Philippians 4:19
19And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Life is full of opportunity, possibility, and amazing potential.

This article was written at the close of 2011, on a cold and gray December day.

Time is something we all pay close attention to, and in many ways it controls us and the way we live. How often it is said that as we get older, time seems to constantly speed up, as if there are less than twenty-four hours in a day, seven days in a week, and three hundred, sixty-five days in a year. We are literally standing on the threshold of a new year - 2012.

Many of us are looking forward to this New Year, ready to let go of the old one and face whatever new challenges are put before us. I often hear people say, “This year has flown by so quickly. Where did the year go?” We have had to face many difficulties that have limited us, restrained us, and yes, even prevented us from having a fulfilled life. We have missed some things, missed doing some things, and even missed the joy of life itself. In some ways, we may look at 2011 and say what if…?

The truth is, no matter how much we would like we cannot turn back time; we cannot go back and change things. What we can do is move onward and upward with the greatest of expectations for this New Year. We can go with God and walk into God’s Promised Land. We can go with faith and trust that God is in total control of our lives and knows what steps we will take on our journey. God knows everything about us all the time and God knows everywhere we go.

This New Year let God be the God of opportunity and possibility. Trust in the God who can, and is able. When the Children of Israel stood on the bank of the Jordan River looking into the Promised Land, they stood there trusting God was true to His word. When the priest put his toe into the water, the Jordan stopped flowing and the people walked across on dry land. This is the same God we serve today.

God is faithful and trustworthy in all things. If God can raise a man from the dead, if God can stop raging storms, if God can heal all kinds of disease, if God can walk on water, then imagine what God can, and will, do for you in 2012.

Let us look forward with God’s anticipation for this New Year and the amazing potential that awaits us!

Shalom,

Pastor Dale

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Earl Robbins  Bryan Massengale  Roy Phillips
Ethan Kincannon  Janice Laughery  Bridgitt Phillips
Sylvia Baldwin  Joan Carty  Tyra McClendon
Gerri Cash  June Pittman  Tom Frick

Rosalind Booker (Abby Mae’s Hill, 365-6530).
Ruth Huskins (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., S.C.)
Kathleen Reese (Spring City Care and Rehab, # 206A)
Ernestine Simpson (Abby Mae’s Hill, 419 Pin Hook Rd., S.C.)

Clarence McAllister (friend of the Keylons)
Mia Danner (Mary Conroy’s nephew)
Mike Shock (Letty Shock’s son)
Benny Mathery (Pastor Dale’s friend)
Trey & Michelle Lewis (friends of Joe & Molly Graham)
David Wyrick (Pastor Dale’s son)
Chris Hanson (Hansons’ daughter-in-law)
Richard Southers (Cheryl Southers’ husband)
Ed Logsdon (Caren Ruffner’s father)
Sandy Wood (Martin & Ginny Hatcher’s niece)
Margaret Way (Pat Douglas’s friend)
Eddie Noile (John Hanson’s friend)
Gail Cranfield (Beth Keylon’s friend)
Bobbie Thomas (Judy Littken’s sister)
Janet Snyder (Frank Snyder’s mom)
Julene Morgan (friend of the Henleys)
Gene Elisea (Gerri Cash’s neighbor and friend)
Megan Hebert Vaughn (McIrwains’ granddaughter)
Christina Christi Phillips (Manuel Christi’s daughter)
Alma Holloway (friend of Earl Robbins and Pastor Dale)
Ronald Brown (Beth Keylon’s dad)
Jim Toombs (Earl Robbins’ friend)
Shelley Surrana (Rita Uhrer’s friend)
Lisa Smith (Littakens’ daughter)
Charlotte Thurman (Arthur Gilmars’ sister)
Juanita & Dick Reed (Nancy Gilmars’ parents)

Please call the church office (365-6324) the first of every month if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list.
FAITHFUL WORKERS

1/22 USHERS
1/29 USHERS
1/15 USHERS

Earl Keahey
Ronnie Barger
Earl Robbins

Drew Keahey
Ken Rose
Marty Gilliam

Kevin Garrison
Chadley Bowman

Walt Morse
Eric Bowman

Betty Thomas
Jenny Chattin
Ian Gilliam

Fred Sprouse
Ian Gilliam

Dale Wyrick
Patty Crowder

Ian Gilliam
Patty Crowder

Fred Sprouse
Betty Thomas

Ian Gilliam
Patty Crowder

Happy New Year!

- Worship Service
- Church Office Closed
- Disciple I


Sunday Schedule
- Children's Choir
- Morning Worship
- Sunday School
- Bible Study
- Coffee & Donuts
- Youth

January Birthstone is Garnet.
Flower for January is Carnation.

January Birthdays

1 Jerry Steven Smith 16 Brianna Hess 28 Betty Thomas
2 John Hanson 17 Rachel Helms 29 Jenny Chattin
3 Melva Dunlop 18 Linda Gibbs 30 Patty Crowder
4 Jim Fallon 20 Marilyn Cooksey 31 Dale Wyrick
5 Duane Exall 21 Linda Mullins
6 Norman Bowman 22 Ruth Jenkins
7 Amy Haer 25 Steve Barnes
8 Clyde Thurman, Jr. 26 Mary Conroy
9 Maggie Tammark 27 Dina Hess
10 Gna Winterberger 28 Wanda McCarter
11 Alysia Neal
12 Earl Robbins 28 Diann Foutz
13 Gary Drinkard 29 Theresa Slater

Anniversaries in January
1/6 Richard & Cindy Sutton
1/23 Gene & Dorathy Hastings

Call 365-624 if you would like to submit a birthday and/or wedding anniversary.

Happy Birthday!
Jerry & Rayna Henley gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Henley Baugh gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Carole Price gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Earl & Imogene Robbins gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Joe & Theresa Lisa gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Patty Crowder gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Max Tallent.

Gil & Judy Litteken gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Gene & Dorothy Hastings gave to the General Budget in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Gray & Sharon Cowart gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Norman & Peggy Bowman gave to the Community Ministries Fund in honor of Gil & Judy Litteken.

Harlie & Ann Reed gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Jerry & Lynda Smith gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Virginia Hale gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Tommy & Loretta Hale gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Phyllis Smith & Carol Patterson gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Gary & Mary Drinkard gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Cathy Kincannon Sanders gave to Kiwanis Christmas Baskets in memory of Joe Kincannon.

Margaret & Gary Cumby gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Loyal Cornelius gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Martin Hatcher.

Edward & Linda Gibbs gave to the Organ Fund in honor of Rhonda Evans.

Loyal Cornelius gave to the Community Ministries Fund in honor of Genny Hatcher.

As we start a new year, we are challenged to go forth and continue to proclaim God’s kingdom. By helping our brothers and sisters along the road, we are doing His work and lifting the load on those less fortunate.

We are excited to announce that once again a group from our church will be going on a medical mission trip to Mexico. We are ecstatic to share with you that perhaps a couple of the youth will be joining us. This year’s trip will be from March 24 to April 1. The plans are to go to the towns of Tatoxcac and Ixtepec and surrounding areas. These villages are located in the state of Puebla. Free health care will be provided to the poor people. Our team is organized through the United Methodist Church and is part of the Holston Conference project.

Our mission is to show the indigenous people that God loves them. Through our work, we hope many will receive Jesus as their Savior. We sowe the seedthe best we can and trust that God will bring the harvest.

We have been blessed in the past with your generosity and prayers. May we take this opportunity to ask you to start praying for the success of this year’s mission trip? The team is in the process of being formed and we look forward in serving our Lord in the capacities He has given each one of us. Members from Spring City United Methodist Church who have not gone before will be participating and we are sure they will be blessed as we have been on prior trips.

Thank you for your support!

Frank & Vickie Snyder, Glenda Keylon
Dan & Rita Ullier, Carolyn Haer

A Note from the Mexico Mission Team

Dr. Ted Fowlks, Medical Mission Team Leader

A Day Of New Beginnings

Make plans to attend the Cleveland District Laity and Clergy training day on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at Wesley Memorial United Methodist. As we focus on Call to Action in our local churches and empower the laity, training will be provided for areas of ministry such as: Staff Parish, Disaster Relief Training in the Local Church, Finance, Technology and Worship and Stewardship. Also, a special hands on mission project will be offered to all participants to package meals for the Stop Hunger Now’s meal packaging program. Be looking for upcoming information on how your church can be involved in this special outreach program.

Each church is encouraged to bring as many members as it can for this special training day. Our prayer is that this day will breathe new life into our local churches and ministries. Pre-registration is not required, simply register when you arrive. The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, January 29, 2012 at Wesley Memorial UM

1:30 – 2:00 Registration
2:00 – 2:30 Worship
2:45 – 3:45 Workshop Session I
3:45 – 4:00 Break
4:00 – 5:00 Workshop Session II

For more information please contact Rev. Amy Nutt at 423-238-9216.
The Community Thanksgiving Meal was enjoyed by more than 90 people who were served at 12 noon in the FLC on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24. A traditional menu of turkey and dressing & all the “fixins” was served. Lots of pies and desserts were graciously donated by members of the church. Judy Litteken, Chairperson of the Community Ministry Team, was very grateful to everyone who helped to make the special holiday meal so memorable.

On Tuesday, December 13, 12 noon, ladies of our church gathered for Let’s Do Lunch in the Family Life Center. Patty Crowder led the group in a spirit-filled devotion. Lisa Raven sang several holiday favorites and her daughter, Hilary Lusk, joined with her to sing a few selections. Lisa is Eldeena Perry’s daughter and Jeannette Long’s niece. We were so blessed with their beautiful Christmas music.

We look forward to the Jan. 17th, 2012, meeting at 12 noon, in the FLC.

“The Reason for the Season” was the theme for the 2011 Parade of Trees sponsored by the Spring City Historical Museum. The Grand Opening was on Sat., Dec. 3, from 6 - 8 p.m. The King’s Trio (Pastor Dale, Richard Stair, and Dave Eicher) with pianist, Eldeena Perry, performed again this year at the Grand Opening. The Parade of Trees was open to the public on Thursdays - Sundays until the last day, which was Sun., Dec. 18. Congratulations to all the volunteers for a job well done!
New members, Grady and Betsy Henley, are shown with Pastor Dale as he welcomed them on the day they became members of SCUMC on Sunday, November 20, 2011. Grady and Betsy transferred their membership from Villa Rica First UMC, Villa Rica, GA.

As you can see every pew was filled at the Christmas Eve Service on Sat., Dec. 24th. Thank you to everyone who participated in the service!
COATS FOR KIDS

Dr. Beth Casady is shown below with the coats she collected this year for “Coats for Kids.” Dr. Beth collected several coats this year to donate for children in need at Spring City Elementary and Spring City Middle Schools. Below right, Dr. Beth is shown as she presented coats at the Spring City Middle School office, and on the left she is shown at Spring City Elementary School.

Thank you to everyone who contributed a coat to keep a child warm this winter!

MORGAN-SCOTT TOY DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated toys for the children who live in Morgan-Scott Counties. Your gifts will surely put smiles on the children’s faces this Christmas.

John Hanson and Gary Gilmore are seen above as they loaded the Morgan-Scott toy box into Gary’s truck just prior to Gary delivering the toys. We are very appreciative to John and Gary for their time and efforts to show how much SCUMC cares for those in need.

KIWANIS CLUB DISTRIBUTES CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Kiwanis Club would like to thank you for your support of their Christmas Food Basket Program again this year. Toys were also donated (see stuffed animals below). Your generosity is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to all the volunteers!

UMW OFFICERS FOR 2012

United Methodist Women Officers for 2012 are shown as they met at their Christmas Dinner on Tues., Dec. 6th, in the FLC. Seated from left to right are President, Judy Litteken, Pat Douglas and Susan Maddux, Co-Vice Presidents, Dorathy Hastings, Secretary, and Linda Mullins, Treasurer. Upper left is Carolyn Haert, Social Action, Sharon Cowart, Education and Interpretation, Kay Hesselbach, Nurture & Outreach, Pat Horton, Historian, and Barbara Rose, Nominating Panel of 2013. Pat Horton was named “United Methodist Woman of the Year.” Officers not present: Caren Ruffner, Communications, Betty Thomas, Spiritual Growth, and Kathleen Garrison, Resources. Serving with Barbara Rose on the Panel of 2013 is Pat Douglas. Dorathy Hastings and Kay Hesselbach are on the Panel of 2014. If you would like to become a member of the UMW, contact Judy.

RING THOSE CHRISTMAS BELL

The Ding-a-Lings seem intent as they perform at the worship service on Sun., Dec. 11, under the direction of Judy Ezell.

Judy Ezell leads the Ding-a-Lings in “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” “Away in the Manger;” and “O Come, Little Children” to the delight of the congregation.