave for Jim Price
- Gerri Cash gave for Kevlton Toller
- Jesse & Nina gave for Wilson Cash & Albert Watters brother
- Aud & Stella Ray gave for “Our Friends Who Passed”
- Circle III gave for Mary Netley

**HO NORARIUMS**

- Virginia Hale gave to Loan Reduction in honor of Joyce & David Eicher for their love and dedication to our church and what you mean to all who know you.

**MISSIONARIES BACK IN JAPAN**

After visiting all 50 partner church in 14 states, Neal & Marie Hicks are back in Japan. They ask for your prayers for the Lord’s overall provision to be revealed and pray for additional monthly support and “one time” gifts they yet need. Also pray for new partners as well as for rest and recuperation. They are now in the mountains conducting summer ministry to other missionaries that will return to the front lines after summer.

**ROCKWOOD UMC HOST LIFE LINE**

Life Line Screening will be at the Rockwood United Methodist Church on Friday, August 22 to do preventive screenings for stroke, vascular disease, heart rhythm, and osteoporosis. Medicare and insurance will not pay for these screenings. Cost will be between $139-$149.

**MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED**

**July 2008**

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**EXPENSES**

- Salaries & Benefits | $11,625.83 | $78,282.01 | $126,654.00 | $-48,371.09 |
- Property Maintenance | 4,709.83 | 41,140.12 | 69,000.00 | $-27,859.88 |
- Office Administration | 884.30 | 5,049.11 | 9,300.00 | $-4,250.89 |
- NURTURE-Worship | 661.50 | 2,155.60 | 3,500.00 | $-1,344.40 |
- WITNESS-Evangelism | 1,500.00 | 1,170.05 | 1,450.00 | $-279.95 |
- Church & Society | 0.00 | -446.00 | 1,100.00 | $-1,546.00 |
- OUTREACH-Mission | 4,390.00 | 36,722.72 | 67,997.00 | $-31,274.28 |
- Church Support | 618.65 | 2,876.09 | 4,600.00 | $-1,723.91 |
- Children’s Ministry | 697.69 | 2,049.10 | 3,350.00 | $-1,300.90 |
- Youth & Young Adult | 0 | 1,989.68 | 4,050.00 | $-2,060.32 |
- MDO Expenses | 0 | 13,450.06 | 27,550.00 | $-14,099.94 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | **$25,087.60** | **184,439.44** | **318,551.00** | **-134,111.56** |
| **EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSE** | **-$4,542.25** | **2,758.09** | **50.00** | **-$2,758.09** |

**FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

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| SS Attendance | 72 | 59 | 67 | 71 |
| Worship | 201 | 151 | 188 | 156 |
| Attendance | | | | |

**MEMORIALS LOAN REDUCTION MEMORIALS FOR EULA HENLEY**

- Irene Alexander Virginia Hale
- Johnny Lou Berg Dina & Don Hess
- Rosalind Booker Beth & Steve Keylron
- Gerri Cash Bill & Barbara Buchanan
- Jerry & Lynda Smith Jenny, Lori & Hannah Chattin
- Ella Bell Gary & Mary Drinkard
- Agnes Maddux Pete & Shelby Williams
- Larry McCuistion Max & Pat Douglas
- Charlie & Rita Ellison Bill, Julie, Lauren & Zachary Lyons
- Bill & Kahleen Jaco Pat & Arlandres Horton
- Patricia Cook Marvin & Norma Jean DeWitt
- Edward Gibbs Jesse & Nina Gibbs
- Carolyn Landreth Employees of Southeast Bank
- Fred & Linda Mullins Gene & Dorothy Hastings
- Leon & Nancy Hicks Bill & Patty Crowder
- Carol Price Clyde & Wendy Thurman
- Felicia SS Class Earl & Imogene Robbins
- June Pitman H.B. & Polly Rankin
- K & Lora Lee Wilcher Gene & Clara Carmichael
- Velda Guffey Douglas & Patricia Underwood
- Mamie Hinch Archer Daniels Midland Tax Dept.
- Patsy Sheppard William & Lee Ketchersid
- Eileen & Don Lock Ronnie & Sandra Peace
- Charlene McCuistion Betty Ann Huling & Family
- Steven Burnham Tammy & Bill Swafford
- David G. Carty Gale & Georgiann Allen
- Leon & Flo Swafford Michael & Amy Martin
- Ann Rohr Mr. & Mrs. Rick Jeffries
- Margaret Miller Clay Coulter & Family
- Joe & Sandra Livesay Frank Baugh
- Joyce Drake Mr. & Mrs. David O. Woods
- Robin & Beverly Gray Charles & Maxine Peace
- Ken & Barbara Rose Suzi Schmidt & Family
- Circle III Joy SS Class-Thalia Lynn Baptist
- T.C. & Lauretta Cash Roy & Bridgett Phillips
- Bryan & Terry Smith Deborah Prichard
- Hazel Ketchersid

The Employment Service/Child Care Unit Dept of Human Services/Social Services Division-Virginia Beach
“Let’s Do Lunch”
The first “Let’s Do Lunch” honoring our senior ladies of the church was held Tuesday, August 19 at 12:00 noon in the Family Life Center. This month’s theme was Sunflowers and the decorations as well as the delicious food all reflected that theme. There were 50 ladies in attendance. It was a wonderful time of fellowshipping with ladies that had not been together for a good while. Donna Barber, Co-Chair of the committee introduced herself and the committee consisting of Althea Moloney, Co-Chair and Patty Crowder who did the devotion. Pat Banks catered the affair and the ladies enjoyed the food and the presentation. Mayor Mary Sue Garrison presented the program. She shared with the group upcoming activities of special interest such as the Progressive Dinner to be held at the Museum, Theater, and Library on September 20. She also shared many wonderful things that are planned for later in the year for our community including the Christmas Season Gala. The next luncheon will be September 16. We are looking forward to seeing old friends again and making new ones.

More pictures are available on the website: springcityunitedmethodistchurch.com

Will your team be the winner???
Will you bring home the gold?

We’ve all seen the metal ceremonies on the Olympics. You too could win a Gold metal. On September 7 there will be a contest during our Sunday School time….one team of children, youth, and adults will win gold metals to be presented during Morning Worship. A photographer will be around to every Sunday School Class to catch the action. How do you play? Well here’s the rules….. anything goes… do whatever it takes to have 100% attendance in your Sunday School Class. If some of your members haven’t be in class lately, give them a call. Find inventive ways to get your class all here. You could divide up the names on your roll and give everyone at Sunday School next week someone to call or maybe a reminder card in the mail. Encourage them, bribe them, whatever works for your class. There will be an award for the most inventive method of filling your classroom. You have 3 weeks to turn your team into a winner! Parents, it’s up to you to get your little ones to their Sunday School Class. The winner will reign as Champion for a year and the metal will stay in their classroom until this time next year. They will be featured on our website. All the class pictures will appear in the new Church Directory..so have your room full!

The competition is on!
THANK YOU
We would like to thank all of you for your different acts of kindness shown to us during the last few months. Mother loved each and everyone of you. Her church and church family meant everything to her. Our special thanks to Pastor Dale for his visits and love shown to us during this time.
Judy & Rayna Henley
Terry & Nancy Hinch

Thank you so much for your prayers, telephone calls, cards and memorials for our mother, Pearl Nowell. Most of you did not know her, but she felt she knew you. She was aware of how much we love our church and our church family. Your friendship and thoughtfulness helped us through this difficult time.
Gray & Sharon Cowart

We thank each of you for your prayers, cards, memorials, expressions of sympathy, service attendance, and the food. We sincerely appreciate everything.
The Family of Jim Ed Tallent

MOTHER’S DAY OUT
The first day of MDO will be on August 26. In September, we will be learning: THEME: Creation LETTERS:A,B,C NUMBERS: 1, 2 COLOR: Blue SHAPE: Circle “God Made the World” Acts 17:27 BIBLE: Creation, Noah - Genesis 1,7 September 11 is Water Day, the 16th is Blue Day, the 23rd is Picture Day, and the 25th is Cap Day.
Check the Mother’s Day Out page on the church website (springcityunitedmethodistchurch.com) for pictures from graduation and other activities. We will continue to add pictures to this page throughout the school year.
“Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good…” III John 11

YOUTH CAR WASH
SEPTEMBER 13 9A.M. TO 1 P.M.
The Youth are raising money for Resurrection. Please bring your car by the church and let our youth make it glow. They will be helping you and you will be giving them the satisfaction that they have helped to raise the money needed for the trip.

YOUTH CALENDAR SALE
The youth will be selling pocket calendars and wall calendars again this year. The wall calendars are $8 each and the pocket calendars are $6. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, please see any youth or Beth Keylon to get yours ordered. The youth will have a table set up at homecoming, September 21 in the Family Life Center for your convenience. This is another way the youth hope to defray expenses for Resurrection.

CHOIR AND CHIME PRACTICE RESUMES
Chancel Choir practice resumes on Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. New members are welcome.
Ding-a-Lings (Chime Choir) will resume Wednesday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.

COLLEGE STUDENT’S ADDRESS
Please send your college student’s address to the church office.

SUPER SATURDAY
Super Saturday is this Saturday, August 23 from 2-4 p.m. in the Family Life Center. It is a time for all children age 4 through 5th Grade to enjoy skating (bring your own skates), movies, crafts, games, devotions and refreshments. There is always something new and exciting to do.
The next Super Saturday is scheduled for September 27. Mark your calendar & make plans to bring your friends with you.
Check out the pictures on our website.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY
Please sign up to have your family picture made for the church pictorial directory. Sign-up days are September 7 or 14 at the front porch of the church or on September 21 in the Family Life Center (this is homecoming).

Directory pictures will be made in the Family Life Center October 8, 9, 10, & 11. Mark your calendars. Every family that has their picture taken will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a complimentary directory.

We want all members and everyone that considers this their church home even if they are not members to be included in the book. We’d like you to be able to see someone in church and find their picture in the directory. This is a good tool to get to know people in our church family.
A new company will be doing the directory. Kimberly Sexton of Lifetouch has promised to make it a painless process. Kimberly will be here to oversee the process.

We will be needing volunteers to make everything go smoothly. There will be a volunteer form in this Sunday’s Bulletin. Please consider volunteering a few hours to help the church with this project. You may also contact Sharon Cowart or Sylvia Baldwin if you would like to assist with this or if you need additional information.
SUCCESSFUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2008

Our Vacation Bible School this year was held the week of July 21-25. Our theme was “Beach Party - Surfin’ Through the Scriptures.” We had a little something different this year:

- A science project of sorts done by the teachers in the classrooms. They did a great job!

- A “Storyteller,” done by Barbara Lemons, who told the Bible story each night to each class.

Thanks Barbara and teachers!

Our average attendance for children only for the week was 42. We also had 55 teachers and helpers this week. Our special thanks to Beth Keylon and the Youth who did our recreation each night. Thanks so much to Nancy Gilliam, Carol Price, and Judy Litteken who fed everyone each night.

John Hanson and his daughter-in-law, Chris, provided our puppet skit each night. Pastor Dale did our opening each night with the pledges to the flags and Bible, our opening prayer, and the offering. Our offering went to “Build a School in Zwedru, Liberia.” The children were all ready each night with offerings to “buy a brick”. We collected around $170 in all.

Sam Hanson, Angela Nelson, Cynthia Snyder, Molly Graham, and Caitlyn Couch did a great job teaching the children the songs and movements and making it fun!

We had a wonderful week--God has richly blessed our church with so many talented people who are so ready to serve. We thank you all so much for sharing your time and talents with us this special week in July.

See the church website for more pictures springcityunitedmethodistchurch.com

VBS VOLUNTEERS

VBS COORDINATORS: John Hanson and Dorathy Hastings

STORYTELLER: Barbara Lemons

3 & 4 YEAR-OLD TEACHERS & HELPERS: Angie Rose, Barbara Rose, Kim Rose, Katie Rose

5 & 6 YEAR-OLD TEACHERS & HELPERS: Sharon Cowart, Ashley Snyder, McKenzie Lemons

1ST & 2ND GRADE TEACHERS: Angela Couch, Valerie McCoy

3RD, 4TH, & 5TH GRADE TEACHER: Lynda Smith, Lesia Garrison

PUPPET SKITS: John Hanson

FLAME THE FLAMINGO: Chris Hanson

OPENING PRAYER, PLEDGES, OFFERING, PHOTOS: Rev. Dale Wyrick

MUSIC: Sam Hanson, Angela Nelson, Molly Graham, Cynthia Snyder, Caitlin Couch

CRAFTS: Dorathy Hastings, Sharon Baker, Mary Drinkard, Melissa Willey, Glenda Keylon, Regina Metts, Pearl Gilliam, Liz Alexander, Pat Douglas

T-SHIRTS: Vickie Snyder, Frank Snyder, Ray Hesselbach, Carl Hesselbach, Dina Hess, Ashley Snyder, Cynthia Snyder, Billy Metts, Terry McBrayer, Kersti Ellam, Sandy Gilliam

FOOD: Nancy Gilliam, Carol Price, Judy Litteken, John Hanson

SET DECORATION: John Hanson & Snyder Family

RECREATION: Beth Keylon, Cole Wilson, Morgan Owensby, Atlanta Ervin, Anna Messimer, Bianca Smith, Allison Neal, Alexis Neal, Kirstin Neal, Tyler Moore, Rem Messimer, Cody Linebarger