The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are full of stories about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. These stories tell us of a compassionate God who loves us just as we are, and there is nothing we can do about it! The gospel/good news is just that — Good News. When we encounter this Jesus and experience Him through a personal relationship, we begin to understand who we really are and why we were created.

One of my favorite stories from the Gospel of Mark invites us to watch and listen and experience the presence of Jesus as He brings hope and salvation to a man’s life. The story is found in Mark 2:1-12. It is the story of the paralyzed man who is in need of healing.

Jesus comes to Capernaum and enters a home. A large crowd of people gather in and around the house. There are so many people that newcomers have no way to approach Jesus. Outside the house, the four men carrying the lame man want to get inside to see Jesus. They have carried their friend to this place so Jesus could/would heal him. Unfortunately, they cannot get through, so they decide to take him up on the roof. After opening a hole in the roof, they lower their friend down to Jesus. Jesus looks at him and says two powerful things: First, Jesus says “Your sins are forgiven,” and second, He says to the man “Take up your mat and walk.”

This is Jesus who has power to forgive and power to heal. This is Jesus today. He has the same power to forgive and to heal us. Because of this act of compassion, Jesus Christ changed this man’s life forever. This is also true for us today. Jesus has the power to transform our lives, our situations, our problems, our….everything!!!!!!

Let Jesus transform each of us each day!!!!

Shalom
Pastor Dale

On April 24 & 25, the youth will be traveling to Morgan & Scott counties for our Mission Trip with the Morgan-Scott Project. These are the two poorest counties in Tennessee and we will be helping them with whatever needs they have. We will be leaving on Friday the 24th at 2:00 and returning home either Saturday night late or Sunday morning.

On June 19 & 20 we will be traveling to Atlanta for AtlantaFest. This is a huge Christian concert at Stone Mountain Park in Georgia. In order for the youth to attend AtlantaFest, it is required that they also go on the Mission trip. Jesus said: “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Youth. Their hard work organizing the First Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner drew a crowd of happy and well-fed supporters, and it netted the Youth Group $708 to use in their mission work. Way to Go!!!
### May 2009

#### Sunday Schedule

**SUN**
- **9:45 a.m.** Children’s Choir
- **9:45 a.m.** Sunday School
- **10:45 a.m.** Coffee & Donuts
- **11:00 a.m.** Morning Worship
- **6:00 p.m.** Bible Study
- **6:00 p.m.** Youth

**MON**
- **9:00 a.m.** 4th Sunday of Easter—White
- **10:00 a.m.** 5th Sunday of Easter—White
- **11:00 a.m.** Communion

**TUE**
- **9:00 a.m.** 6:00 Bible Study
- **11:00 a.m.** 7:00 Boy Scouts -FH

**WED**
- **9:00 a.m.** 1:45 a.m. Prayer Group
- **10:00 a.m.** 7:00 Boy Scouts –FH

**THU**
- **9:00 a.m.** 6:00 Bible Study
- **10:00 a.m.** 7:00 Boy Scouts –FH

**FRI**
- **9:00 a.m.** 6:00 Bible Study
- **10:00 a.m.** 7:00 Boy Scouts –FH

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### ANNUVERSARIES

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

- **10th** of **May**: Ron & Fran Hubbard, Mathew & Helen Miko
- **5th** of **June**: Scott & Laura Messimer

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**MEMORIAL DAY**
- **9:00 a.m.** Prayer Group
- **11:00 a.m.** 7:00 Boy Scouts –FH

**PENTECOST RED**
- **9:00 a.m.** Memorial Day
- **11:00 a.m.** 7:00 Boy Scouts –FH

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**
- **9:00 a.m.** May 2009 Graduation

**FAITHFUL WORKERS**

- **5/3** USHERS Loyal Cornelius, Max Douglas, Eddie Garrison, Kevin Garrison, Hosts Pete Williams, Shelby Williams, Nursery Betty Thomas, Johnny Lou Berg, Acolyte Hailey Keylon, Children’s Church Angie Couch, Youth Lesia 5/6, Laura Messimer

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- May 10: Ron & Fran Hubbard, Mathew & Helen Miko
- May 19: Brady & Wanda Smith
- May 26: Scott & Laura Messimer

**MEMORIAL DAY**

- May 31: Memorial Day
UMW FLEA MARKET MAY 2
The UMW is seeking all kinds of items in good working order, except clothes, for this annual event. Drop off your donations at the Family Life Center April 30 or May 1 from 10 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. The sale begins at 8 am. On Saturday, May 2.

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

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MONTHLY REPORT
GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

April 2009

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EXPENSES

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| Property Maintenance | 6,047.85 | 18,666.30 | 6,047.85 | -108,894.55 |
| Office Administration | 388.72 | 2,410.24 | 388.72 | -388.72 |
| NURTURE-Worship | 66,200.00 | 28,232.00 | 66,200.00 | -38,968.00 |
| WITNESS-Evangelism | 465.00 | 1,190.62 | 465.00 | -1,190.62 |
| Church & Society | 0.00 | 1,300.00 | 0.00 | -1,300.00 |
| OUTREACH-Mission | -1,300.00 | -1,300.00 | -1,300.00 | -1,300.00 |
| Church Support | 1,500.00 | 6,058.80 | 1,500.00 | -4,549.80 |
| Children’s Ministry | 465.00 | 2,537.00 | 465.00 | -2,072.00 |
| Youth & Young Adult | 19.98 | 100.00 | 19.98 | -80.02 |
| MDO Expenses | 2,835.70 | 25,550.00 | 2,835.70 | -22,714.30 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | $22,119.45 | $82,799.79 | $22,119.45 | -$60,679.34 |
| EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSE | $9,366.77 | $3,516.10 | $0.00 | $3,516.10 |

HONORARIUMS

FRANK AND VICKIE SNYDER AND GLENDA KEYLON
FOR MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION

- Celebration SS Class - Bill & Patty Crowder
- Steve and Beth Keylon - Lorene Fourman

MEMORIALS

- Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Loan Reduction Fund for Eugene McLaughlin, Lucinda Lemons, and Reed Julian.
- Virginia Hale gave to the Loan Reduction for Lucinda Lemons.
- Helen Kincannon gave to the Memorial Fund for Lucinda Lemons.
- Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the Mexico Medical Mission for Lucinda Lemons.
- Roger & Peggy Richardson gave to the Memorial Fund for Bill Scholz.
- Virginia Hale gave to the Loan Reduction Fund for Werner Schraner and Thelma Robinson.
- Ray & Glenda Keylon gave to the Memorial Fund for Lucinda Lemons.
- Pat Cook gave to the Memorial Fund for Lucinda Lemons.
- Joseph & Candace Harmon gave to the Memorial Fund for Lucinda Lemons.
- Felix & Emmaly Fisher gave to the Holston Home for Children for Pearl Nowell.
- Virginia Hale gave to the Holston Home for Children for Glenn Patterson & Ray Robinson.
- Lorene Fourman gave to the Mexico Medical Mission for Norman Fourman.

- Judy Ezell gave to the Holston Home for Children for Joan Carty.
- David & Nancy Gilliam gave to the Family Life Center Fund for Carl and Kay Hesselback and John Hanson.
- David & Nancy Gilliam gave to the Family Ministry in honor of Margo Hinsdale.

MOMENT IN PRAYER

Jerry Greathouse (Memorial, Room 263)
Margaret Miller (Erlanger, Room #7141)
Savannah Dill (Helen Miko’s friend)
Carolyn Hesselbach (Carl & Kay Hesselbach’s daughter)
Brent Hower (friend of Rita Uhler)
Helen Keever (Theresa Lisa’s aunt)
Noah Dill (friend of Couch family)
Whitney King (Beth Kaylon’s niece)
Ken Laufler (Caren Ruffner’s brother-in-law)
Pat Linebaugh (Stella Ray’s friend)
Thelma Luttrell (Angie Rose’s grandmother)
Rachel Lyles (Regina Minto’s daughter)
John Martin & family (friend of Bernie & Susan Arp)
James & Kristi Morgan (John & JoAnn Moorshead’s family)
Dannie (Dana) Pigg (friend of Helen Miko)
Joe Reese (Beth Keylon’s uncle)
Shelly Surrana (friend of Rita Uhler)
Baby Phillip Tucker (Andy & Amber Swafford Tucker’s baby)
Vickie Waggoner (Bernie Arp’s friend & employee)
James R. “Jim” Weaver (Liz Alexander’s son)
Julie Zumstein (Peggy Bowman’s friend)

The family of Bishop Richard Looney.

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If you missed the Fifth Sunday Sing in April, you will definitely want to attend in May. To the delight of everyone who attended in May, Jesse Gibbs played his harmonica. Another new treat was the quartet with Richard Stair, Liz Alexander and Dave and Joyce Eicher. All the singers did a wonderful job! May 31 is the next sing.

**Welcome Byrnes Family**

Eric and Amanda Byrnes joined our church family by Profession of Faith on Sunday, March 29. Their three daughters: Hailey, Erica and Emily became baptized members as their extended family wished them well.

Above: the Byrnes family is joined by Pastor Dale for their first portrait as members of Spring City Methodist Church.

Hailey Brynes, above, receiving baptism from Pastor Dale.

And finally, the Twins, Erica and Emily, surrounded by loving smiles, are baptized.

**Welcome Presley Claire**

Presley Claire Cash, 7 lbs. 5 oz. Born Friday, April 17, 2009 to Preston and Sandy Cash. Grandparents are T.C. & Loretta Cash and Andy & Georganne Moyer.
MOTHER’S DAY OUT HOP-A-THON

WINNERS

The Hop-A-Thon was a whopping good time for all our little hoppers. The FUNdraising children hopped and giggled their way to raise $1,232.

L-R Kade Houston (162 hops), Breanna Ellam-Smith (114 hops), Jesse Fisher ($39), Aubrey King ($110)

L-R Sydney Beasley ($220), Cory Pruett ($150), Shelby Embree (158 hops), Steven Bradley (153 hops)

Madelyn Thomas and Family

Shelby Embree, Natalie Underwood, Kim and Steven Bradley, Hannah Couch and grandmother.

EASTER FESTIVAL

Chloe Barger’s Art

J.T. Baker’s Craft Work

Barbara and Kaleigh Moffitt

Autumn Neal hoopin it!

SUNRISE EASTER FESTIVAL

Winning Tiny Miss Spring City is Emily Byrnes. Her twin sister, Erica, was awarded 1st Runner Up. They repeated the winning streak at the Spring City Easter Pageant in Veterans’ Park.

Breanna Ellam-Smith, granddaughter of Kersti Ellam, was crowned Spring City Tot Miss.

SPRING CITY SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

Congratulations to our children! At the recent Spring city Scholarship Pageant, Jazamine McClendon was crowned Miss Spring City and received a $1,000 scholarship. Jazamine is a member of Reed’s Chapel UMC.

Jazamine McClendon, Miss Spring City

OPTIMIZATIONS

Mother’s Day Out Director Position Available—An application and job description can be picked up in the church office. Applications are due in the church office by May 7.

Sunday School Nursery - Permanent adult worker needed. The only requirement is loving arms. Call 365-4127 for Leisa Garrison.
The “Let’s Do Lunch” Ladies were thrilled by the wonderful program presented by Gary Drinkard on the “Women of the Civil War.”

**APRIL “LET’S DO LUNCH**

**CHRIS STEPHENSON**

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**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

- Samuel Booker (Rosalind Booker’s grandson)
- Michael Conroy (John & Mary Conroy’s grandson)
- DeMarcus Cranfill (Beth Keylon’s nephew)
- 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)
- Charles Krumweide (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s nephew)
- John Lewis (MDO teacher Vickie Cheek’s “other son”)
- Aaron D. Mooneyhan (June Pitman’s grandson)
- Colby Nelson - (Leon & Nancy Hicks grandson)
- Kimberly Bowyer Niehaus (John & Sam Hanson’s granddaughter)
- Bobby Reece (Kathleen Reece’s son)
- Andrew Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
- Tom Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
- Austin Reed (Kelly Reed’s son)
- Joshua Russell (Helen Miko’s nephew)
- Earl Schaller (George & Phyllis Schaller’s grandson)
- Chris Stephenson (Ed & Helen Stephenson’s grandson)
- Thomas R. Taylor (Marion 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)
- Robert Ware (Robert & Kay Ware’s son)
- Larry Ware (Robert & Kay Ware’s son)

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**HONORING OUR NEW GRADUATES**

Graduation is one of life’s milestones, and your church family wants to acknowledge the achievements of our new graduates. Please share the name graduates, their address and the school they are graduating from with the church office.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you for your donation of $50 to the Four Corners Native American Ministry of the United Methodist Church. We are grateful for your support and pray that you have been blessed by sharing your ministry with us.

Blessings,
Rev. Rodney Aist
Director, Four Corners Native American Ministry
A Navajo Cooperative Parish of the UMC

**MISSIONS**

**Hope For Sudan 2009**—May 17th congregations across Holston will receive a special offering that will continue to fulfill our covenant with East Africa Annual Conference and the people of southern Sudan.

**Hands-On-Missions 2009**—The packages you have been filling with supplies for the children in Liberia will impact their education today and create a link with the worldwide Christian community for a lifetime. Let’s exceed our goal of 30 packages! You can make a difference. Bags that need filling, and a supply list are available at the side entrance to the church. Deadline is June 7.

**WESLEYAN PARKING LOT**

Our Trustees and Church Council with their vision for ministry, saw the challenge of finding a place to park in our current lot, and sought a solution. Adding 32 parking spaces on the north side of the church should offer some much needed wiggle room. If the weather will cooperate, we hope to have the lot gravel stoned and packed by the end of May.