I am home from the most amazing adventure. I had the opportunity to visit so many wonderful places that previously I had only read about in scripture. Being there makes the stories come alive. It is an experience I will always remember and one that has/will change my life.

On this special journey our group visited many places, saw many wonderful things and experienced the wonders of the Holy Land. On my journey, I wanted something to remind me of the places I visited so I picked up stones to bring home with me. I have a stone from Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mount of the Beatitudes, Mount Nebo, the Dead Sea, Capernaum, Mount Sinai and some sea shells from the Red Sea. These will remind me of places I have visited and the experiences I had. But they are only things. Living the adventure, experiencing the journey, being there on site is what has really caused the change. It is about having this personal experience.

So it is true about who we are in our relationship with God. We can have all the things such as hymns, scripture, books, lessons, music, etc but if we do not have the experience of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ all these other things, even though important to us, are meaningless if we have not experienced the power of the resurrected Christ—the Living God.

Soon we will celebrate Easter in our Church. I invite you to come and experience the power of the Resurrection of our Risen Lord. Through this experience, we are/will be changed forever.

Shalom
Pastor Dale

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Dear Spring City United Methodist Youth Group,

You did it! You helped us provide enough life-saving bed nets to fully cover the four refugee camps in Kenya. Thank you for sending nets—a combined 128,000 of them to save lives and protect refugees from malaria.

—Adrianna Logalbo
Nothing But Nets

Thank you, UMYF, for your service project for the LDL Ladies. It has been so nice to come in and see the tables and chairs nicely arranged for our monthly meetings. We do appreciate you.

Donna Barber & Althea Moloney
Let’s Do Lunch Chairpersons

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BRIANNA IS BAPTISED

Pastor Dale baptized baby Brianna Catherine Hess on March 15. Brianna is the daughter of Donald and Dina Hess, and the granddaughter of Chris and Carolyn Haerr. She has a big sister, Kailyn, and a big brother, Connor.
APRIL 2009

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
April
14 William Baldwin
4 Shiloh Wright
Kevin Garrison
8 Peggy Bowman
Joyce Drake
Sandy Gilliam
Lee Thurman
9 Mary Couler
Bill Crowder
16 Joe Lisa
25 Robin Bolton
10 Ed Stephenson
26 Jan Elliott
11 Wendy Thurman
29 Wanda Smith
13 Gretchen Smith
30 Pam Watt

ANNIVERSARIES
April
14 David & Nancy Gilliam
22 Steve & Kathy Barnes
15 Arthur & Beverly Allison
28 Walter & Terry Hooper
21 Gray & Sharon Cowart
39 Dewey & Harriet Southers

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FIFTH SUNDAY SING & HOLY LAND
PRESENTATION

FIFTH SUNDAY SING will be held on March 29 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For those who missed the slide show presentation of Pastor Dale’s trip to the Holy Land, there will be another opportunity following the Sing. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to participate. There will be no bible study on March 29.

MEMORIALS

Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Bob Carroll.
Helen Varady Keyser gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Bill Scholz.
Dewey & Harriet Southers gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Bill Scholz.
Virginia Hale gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Bob Carroll.
Hazel Ketchersid gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Bill Scholz.
Jennings & Betty Smith gave to the Mexico Medical Mission in memory of family loved ones.
Ray & Jean Eldridge gave to the Mexico Medical Mission in memory of Dick Trail.
Virginia Hale gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Eugene McMonigle and Gerri Cash’s brother, Eugene McLaughlin.
Roger & Peggy Richardson gave to memorial fund in memory of Bill Scholz.

MONTHLY REPORT
GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

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| EXCESS INCOME/ EXPENSE      | -$2,748.20     | -$5,850.67   | 0.00           | -$5,850.67               |

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

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| SS ATTENDANCE     | 69    | 68    | 62    | 69    |
| WORSHIP           | 165   | 169   | 195   | 190   |
| ASH WED (2/26)    | 52    |      |      |       |

Please remember the first of every month to call with an update if you wish to remain on the prayer list.
On Communion Sunday, March 1, Pastor Dale presented the church with a beautiful, hand-carved olive wood chalice and bread bowl. He brought these back from Bethlehem as a token of his great appreciation, and out of the love he feels, for the church’s support of his pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

**Welcome New Members**

Steve and Tonia Arpke and John “Jason” Lively joined our church family on March 15. Welcome Steve, Tonia & Jason.
MARCH “LET’S DO LUNCH”

The “Let’s Do Lunch” Ladies were thrilled by the wonderful program presented by Angela Nelson and Eldena Perry. Angela’s rendition of “Danny Boy” brought tears to everyone’s eyes and received a standing ovation.

The LDL ladies were all decked out with smiles and there was green everywhere you looked. They dined on corned beef and cabbage and to top it off they were served a delicious cake and green sherbert.

MARK YOU CALENDER FOR APRIL 21 FOR THE NEXT LUNCHEON.

Jeannette Long joined the ladies for this meeting when they needed a last minute replacement to help serve. Thank you, Jeannette.
PRAISES !!

Jim Weaver was on our prayer list last month. Jim is Liz Alexander’s son and had trouble with his shoulder for years. He was taking shots several times a year to cope with the pain. He had rotator cuff surgery and your prayers that surrounded him and his surgeons during the procedure were greatly appreciated. The surgery went well and he is relatively pain free. He drove himself to the doctor to have the staples out and the doctors were amazed at how well he had done. Jim and Liz both want to thank everyone for their prayers and want you to know that your prayers really do make a difference!

NEW BABY BOY

Kevin and Kayla Varner Rhymer are the proud parents of the bouncing baby boy. Ethan James Rhymer was born January 12, 2009 at 6:02 p.m. in Crossville, Tennessee. He weighed in at eight pounds, six ounces and measured twenty inches. Welcome little Ethan, and congratulations to Kayla and Kevin! Great grand parents are L.C. Varner and Hazel Strantz.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous gift of $500 to the Morgan-Scott Project. We are blessed to have wonderful caring people like Spring City UMC support to support our mission. Your gift will be used to help pay utility bills. With so many people out of work and the cost of electricity going up, we have been overwhelmed by the number of people needing help. Your gift will be a great help. Thank you so much.

—In God’s Service

Ella Smith

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Samuel Booker (Rosalind Booker’s grandson)
Christopher Eicher (David & Joyce Eicher’s son)
Ian Haddock (The Klein’s friend)
Doug Hanson (John & Sam Hanson’s son)
Matthew Harris (Tina Fox’s son)
Jacob Hubbard (Ron & Fran Hubbard’s grandson)
Ben Johnston (Elizabeth Alexander’s grandson)
Amy Kester (Richard Trail’s cousin)
Charles Krumweide (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s nephew)

Amy Kester

John Lewis (MDO teacher Vickie Cheek’s “other son”)
Aaron D. Mooneyhan (June Pittman’s grandson)
Colby Nelson (Leon & Nancy Hicks grandson)
Kimberly Bowyer Niehaus (John & Sam Hansen’s granddaughter)
Bobby Reece (Kathleen Reece’s son)
Andrew Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
Tom Reid (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
Austin Reed (Kelly Reed’s son)
Joshua Russell (Helen Miko’s nephew)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) TRAINING

An ERT Training Class is scheduled for May 2, 2009 from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at Keith Memorial UMC, 600 West Madison Avenue in Athens, Tennessee. Lunch is included. Contact Jim Hayes by email jrhayes46@bellsouth.net or by phone, 865-494-7502 to register for the class.

MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION SILENT AUCTION

This is the beautiful Tennessee Vols quilt on the auction block at “Breakfast for Lunch” on March 22 after morning worship. The proceeds from the silent auction go to the Mexico Medical Mission.

OUR FUN VALENTINES

MOTHER’S DAY OUT—Beaming smiles greeted us as we looked in on the children enjoying a Valentine’s Party in February.