WOW, GREAT, WONDERFUL, EXCITING, BLESSED

These are some of the words I use when I think about the people of Spring City UMC. GOD has richly blessed us this year in so many wonderful ways. He has watched out for us, blessed us, provided for us and has always been there for us.

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Thanks be to God for all His blessings

Pastor Dale

2008 CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS DINNER

We all enjoyed the tiny little Byrnes twin girls. Everyone wanted to get a chance to hold them. Thank you, Eric and Amanda for sharing them with us.

The Ting-a-Lings did a wonderful job with the bells. Thank you, Hailey Keylon, Erin Couch, and Faith Wright.

The Family Life Center was a buzz with joy, laughter, and excitement as the whole Church Family ate together and surprised Dale with the “Merry Christmas and Happy Holy Land Gift Tree”.

DALE’S DOODLES

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Let me tell you about a problem we encountered in the month of December. Three different times our parking lot was completely full. As a matter of fact, on December 21st., I came back from the early service at Reed UMC and had to park on the sidewalk. I could not find an empty parking space. WOW! This is a problem but it is a very GOOD problem. God is doing a new and good thing in the life and ministry of the Church.

Our Music ministry is tremendous. We are blessed to have such wonderful talent with Angela, Bryan, Lynn and Judy. Our Christmas music was awesome. Thanks to Jay Maddux who now records our services. These services are available on CD, DVD and our web-site.

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**THANK YOU**

We would like to express sincere appreciation for the memorials, cards, and prayers in the death of our beloved Jimmy. A special thanks to Pastor Dale for the many visits to the hospital.

God Bless each of you,

- Pat Gallloway & Family

Thank you so much for the monetary gifts given for our SCES’s 5th grade trip. What a wonderful educational opportunity our students will experience in Williamsburg! I’m so lucky to be part of such a giving congregation. We appreciate all you do for our school and our community.

- Tammy Boles

SCES Assistant Principal

A very special thank you to my church family for all of your support to Toys for Children.

- Thank you,
  - Helen Kincannon

Many thank to Pastor Dale for a beautiful and sincere service for Aunt Virgie. We are so pleased that you were able to do the service and feel that you captured her character so well. Thanks to Ms. Long for her beautiful song and Ms. Perry for her excellent accompaniment. Thank you to the ladies that prepared the enjoyable meal; it is such a gift to treat people in this way under these circumstances. Aunt Opal and the entire family thank you so much.

- Bob Higgs

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**MONTHLY REPORT**

**GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED**

**November 2008**

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**MEMORIALS**

- Dewey & Harriet Southers gave to Holston Home for Children for Jayne & Janet Rice.
- Felix & Emmaly Fisher gave to Holston Home for Fred & Rowena Fisher and Tom and Anna Belle Fugate.
- William & Jean Hinds gave to Memorial Fund for Jimmy Galloway.
- Max & Pat Douglas gave to Memorial Fund for Jimmy Galloway.
- Ken & Barbara Rose gave to Kiwanis Baskets for Pauline Riddle.
- Charlene McCuistion gave to Memorial Fund for Jimmy Galloway.
- Bob McCoy and the entire Staff and Management at D.R. Mayo Seed Company gave to the General Budget in memory of Jimmy Galloway.
- Arthur & Pearl Gilliam gave to Loan Reduction in memory of all church members and associates who passed during 2008.

**HONORARIUM**

- Helen Kincannon gave to Memorial Fund in honor of Nancy Gilliam.

- Roy & Bridgett Phillips gave to Memorial Fund for Paul Christi.
- Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave to Loan Reduction for Paul Christi, Norman Fourman, & Tom Baker.
- Helen Kincannon gave to Memorial Fund for Norman Fourman & Paul Christi.
- Johnny Lou Berg gave to Memorial Fund for Jimmy Galloway.
- Jerry & Rayna Henley, Charlie & Rita Elleson gave to Memorial Fund for Jimmy Galloway.
- Teresa L. Oney gave to Memorial Fund in memory for Jimmy Galloway.
- Pat Cook gave to Memorial Fund in memory for Jimmy Galloway.
- Edward E McCuistion gave to Memorial Fund for Jimmy Galloway.
- Charley Bartown gave to Memorial Fund for Jimmy Galloway.
- Bill & Kathleen Jace gave to Memorial Fund for Jimmy Galloway.
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LORENE FOURMAN’S NEW ADDRESS
Lorene Fourman is pictured at the “Let’s Do Lunch” Christmas dinner shortly before she moved to her new home in Murfreesboro. Her new address is:
2215 River Chase, Murfreesboro, TN 37128
We will all miss her very much.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
We wish to welcome to our Church Family the Neal Family who joined the church on December 21. Mark & Ruth Neal and Kirstin, Alexis, and Allison Neal. Autumn was baptized as a Preparatory Member.

Pictured above are Mark, Autumn, Kirstin, Alexis, Allison and Ruth Neal.

CONFIRMATION CLASS BAPTIZED
Pastor Dale baptized the members of Beth Keylon’s 2008 Confirmation Class on Sunday, December 21. There were 6 members of the class that joined the church along with Hailey Keylon. McKenzie & Morgan Owensby were in the class but were already members. Pictured below are Katie Miko, Hailey Keylon, McKenzie Lemons, Allison Neal, Alexis Neal, Chris Dodson, Kirstin Neal, Beth Keylon, Morgan Owensby, Pastor Dale and Cole Wilson.

The church is able to offer a CD or DVD of the 2008 Christmas Cantata for a $5 donation. You may sign-up on the side bulletin board and your DVD will be available approximately 2 weeks from sign-up date. We are able to offer this because of the expertise of Jay Maddux. Jay recorded the cantata, took the pictures, and did a wonderful job of putting the two together on the DVD. We are very lucky to have such a talented young man in our congregation. Thank you, Jay. Jay is also the webmaster of our website and spends countless hours so that we can enjoy the website. Jay is in college at Roane State.

John and Sam Hanson want to share their first look at their new Great-Granddaughter, Zoe Niehaus. She is the daughter of Kimberly Bower Niehaus. Kimberly is on our Military Prayer List. She is now serving in the U.S. Army in Guam. Thank you, Kimberly, for your service to our country.

The ladies were treated to punch and cookies by hostess Althea Moloney as they mingled and talked with everyone before the luncheon began. There are always big smiles, warm hugs and lots of laughter. Mark your calendar for the 3rd Tuesday of each month so you won’t miss out on the fun.

“LET’S DO LUNCH” CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

The ladies each brought canned soup for “Our Daily Bread” as one of their Christmas projects. The other was mailing books to those on our Military Prayer List. The books for those serving overseas were donated by author, Bill Thedford and a benefactor furnished books for the rest of our military. Thank you so much, gentlemen, for your generosity and allowing us to be a part of such a great project!

Pastor Dale greeted storyteller Charles Maynard at the door. After a very special Christmas dinner, Charles mesmerized everyone with his wonderful stories. He is a marvelous story teller and left everyone wanting more. If you missed this dinner, you really missed a great time!

Doris Roy, Pat Galloway and Rosalind Booker were some of the game winners. The ladies played a fun filled game of pass the soup can at each table to a story read by Patty Crowder. The lady at each table that ended up with the can of soup traded it for a Christmas surprise hidden under each table.
**PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY**

**Samuel Booker** (Rosalind Booker's grandson)  
**Cherokee Brown** (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s granddaughter)  
**Christopher Eicher** (David & Joyce Eicher’s son)  
**Ian Haddock** (The Klein’s friend)  
**Doug Hanson** (John & Sam Hanson’s son)  
**Jacob Hubbard** (Ron & Fran Hubbard’s grandson)  

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Joan Carty**  
**Jeannie DeCroce**  
**Ray Eldridge**  
**Nancy Gilliam**  
**Lorene Fourman**  
**Marc Klein**  
**Nancy McClendon**  
**Regina Metts**  
**Angie Rose**  
**Bill Scholz**  
**Gretchen Smith**  
**Brady Smith**  

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**PHOTO CONTEST**

The Conference Office in Alcoa is looking for a photograph that best depicts a representative view of the Cleveland District. It can be an historic church, a specific ministry, a beautiful vista, landscape, or a creative masterpiece that meets the criteria. All pictures must be in the district office by April 15, 2009. Photo must be an 11x17 color print unframed or if digitally submitted, of sufficient quality to produce an 11x17 color print. The selected picture will hang in the conference room and will note the date and photographer. Submit to District Office at P.O. Box 3382, Cleveland, TN. They are looking for something special!

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**MOTHER’S DAY OUT CHRISTMAS PLAY**

The Mother’s Day Out teachers and students presented a wonderful Christmas Play entitled Jesus: Light of the World on Thursday, December 18 to a full house in the Family Life Center. Everyone appreciates the time and effort our teachers put in to help our MDO children. Good Job Teachers! Great Job Kids!

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**CAUGHT BEING GOOD**

On his way into the Family Life Center to see all the good little Mother’s Day Out boys and girls, Santa found Nancy Gilliam taking a break from working on the Community Dinner. This is a hot dinner that the Community Ministries provides each month for people in our community that need it. Nancy Gilliam and John Hanson are the Chairpersons of this committee. Santa gives Nancy a pat on the back for being a “good little girl” and working for others even though she is recovering from a recent surgery. God bless you both!

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When I saw the surgeon and he said I would need to have some work done, he asked if I went to church. I told him I did and he replied that was good because I would need a lot of support. He will never realize what support I get, and got, from my church family. I thank you so much for all your prayers which guided his hands and made my recovery so much easier. Your concern, calls and cards were very much appreciated. I feel surrounded by your love and am deeply humbled.  

—-Nancy Gilliam