DALE’S DOODLES

A great old hymn of the Church opening verse reads; “There shall be showers of blessings……..” Lately we can all say we have had many rainy days. Our trees are green, flowers are extraordinarily beautiful and plentiful AND the grass. I think I can walk out onto the lawn and watch the grass grow. Well not really but it does seem like that. One major issue with the rain and the grass is finding time between the “showers” of blessings to mow the lawn. Just recently, I mowed about half the lawn on Monday and then waited to mow the other half on Friday. Even as I am typing this, the yard needs mowing and I have checked the weather knowing there is more rain coming today. So there is good possibility I will not be able to mow this week. Soon the yard will be out of control. Instead of mowing, I may have to bail it. (NOT!)

My point is to keep the yard looking good; I need to attend to it regularly. When I don’t, it shows.

This is also true about our relationship with God and our spiritual growth. Left unattended our lives get all grown up and raggedy. We are not spiritually fit. Left unattended we become un-kept. So, our lives need disciplines for spiritual growth. We need to attend to the things of God regularly. Our Disciplines would include: Daily Bible reading, study and meditating, prayers for confession and forgiveness, regular worship and fellowship, tithing, giving of gifts and offerings, and witnessing our faith to others.

Jesus said: 24“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. 26And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” Matthew 7: 24-27

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Many thanks to all of you for your prayers, calls, cards, and encouragement. We know our family’s prayers were multiplied many, many times by our wonderful church family and others. We especially appreciate our special pastor, Dale, who gives so freely of his time and comfort. To feel and know the love and care that is with us at this time is more comforting than you can imagine.

Trevor is recovering very well from his injuries. Tim, and God, will heal him and bring him peace. Please continue to pray for Trevor and Cody Lee Davis’ family.

Pearl Gilliam
### Sunday Schedule:

- **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-FLC
- **7:00 p.m.** Choir

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**Pastor Dale/Frank Snyder to Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska**

**Vacation Bible School... Vacation Bible School... Vacation Bible School**

- **28th Sunday after Pentecost—Red**
  - **VBS Program** 11:00 Worship Svc 3:00 Young Adults 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth-FLC
  - **200 Prayer Group @ Eicher’s home** 7:00-Youth FLCD

**Minister’s Picnic at Sunshine Hollow**

The Family Life Center is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. Until 1 p.m. for walkers.
**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)
- Ben Johnston (Elizabeth Alexander’s grandson)
- Amy Kester (Richard Trail’s cousin)
- Charles Krumweide (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s nephew)
- Joshua Russell (Helen Miko’s nephew)
- 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 Wemmer (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)

**THOMAS REED**

- Virginia Hale gave to the Hands-On mission in memory of Toby Hale.
- Walter & Doris Cross gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Werner Schraner.
- Margaret & David Bennett gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Werner Schraner.
- William and Mary Beth Pollard gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Werner Schraner.
- Carolyn Landreth gave to the Church Memorial Fund in memory of Edith Landreth.
- Steve & Beth Keylon gave to the Youth Fund in memory of Lucinda Lemons.

**HOMORIUMS**

- Virginia Hale give to the Hands-On Mission in honor of the graduates from our church.
- David & Nancy Gilliam gave to the Community Ministry in honor of Margo Hinsdale.

**THANK YOU**

A special thank you goes out to Albert Jenkins for the hand-made Yo-Yos he made for the Youth and Children. Thanks for using your gifts in this way.

**THANK YOU**

The congregation received a thank you note from the Cleveland District Superintendent, Michael Travis, for having met 100% of our District apportionments.

**Hiwassee College sends their thanks for your gift in support of their mission. Bishop Swanson has said, Hiwassee College is not a mission of the Church; it is the Church in Mission.**

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**FINDING & ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

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**TOTAL**

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**FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

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**MONTHLY REPORT**

**GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED**

May 2009

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**TOTAL INCOME**

$26,736.54 $113,052.43 $336,264.00 $223,211.57

**EXPENSES**

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**TOTAL EXPENSES**

$37,868.68 $120,668.47 $336,264.00 $215,595.53

**EXCESS INCOME/ EXPENSE**

- $11,132.14 $7,608.17 $0.00 $7,616.04
Pastor Dale welcomes Michael Wright and his daughter Faith as the newest members of Spring City United Methodist Church. Michael transferred his membership on April 26 and Faith was received by Profession of Faith and baptized.

No-Bake Bake Sale

This no-sweat event was a blessing for the Mexico Medical Mission. A total of $624 was raised by the non-bakers and will go toward well-needed supplies for the Mission. It just goes to show these ladies know how to use their heads as well as their hearts.

Baptism

Faith Wright was baptized on Sunday, April 26.

Graduate Sunday

Recent high school and college graduates were honored during a special recognition on Graduate Sunday, May 17. The church family wishes them all God’s blessings as they pursue new careers or further education.

United Methodist Women Flea Market

Rainy-day weather didn’t stop the crowds looking for a bargain. There was a line at the door first thing in the morning and the event was sold out by noon.

Judy Litteken, Carolyn Haerr, Susan Mattox and Jeannette Long take a well-deserved break from all the hard work.

Bubb-ette Hesselbach counted up the funds raised and declared the UMW Flea Market a success with a total of $1,606.70 raised.

Graduate Sunday
YOUNG ADULT GATHERING
On Sunday, May 31, at 3:00 p.m., young adults will be gathering in the Family Life Center for a casual afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. Luke Barnes will lead the group in devotions and exploration of their faith. Luke and Ashley Snyder invite all young adults who are post UMYF and up to the age of 35 to come be a part of the Gathering.

HONORING OUR NEW GRADUATES
RCHS: Kendra Leighane Carr, Tim Dodson, Hailey Hall; Jessica Ann Miller, Jacob Lee Moffett, Laura Caroline Owensby; The Baylor School, Lee Rogers Thurman; University of Tennessee-Knoxville: Dian Hess; Tennessee State University Reggie Moore; Tennessee Technological University, Josh Ownesby; Tennessee Wesleyan College, Cynthia Snyder. Congratulations to all of you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 22-26  6—8 p.m.
“Paul and the Underground Church”
Fun... Games... Bible Stories!

TING-A-LINGS
“Paul and the Underground Church”

WELCOME
The Mother’s Day Out and Staff/Parish Relations committees are pleased to introduce Elise Keyton Williams as our new Mother’s Day Out Director. She is a graduate of Rhea County High School and a member of Wolf Creek Baptist Church where she teaches Children’s Church and works with the Vacation Bible School each summer. Elise and her husband, Michael, have two children, Peyton, 3, and Brady, 1. She is the granddaughter of Ray and Glenda Keyton and Ralph and Sonja Price. Welcome Elise.

OPPORTUNITIES
Multi-Media Technician - Hands-on training is available for a willing volunteer. You will be working with video camera equipment and the audio system to record Sunday morning and other special services. You will also be making copies of CDs/DVDs for distribution on Sundays. More than one position is available. Let Pastor Dale know if you are interested.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY needs a permanent adult worker. The only requirement is loving arms. Call 365-4127 for Leisa Garrison.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL needs volunteers. Let John Hanson, 865-804-4269, or Dorathy Hastings, 365-5942, know if you can help out.

CONGRATULATIONS
On April 21, Jay Maddux was honored at Roane State Awards Day for the highest average for this year in Calculus-Based Physics. Congratulations Jay!
MAY “LET’S DO LUNCH”
What a delight it was to see the quilts and share the stories that went with them. Virginia Hale was quilting while still in high school, and one quilt was done upstairs in the old Wesley House. Patty Crowder had one that made it through the flood of ‘75. Althena found two quilts in an old chest. Donna Barber’s quilt was made by her great-grandmother, and the stories went on.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH
On April 24-25 the Youth went to Morgan and Scott Counties on a mission trip to help with the Morgan-Scott Project. We had seven youth and three chaperones attend. On Friday afternoon we divided 32-pound bags of onions into over 350 one-pound bags. On Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. we handed out over 350 bags of seeds, onions, tomato and cabbage plants, potatoes, and bags of fertilizer to the needy people of these two counties.

I am very proud of the Youth for all of their hard work. Thank you also to Gary Gilmore and Penny Rice for their hard work and for being chaperones on this trip. The trip was in memory of Dick Trail, and $200 was donated to this project in his name.

In Christ,
Beth Keylon

NEW LAWNMOWER FOR THE PARSONAGE
She’s a beauty and a blessing.

WESLEYAN PARKING LOT
Gardens and flowers may need the rain, but it has put a damper on our parking lot. David Eicher tells us that as soon as it dries out sufficiently they can put rock down and we will soon have some much-anticipated new parking space.

MISSIONS
Hope For Sudan 2009—Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, the Hope for Sudan collection yielded a $482 blessing for our Sudanese brothers and sisters.

Hand-On-Missions 2009—The deadline for collecting school supplies for the children of Liberia is June 7. We are hoping to exceed our goal of 30 supply kits. Lists of the needed supplies and bags for packaging them are available at the side entrance to the church. For a $30 donation, we will do the shopping for you.

Calling All Men
Information about this United Methodist Men’s convention in Sevierville on August 7-8 is on the bulleting board by the side entrance of the church and on the Internet at www.callingallmen.net.