Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

This is one of the most beautiful Psalms penned by David. It has been read at thousands of funerals and graveside services. For most of us, we can recite it from memory (KJV). It brings us hope and encouragement in our times of grief, despair, and sorrow. The words of this Psalm gives us hope and reminds us of how much God loves us and wants to provide for us. The metaphor of God being the shepherd of our life brings peace to my mind just thinking about it. David reminds us there is comfort and not fears; there is life and not death, and hope eternal that comes from God.

I also find in this Psalm a lot of grace. David was a man who committed many sins in his life, destroyed people, murdered many and was separated from God. He did terrible things. But in this Psalm, we are reminded that one does not choose to wallow in their situation but turns to God and receives forgiveness. It is through this Grace, I believe, David can say: “The Lord is my Shepherd”.

No matter what our past is, God’s grace lets us have a future. It is a future that is connected with Him. This Psalm illustrates how David had grown into this new relationship with God. Grace allows us to let go of the past so we can move forward with God. Psalm 23 is an affirmation from God to us that God loves us just the way we are, and through Grace, God moves us to where we need to be. Receive this Grace and let God be the shepherd of your life!

Shalom
Pastor Dale
Happy Birthday!

Faithful Workers

April Birthdays

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 11:00 Worship Service
   12:00 Mexico Mission Meal, FLC
   6:00 Bible Study
   6:00 Youth - FLC
   8:00 p.m. AA - FH

2 10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
   7:00 Cub Scouts - FLC

3 8:30-2:30 MDO
   1:30 SC Women’s Club, FH
   6:30 UMW, FH

4 6:00 Youth - FLC
   6:00 Ding-a-Lings - FLC
   6:00 Young Adults
   7:00 Chancel Choir
   8:30-2:30 MDO

5 8:30-2:30 MDO
   10:00 Visitation
   3:00 Social Action

6 11:00 Worship Service
   12:30 Easter Festival
   6:00 Youth - FLC
   6:00 Youth - FH

7 6:00 Youth - FLC
   6:00 Ding-a-Lings - FLC
   6:00 Young Adults
   7:00 Chancel Choir
   8:30-2:30 MDO
   Deadline for LDL reservations
   Pictorial Directory Photos, FLC

8 6:00 Youth - FLC
   6:00 Ding-a-Lings - FLC
   6:00 Young Adults
   7:00 Chancel Choir
   Pictorial Directory Photos, FLC

9 8:30-2:30 MDO
   10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
   11:00 Morning Worship
   6:00 Sunday School
   6:00 Coffee & Donuts
   9:45 a.m. Morning Worship
   11:00 Morning Worship
   6:00 Sunday School
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10 8:30-2:30 MDO
    11:00 Worship Service
    11:30 Boy Scouts, FH

11 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry
    7:00 Cub Scouts - FLC

12 8:30-2:30 MDO
    7:30 Trustees Meeting - Parish

13 6:00 Youth - FLC
    6:00 Ding-a-Lings - FLC
    6:00 Young Adults
    7:00 Chancel Choir
    Pictorial Directory Photos, FLC

14 8:30-2:30 MDO
    Deadline for LDL reservations
    Pictorial Directory Photos, FLC

15 10:11:30 Boy Scouts, FH

16 10:11:30 Boy Scouts, FH

17 Passion/Palm Sunday

18 11:00 Worship Service
    2:30-3:00 Easter Festival
    6:00 Youth - FLC
    6:00 Bible Study
    8:00 p.m. AA - FH

19 10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
    7:00 Cub Scouts - FLC
    NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

20 8:30-2:30 MDO
    12:00 Let’s Do Lunch, FLC
    6:00 Youth - FLC
    6:00 Ding-a-Lings - FLC
    6:00 Young Adults
    7:00 Chancel Choir

21 8:00 a.m. Sunday School
    9:00 a.m. Morning Worship
    11:00 Morning Worship
    6:00 Coffee & Donuts

22 Good Friday

23 9:00 a.m. City Park Pageant, FLC
    10:11:30 Boy Scouts, FH

24 Easter Sunday

25 11:00 Worship Service
    8:00 p.m. AA - FH

26 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry
    7:00 Cub Scout - FLC

27 8:30-2:30 MDO

28 6:00 Youth - FLC
    6:00 Ding-a-Lings - FLC
    6:00 Young Adults
    7:00 Chancel Choir

29 8:30-2:30 MDO

30 10:11:30 Boy Scouts, FH

Easter Festival

Innocence.

April Flower is the Diamond Birthstone for April

Birthstone for April is the Diamond – Innocence.
MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

Loyal Cornelius gave to the Bereavement Fund in memory of John Hanson.

Ed & Linda Gibbs gave to the Stained Glass Window Fund in memory of Linda’s mother, Mazie Bernice Rogers.

Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave to the Stained Glass Window Fund in memory of Ed & Linda Gibbs’ wedding anniversary (March 22).

Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Pauline Gibbs, Vesta Patterson and Howard Southers.

Irene Alexander gave to the Church Memorial Fund in memory of Ray Uhler.

Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave to the Stained Glass Window Fund in memory of Ray Uhler and Joyce Rusk.

Edward & Linda Gibbs gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Joyce Rusk.

Virginia Hale gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Ray Uhler and Joyce Rusk.

Larry McCuistion gave to the Church Memorial Fund in memory of Joyce Rusk.

Gil & Judy Litteken gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Ray Uhler and Joyce Rusk.

Condolesces

We offer our sympathy and prayers to:

The Family of Mildred Orr (SCUMC member since 12/30/90)
The Family of Myra Byrd (Stella Ray’s sister)
The Family of Ray Uhler (Dan Uhler’s father)
The Family of Joyce Rusk (Chris Haerr’s sister)

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

February 2011

INCOME

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TOTAL INCOME $32,306.84 $62,571.23 $361,495.00 $298,923.77

EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits $15,348.79 $33,447.31 $187,721.00 $154,273.69
Property Maintenance 4,774.93 10,946.73 65,461.00 -54,514.27
Office Administration 860.95 2,029.76 10,300.00 -8,270.24
Nurtue & Music 314.34 787.15 4,050.00 -3,262.85
Witness - Evangelism 285.66 285.66 2,750.00 -2,464.34
Church & Society 43.13 43.13 1,050.00 -1,006.87
Outreach - Mission 2,830.50 11,451.95 40,028.00 -28,576.05
Church Support 567.68 1,331.65 5,550.00 -4,218.35
Children’s Ministry 0.00 0.00 2,800.00 -2,800.00
Youth Ministry 7.68 96.73 3,750.00 -3,653.27
MDO Expenses 3,962.95 7,582.95 37,135.00 -29,552.05
Young Adults (18-29) 0.00 0.00 900.00 -900.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 28,996.61 68,003.02 361,495.00 293,491.98

EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSE $3,310.23 -$5,431.79 $0.00 -$5,431.79

HANDS-ON MISSION PROJECT

LIBERIA and ZIMBABWE

FOOD BUCKETS • ZIMBABWE • MARIA HUMBANE
Morristown District • Goal 300
Cleveland District • Goal 300

1 - 5 lb. bag of corn meal 1 - 5 lb. bag of sugar
1 box of tea bags 24 count 1 - 5 lb. bag of self-rising flour
1 - 2 lb. bag of rice 1 - 2 lb. bag of dried beans
1 box of powdered milk (9 oz. or less) 1 - 2 lb. or 2 - 1 lb. canned beans
1 bottle of cooking oil (48 oz. or less) 1 small box of Splenda

NOTE: Pack all items in a 5 gallon bucket with lid.

A $5.00 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each kit.
Do not put money in bucket. Local church should write one (1) check for total kits to their district office (example: 10 kits X $5.00 = $50.00)
Kits will be picked up at designated district location on June 10, 2011. This is not an UMCOR kit.

If you would rather give a donation of $27 instead of filling a bucket, please make your check payable to SCUMC and write “Hands-On Mission Project” on the memo line. If you choose to fill a bucket, please make sure you complete all items. The church will pay the $5 donation for packing and shipping each bucket. Do not put money in the bucket.

GREETINGS FROM THE FRAZIERS

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Love to all - Dot

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

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Congratulations to Virginia Hale and family on the birth of her new great-grandson, Kabel Hale, born on February 18. He weighed 9 lbs. and 11 oz. Kabel is the grandson of Virginia’s son, Jim.

The Bowman twins, Brynn Reese and Greer Elizabeth, were born at UT Hospital on March 18. One twin weighed 3 lbs. 9 oz. and the other weighed 3 lbs. Congratulations to the proud paternal grandparents, Norman and Peggy Bowman; parents, Gretchen and Eric Bowman, and uncle, Chadley Bowman.

The Community Dinner on March 17 was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the large turnout.

SPRING CLEANING

Guess what? Spring is Here! Time to clean out the closets, attics, basements and any storerooms. The UMW is planning a Flea Market, and they need all your extras - anything except clothes, which you may take to Our Daily Bread. There is plenty of time since the sale is June 4. Get started now and make a stack for the UMW. There will be a pickup for large items one week before sale date.

THANK YOU

A Big Thanks to all of your members for your “Souper Sunday” donation of can soups. What a great way to help those in need during this cold winter!

With sincere thanks,
Our Daily Bread

Dear Friends in Christ - Thank you for your gift of $185 to Morgan Scott Project. You all are awesome! We are so thankful for your support and prayers. You make a difference!
In God’s Service,

COMMUNITY DINNER

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STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The response for our stained glass windows has been overwhelming and the cost has been fully funded. Your interest and participation is greatly appreciated. Laws Stained Glass has begun construction of our windows and the installation is anticipated in approximately 6 weeks.

Easter Festival
April 17, 2011
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Ages: Infants thru 5th grade
Games, Crafts, Snacks and Egg Hunt

Mauindy Thursday Service
Pastor Dale will lead our Maundy Thursday Service in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21. Communion will be observed.

Mexico Medical Mission

The Mexico Medical Mission Trip is scheduled for May 7 - 15. If you wish to donate toward the purchase of medical supplies, please mark your check Mexico Medical and place it in the offering plate no later than Sunday, April 17. We will have a Mexico Mission Meal served after worship in the Family Life Center on Sunday, April 3. The menu is chicken spaghetti, salad, bread sticks, dessert and a drink. Be sure and make a reservation if you plan to attend. $6 per person - Family w/4 children, $20 max.

Gil & Judy Litteken, Rita Uhler, and Gary Gilmore prepared and served Lasagna, which was a big hit with the crowd. Walt and Janice Laughrey helped with the clean up.

The cupcakes for dessert looked too pretty to eat, and they tasted just as good as they looked.
Gary Gilmore drove the church bus with our youth onboard along with youth director, Beth Keylon, several chaperones, and Pastor Dale to Winter Jam at the Thompson-Boling Center and Arena in Knoxville on Friday, March 4, 7 p.m. Performers included: Newsboys, David Crowder Band, Tony Nolan, Jason Castro, Sidewalk Prophets, NewSong, and others. There was a total of 373,000 in attendance with 55,200 decisions. It was a spectacular night!

The Children’s Choir performed two special selections at the morning worship service on March 3. “What Would Jesus Do?” by The Potter’s Hands and “The Potter’s Hands” by Bryan Massengale accompanied the children with much joy and exuberance. Leading the children was their choir director, Angela Garrison and Bryan Massengale accompanied them on the piano.

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Green was the predominant color recently at the Family Life Center. The reason for all the green was the St. Patrick’s Day theme for Let’s Do Lunch (LDL) on Tuesday, March 15th, at 12 noon. Caren Ruffner had all the tables decorated with Leprechaun hats as the centerpieces. Lots of small, green four-leaf clovers were at the bottom of each Leprechaun hat and delicious pieces of candy were scattered among the four-leaf clovers on each table. The napkins were also green and white with large shamrocks printed on them. A green and gold banner draped the wall behind the podium.

Patty Crowder’s time of devotion focused on the history of St. Patrick and how he had used the shamrock to explain the Trinity to the Irish people. Patty’s talk was very informative.

Rev. Charles Maynard was the featured speaker. He is one of LDL’s favorite storytellers and the ladies look forward each time his busy schedule permits him to be with them.

Margo Hinsdale and helpers prepared another delicious lunch which went right along with the St. Patrick’s Day theme. The Watercress soup was just the right shade of green!

Let’s Do Lunch meets the third Tuesday of each month at 12 noon in the Family Life Center. If you are 65 or older, you are invited to join in the fun. The next LDL will be April 19.