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Sonshine House Note Burning

Following morning worship on September 12, the church celebrated with a note burning on the front steps of the church. The Sonshine House is paid in full thanks to your generosity. Praises to God!

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There is something special about the hymns we sing as we gather in worship. Hymns have different themes and theology about our relationship with God. I looked through our hymn book and found three that speak to me about how much love God has for all of us. “God of Grace and God of Glory”, “Amazing Grace”, and “Grace Greater Than Our Sin” are hymns that lift up the idea of God’s grace.

Divine grace is the unmerited favor from God. This means that what God does is free…to us, toward us, and for us. We cannot do anything to earn this favor...God’s grace, because it is free! So you may ask, and I hope you do consider this position, “How much Grace do we need, or how much Grace is God going to offer us over the course of our lifetime?”

Consider this: Sin is sin, and in the eyes of God, all sin is equal. With God, sin is not weighed differently on the scales of God’s justice. So the truth is, when we sin, regardless of what the sin is, it all requires the same response: God’s unmerited favor. Now, there are people who believe that different sins require different actions from God. My theology and understanding of God are different. I personally believe that God treats all sin the same and because of this, God offers to us His grace...All His Grace, All the Time! We need not ask for more grace, but we do need to accept the grace offered to us in all situations.
**OCTOBER 2010**

**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
5:00 p.m. – Cantata Practice
6:00 p.m. – Bible Study
6:00 p.m. – Youth

The Family Life Center is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. for walkers.
NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

Sandra Kile “Sandy” Gilliam joined our church family on September 12 surrounded by family and friends. Welcome, Sandy.

Ralph and Beth Root became members of our church family on September 19 by Profession of Faith. They live at 115 Hidden Harbor Court. Their phone number is 365-0475. Welcome Ralph and Beth.
Cliff Amos with the Margaret Loving Trust delivered a grant for $1,500 to the Let’s Do Lunch ladies at their monthly meeting September 21. It is always a joy to have Cliff speak with the group and especially when he comes bearing gifts. This enables our program to continue and to expand.

The theme for September was “Labors of Love” and Caren Ruffner decorated all the tables beautifully with home-canned fruits and vegetables that are one example of “Labors of Love” as is the work Caren does for the Let’s Do Lunch Ladies. She even shared some as a door prize won by Gayle Epperly. Liz Alexander won the other door prize which was a plaque for her yard “Gardens are a Labor of Love”. The Kings Trio entertained the ladies and guests with inspiring music.
We again are blessed to have a large number of students enrolled in our Mother’s Day Out program. There are two 4-year-old classes with 8 students in each class, 11 students enrolled in 3-year-old class, and 10 students enrolled in 2-year-old class totaling 39 students.

Thank you for your support and prayers. We could not have had such a great start without them! Please keep us in your prayers throughout the school year to be positive influences to each child and their family with teachings of Christ and His Love as we come in contact with them each day.

We put new carpeting in the SonShine house with the money we have raised during our Hop-A-Thon fund raiser earlier this year.

To keep the new carpeting in good condition, we are in need of a vacuum cleaner that is in good working condition. We purchased a new vacuum cleaner last year, but it has broken. If you or someone you know has an extra vacuum cleaner to donate, please call Elise Keylon at 423-413-7423.

Each month we plan to spotlight a different class. This month, please meet our 3-year olds.

In Christ,
Elise Keylon

Ms. Angie Couch & Ms. Jamie Park’s 3-year old Class

Cheryl Southers donated four beautifully embroidered aprons to the Family Life Committee. When you are volunteering to help in the kitchen, you will now proudly sport these aprons with the Spring City United Methodist Church logo on the front personally embroidered by Cheryl. Thanks, Cheryl, for seeing a need and filling it. We are thankful you shared your talent with our church family.

PRAYER SHAWL DEDICATION

Pastor Dale and the Prayer Shawl Group are show at the recent dedication of the Prayer Shawls. These shawls will bring comfort to those that need to know they are not alone and the Spring City United Methodist Church is praying with them.

APRONS PRESENTED TO FLC

On Promotion Sunday, August 29, four of our children and youth were recognized by presenting gifts and certificates. Pictured is Hannah Couch, McKenzie Lemons, Erin Couch, and Kaitlyn Couch along with Sunday School Superintendent Barbara Lemons, Sunday School Teacher Dorathy Hastings, and Pastor Dale.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

After morning worship on August 29, Carl and Kay Hesselbach were surprised by the Chancel Choir with a 50th Anniversary reception in the Family Life Center. They didn’t miss a trick. Carl even had a special groom’s cake. The entire church was invited.
Dear Reverend Wyrick,

My name is Scott Bonz – Betty Ann Huling’s oldest grandson – and I wanted to take a moment to thank you and the congregation of Spring City United Methodist Church for your warm welcome last weekend.

Though I try to visit my grandmother often, I am not always able to be there on Sundays. So when I informed Nana that, on this past visit, I would be staying through Sunday she requested that we attend services in Spring City. Of course, I was more than happy to help her fulfill that wish. She also asked if we could arrive fifteen minutes early so that she could visit with friends, which we did. In retrospect, I wish we had arrived even earlier.

From the moment we arrived at the church, Nana was greeted enthusiastically and, more importantly, with love. As dear friend after dear friend stopped to welcome her, I was struck by both the very real feeling of community and fellowship at SCUMC and by the outpouring of support for my grandmother. I recognized that, though it has been three and a half years since she left Spring City and stopped attending your church regularly, she never really left the congregation-- at least not as far as you all are concerned.

Introducing her during your service as a special guest was the icing on the cake, Reverend Wyrick. Though she would never admit as much to me, I know that having people recognize her through words – and (oh my!) even applause – meant the absolute world to her. For as quiet, strong, kind, and humble as Nana is, she is not too proud to be touched by such support. To be recognized as she was last Sunday left an impression upon her which I cannot describe, save to say that she was beaming for the rest of the afternoon. It is obvious that our visit had a profound impact on her and buoyed her always-positive spirit and for that, I would like to thank you and the congregation of SCUMC.

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Very sincerely yours,
Scott Bonz

A NOTE OF THANKS!

There are not enough words to say how thankful we are to all our church family during Russell’s illness and death. All of your cards, prayers, food, visit and flowers are so deeply appreciated. God is so good to have given us such a wonderful church family and friends.

Pastor Dale has been such a comfort from the day of surgery. All the visits and prayers, to the beautiful service he has provided in Russell’s memory.

Many thanks to all the ladies who prepared our meal following the funeral. We love you all.

Barbara and family

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for your prayers, phone calls, and cards during Steven’s recent back surgery. He is recovering well.

Special thanks to Pastor Dale for being at the Memorial Medical Center at 5:00 in the morning! We are truly blessed to have such wonderful and loving church family.

In Christ,
Steven, Beth & Hailey Keylon

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Everyone is invited to help with Trunk ’N Treat. Angie Rose will be spearheading the event. Trunk ’N Treat is a safe place for children on Halloween. There are games with prizes, crafts, hotdogs, haunted house and Trunk ’N Treating where the adults are invited to fill their car trunks with candy and form a circle in the parking lot. The children go from car to car collecting goodies. If you can’t be here, you may bring your goodies to the church before time. So remember Trunk ’N Treat the next time you go shopping.
James and Angie Couch’s middle daughter, Erin Moira Couch was baptized on August 22, 2010. Erin wanted an immersion baptism, and Tommy & Loretta Hale (Virginia Hale’s son & daughter-in-law) graciously offered their lake front property to use for this joyous occasion. Pastor Dale baptized beaming Erin with her dad’s help. Many of Spring City UMC family attended to extend their support and blessings. Congratulations Erin; may you follow God’s teachings and His guidance to grow into a faithful, happy, and beautiful young woman. We hope you will always remember all the love and support you have in our Lord and your church family.

Kathryn “Katie” Rose Pope was baptized on August 15, 2010. Katie was surrounded by her proud parents, Johnathan & Michelle Pope, along with her extended family and church family. We wish you all the blessings and guidance from our Lord, Jesus Christ, throughout your life.

Pastor Dale officiated the Liz Alexander & Richard Stair wedding on August 14, 2010. Mr. and Mrs. Stair were joined by their immediate family to celebrate this special occasion. We wish them many more happy years together!

CHECK INSIDE NEWSLETTER FOR MORE NEW MEMBER PICTURES

ALEXANDER-STAIR WEDDING
AUGUST MEMORIALS

- Marc Klein gave to the Holston Home for Children in the memory of Aleta Goodson.
- Felix & Emmaly Fisher gave to the Holston Home for Children in the memory of Mrs. Fred Fisher & Mr. & Mrs. Tom Fugate.
- Walter & Terry Hooper gave to the Church Memorial Fund in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Wanda Smith gave to the Stained Glass Window Fund in the memory of Russell Lemons.

SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS

- Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in the memory of Fredrick DeMuth.
- Gil & Judy Litteken gave to the Community Ministry Fund in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Gray & Sharon Cowart gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in the memory of Fredrick DeMuth.
- Jerry & Mary Jolley gave to the Stained Glass Window Fund in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Gordon Fourman gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in the memory of Norman Fourman.
- Bill & Patty Crowder gave to Loan Reduction for Fredrick DeMuth.
- Gil & Judy gave to Community Ministry for Russell Lemons.
- Gray and Sharon Cowart gave to Loan Reduction for Fredrick DeMuth.
- Gordon Fourman gave to Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Norman Fourman.

PLEASE HELP WITH THE NEWSLETTER

There have been many changes with the Postal System. We are trying to get the newsletter to you in a timely fashion. If you have any information for the Newsletter please have it in the office by the 3rd Monday of each month. Thanks for your help.

—JUDITH BARGER

MONTHLY REPORT

AUGUST MEMORIALS

GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

- Theresa Slater gave to the General Budget in the memory of Bill Slater.

TO THE CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

- Pat Cook gave in memory of Russell Lemons.

TO THE LOAN REDUCTION FUND

- Virginia Hale gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Virginia Hale gave in the memory of Ramona Sandefur.

TO THE MUSIC MEMORIAL FUND

- Helen Kincannon gave in the memory of Barbara Alley Wilson.
- Martin & Ginny Hatcher gave in memory of Marilyn Peterson.
- Martin & Ginny Hatcher gave in the memory of Ramona Sandefur.
- Rosalind Booker gave in the memory of Marilyn Peterson.
- Circle of Friends gave in the memory of Marilyn Peterson.
- Gretchen & Hank Metz gave in the memory of Marilyn Peterson.
- Joyce Drake gave in the memory of Marilyn Peterson.

TO THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW FUND

- Edward & Linda Gibbs gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Carol Price gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Scott & Laura Messimer gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Helen Kincannon gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Helen Kincannon gave in the memory of Marilyn Peterson.
- Steve & Beth Keylon gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- W.C. & Irena Daniels gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Joe & Theresa Lisa gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Gray & Sharon Cowart gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave in the memory of Billy Pittman.
- Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave in the memory of Ramona Sandefur.
- Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave in memory of Marilyn Peterson.
- Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Kevin & Angie Rose gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Martin & Ginny Hatcher gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Leon & Nancy Hicks gave in the memory of Marilyn Peterson.
- Kevin & Lesia Garrison gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Joseph & Candace Harmon gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Mr. & Mrs. David Martin gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Max & Pat Douglas gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.
- Walter Evans gave in the memory of Russell Lemons.

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

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INCOME

- Contributions $26,692.56 $201,343.15 $298,212.00 67.52%
- Mother’s Day Out 4,180.00 22,289.00 28,100.00 79.32%
- Other Income 1,707.97 2,280.84 2,600.00 87.72%

TOTAL INCOME $32,580.53 $225,912.99 $328,912.00 68.68%

EXPENSES

- Salaries & Benefits $12,257.00 $100,480.55 $149,589.00 67.17%
- Property Maintenance 4,604.55 65,666.65 62,360.00 105.30%
- Office Administration 444.01 5,990.30 9,650.00 62.08%
- Nurture & Music 408.00 753.75 4,550.00 16.57%
- Witness - Evangelism 189.95 2,179.26 1,800.00 121.07%
- Church & Society 0.00 203.18 1,250.00 16.25%
- Outreach - Mission 4,203.55 43,103.55 63,283.00 68.11%
- Church Support 75.75 3,555.38 4,450.00 79.90%
- Children’s Ministry 0.00 1,808.10 2,250.00 80.36%
- Youth Ministry 171.20 2,894.97 4,000.00 72.37%
- MDO Expenses 2,561.28 21,040.89 24,230.00 86.84%
- Young Adults (18-29) 0.00 354.91 1,500.00 23.66%

TOTAL EXPENSES 24,915.29 248,031.49 328,912.00 75.41%

EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSE $7,665.24 -$22,118.50 $0.00 0.00%

ANNUAL BUDGET

- Current $26,692.56 $201,343.15 $298,212.00 67.52%
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