One of my favorite hymns of the Church is the “Hymn of Promise”. There is a phrase in this beautiful hymn that speaks to me in a powerful way. “In our end is our beginning” allows me to see there is always hope for every time, thing, experience, and situation. It is not just words of hope in a time of despair or when we feel overwhelmed. These words speak with a loud crescendo of hope with promise, a future filled with possibilities, and life with purpose.

The year 2009 is almost gone. “There is a time for everything” from the book of Ecclesiastes and 2009 has come to a close. But what a great year God has blessed us with. He is to be praised for His unending blessings.

God has been faithful. Just ask…………….. the list is a long one. God has/does answer our prayers. We have had ups and downs, joy and sadness, heartache and peace but God has always been there to experience life with us and stand with us in all things.

Lives have been changed because God has changed them. Different ministries have been given life and God has used them to bring hope into His world.

In our end…………….We give thanks!

In our beginnings………….We give thanks!

In 2010 here we come. Not alone but with the hand of God leading us. God is to be praised.

Shalom
Pastor Dale

Our Church has been truly blessed with many who were baptized into Christian fellowship, and new members joining the church family in 2009. Following are the names of all the newly baptized and those who have joined our church family.

BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Natalie Baker
James “J.T.” Baker
Will Boles
Emily Bynes
Erica Bynes
Haley Byrnes
Whitney Flynn
Nora Gilliam
Brianna Hess
Casey Kile
Nicole Kile
Seleana Kile
Kimberli Langle
Kailah McNabb
Kaleigh Moffitt
Carlie Wilson
Faith Wright

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP

Steve Arpke
Tonia Arpke
Natalie Baker
James “J.T.” Baker
Will Boles
Virginia Bond
Cindy Burns
Amanda Bynes
Eric Bynes
Kaitlin Couch
Whitney Flynn
Kathy Heimel
Tom Heimel
Casey Kile
Nicole Kile
Kimberli Langle
Jason Lively
Don McLeroy
Gina McLeroy
Bridgett Phillips
Carlie Wilson
Audrey Woody
Lawson Woody
Faith Wright
Michael Wright

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Irene Alexander
Gerri Cash
Joyce Eicher
Martin Hatcher
Steve Keylon
Kathy Klein
Russell Lemons
Agnes Maddux
Frank Snyder
Maggie Tammark
Billy Ray Thurman
Eleanor Trail
Pete Williams

Carol Bell (sister of Joyce Eicher)
Carver Elmore (friend of Miko’s)
Mark Harwood (friend of Helen Kincannon)
Ruby Bell Smith Harwood (friend of Helen Kincannon)
Carolyn Hesselbach (daughter of Carl & Kay Hesselbach)
Noka McDonald (mother of Barry “Blue” McDonald)
Janet Nill (friend of Sam Hanson)
Danielle Pigg (friend of Miko’s)
Garrett Tallent (grandson of Judith Barger)
Marie Taylor(sister of Nina Gibbs)
Erine Wauford (friend fo Miko’s)

Please remember the first of every month to call with an update if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list.
### Sunday Schedule:

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<td>Deadline for “Let’s Do Lunch” Reservations</td>
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<td>Upward Practice - FLC</td>
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The Family Life Center is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. for walkers.
**MEMORIALS**

**TO THE MEMORIAL FUND**
- Michelle Sabine gave in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Marie M. Little gave in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Jack & Betty Corvin gave in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Nancy L. Robinson gave in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Ruth Fraass gave in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Alma Broyles gave in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Nancy Hinch gave in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Kathleen & Bill Jaco gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Jack & Karin Traylor gave in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Fred & Linda Mullins gave in memory of Gretchen Smith & Hazel Ketchersid.
- Rosalind Booker gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Walter & Terry Hooper gave in memory of Gretchen Smith & Hazel Ketchersid.
- Charles & Rita Ellison gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Jerry & Rayna Henley gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Helen Kincannon gave in memory of Gretchen Smith & Hazel Ketchersid.
- Dennis & Barbara Whittaker gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Raymond & Sue Walker gave in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lavender gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Harlie & Ann Reed gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Bryan College gave in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Gerri Cash gave in memory of Gretchen Smith & Marty Taylor.
- Byerly & Charlotte Morgan gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.

**TO THE LOAN REDUCTION FUND**
- Bill & Patty Crowder gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Virginia Hale gave in Memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Gene & Dorothy Hastings gave in Memory of Hazel Ketchersid & Gretchen Smith.
- Fred & Linda Mullins gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Bill & Patty Crowder gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.
- June Pittman gave in Memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Jerry & Lynda Smith gave in memory of Denton & Gretchen Smith.
- Circle III Women gave in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Gil & Judy Litteken gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.

**TO THE BUILDING FUND**
- Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave to the Building Fund in memory of Gretchen Smith, Hazel Ketchersid, Bill Slater & Kate Massengale.

**MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED**

**NOVEMBER 2009**

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<tr>
<th>INCOME</th>
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**TOTAL INCOME $31,836.20 $299,265.29 $336,264.00 -$38,998.71**

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<th>EXPENSES</th>
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**TOTAL EXPENSES 29,285.12 304,472.34 336,264.00 -$31,791.57**

**EXCESS INCOME/ EXPENSE $2,551.08 -$5,207.14 0.00 -$5,207.14**

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**TOTAL $4,409.55 $7,325.10 $13,684.45 $7,505.50 $10,260.00**

**TO THE GENERAL BUDGET FUND**
- Lorene Fourman gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Virginia True gave in Memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Carolyn Landreth gave in memory of Edith Landreth, Gretchen Smith & Hazel Ketchersid.

**TO THE ORGAN FUND**
- Edward & Linda Gibbs gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Denton & Gretchen Smith.
- Betty Ann Huling gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Gretchen Smith & Hazel Ketchersid.
- Larry McCuiston gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Gretchen Smith.
- Edward & Linda Gibbs gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Rex Rogers.

**TO HOLSTON HOME FOR CHILDREN**
- Dewey & Harriet Souther gave in memory of Tami, Sherri & Randy Cook.
- Duane & Judy Ezell gave in Memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Max & Pat Douglas gave in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Chris & Chrissy Anderson gave in Memory of Spanky.

**TO THE YOUTH FUND**
- Chris & Carolyn Haerr gave in memory of Mary Werner.

**TO THE KIWANIS CHRISTMAS BASKETS FUND**
- Ken & Barbara Rose gave in memory of Gretchen Smith.

**HONORARIUM**
- Edward & Linda Gibbs gave in honor of Bernice Rogers.
- Don & Lynn Hinkle gave in honor of all who hear and know God’s love through music.
- Judy & Duane Ezell gave in honor of Choir, Angela Garrison, Lynn Hinkle & Bryan Massengale.

**TO THE HOLSTON HOME FOR CHILDREN**
- Emmaly Fisher gave in honor of the Administration & Office Staff of Rhea County High School.
- Judy & Duane Ezell gave in honor of Jim & Dorlene Russo

**TO THE CHOIR FUND**
- Judy & Duane Ezell gave in honor and thanks to the Choir.
**BLAST FROM THE PAST**

Do you recognize anyone in the picture above?
(Photo from 1994 SCUMC Pictorial Directory)

**NEW CHURCH MEMBERS**

Will with his parents, Eddie & Tammy Boles, and Pastor Dale

Will Boles joined our church family by Profession of Faith on November 29, with many of his family members and friends surrounding him with love and support. He was also baptized with water from River Jordan! Will has been serving our church as an Acolyte and he is also a member of Upward Basketball team. Congratulations Will, in your important decision, and keep up the good work!

Carlie’s picture form this year’s Trunk or Treat Celebration.

**WELCOME TO SCUMC FAMILY**

The Heimel Family Joined our church family on Sunday, December 13, 2009. Following Tom’s service in the Navy for many years, Heimel’s are ready to settle down and enjoy their life here in Spring City. Welcome Tom, Kathy, Joey, Josh, Aaron, and Rachel to our family, and we look forward to getting to know you better.

Carlie Wilson joined our church family by Profession of Faith on December 20th following her confirmation. She was also surrounded by her parents and her church family supporting her with love and well wishes. She is an active member of our Youth group, and Upward Basketball team. Welcome Carlie and we are happy to have you in our church family.
We have ended a great 2009 school year, thanks to all the parents who lent helping hands with parties and other activities, and to all the staff who put so much of themselves into making the season special for the kids.

We are also looking for another student to fill a spot left by a enrollment withdrawal in the 3yr old class. It would benefit the new student and the others if the child could join the class in January. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling or have any questions please give me a call at 423-413-7423.

In Christ,
Elise Keylon
PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY
Samuel Booker (Rosalind Booker’s grandson)
Alex Brown (Helen Miko’s future nephew)
DeMarcus Cranfill (Beth Keylon’s nephew)
Christopher Eicher (David & Joyce Eicher’s son)
Robert Flynn (Whitney Flynn’s brother, & Tammy Flanagan’s grandson)
Ian Haddock (The Klein’s friend)
Doug Hanson (John & Sam Hanson’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)
John Lewis (MDO teacher Vickie Cheek’s “other son”)
Aaron D. Mooneyhan (June Pitman’s grandson)
Colby Nelson (Leon & Nancy Hicks grandson)
Clarence Oakerson (Sandy Gilliam’s nephew)
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 (Marilyn Cooksey’s daughter-in-law’s brother)
Larry Ware (Robert & Kay Ware’s son)
Robert Ware (Robert & Kay Ware’s son)
Daniel Wermer (Rosalind Booker’s grandson)
William Wilkey (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s grandson)
Nick Williams (George & Phyllis Schaller’s nephew)

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
2009

Goodbye, Marilyn.
We’ll Miss You!

ALWAYS. CLOSE.
AT HEART.

Larry Ware
Robert Ware