If the Church is going to be the Church, then we need to live our lives in a way that reflects who we are in our relationship with God. I call this practical living, practical Christianity. Our lives should be reflections of who Jesus is. Reading scripture helps us gain an understanding of how we should live and relate to the world. We need to be consistent with our daily walk, so we can be an example of Jesus. This can be very challenging for all of us at times. There are situations we encounter that can really challenge our faith and our lives in a way that reflects who we are in our relationship with God.

Scripture allows us first to understand who we are, and secondly helps us understand how we are to live. It is more than relying on opinions or assumptions. Paul admonishes all of us to be real in our walk, to be consistent with our lives, and to let the world see Jesus in our lives. It is like what Jesus said in one of His stories about a wise and foolish man: 

10 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 11 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 12 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 13 Rejoice in hope, patient in suffering, persevering in prayer. 14 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. 15 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 16 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 17 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 18 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 19 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 20 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 21 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

Romans 12:9-21

Shalom,
Pastor Dale

**HOME PRAYER GROUP**
Pictured below are attendees of the first meeting of the new Home Prayer Group which meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the home of Bill and Charlotte Thurman. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:16b (NRSV)
**In Loving Memory**

Bill and Donna Barber gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Edward and Linda Gibbs gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Fred and Linda Mullins gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Chris and Carolyn Haerr gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Dewey Southers and Charlotte Coffinberry.

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the Chadley Bowman Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Bill and Donna Barber gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Althea B. Moloney gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Dewey Somers.

Donna Folan gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Kathy Maggard Klein gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Opal McKay Maggard.

Steve & Beth Keylon gave to the General Budget in memory of Dewey Southers.

Theresa Slater gave to the General Budget in memory of Dewey Southers.

Gray & Sharon Cowart gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Ray & Glenda Keylon gave to the Mexico Medical Mission fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Gary & Mary Drinkard gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

George & Phyllis Schaller gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

**HONORARIUMS**

Elizabeth Stair gave to the Holston Home for Children in honor of Richard Stair.

David & Nancy Gilliam gave to the Chimes Music Fund in honor of Judy Ezell.

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**MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED**

**SEPTEMBER 2012**

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**EXPENSES**

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**EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSE**

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**FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

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**SS ATTENDANCE**

|        |                | 76   | 80  | 73  | 66   |

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

|        |                | 187  | 168 | 148 | 163  |

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**Thank You!**

Please accept our sincere thank you for the prayer shawls, your prayers, kindness, and love while Dewey was ill and after his passing. He loved this church and the feeling of the presence of The Heavenly Father. His love for Pastor Dale and all of you was unending. Thank you so much for the beautiful cards, donations to the church and charities, and the delicious food. We are truly blessed to be members of this loving, caring church family.

The Souther Family

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**2012 UMW HANDS ON MISSION PROJECT**

Henderson Settlement is a mission agency of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. It is located in Southeast Kentucky and Northern Tennessee in two of the poorest counties in our country. Henderson Settlement provides services to all ages, which includes an agriculture program and thrift stores for the local people. There are also crafts stores to help generate some added income. Helping Henderson Settlement is our hands on mission project for 2012. The mission has such great need that anything we can give will help.

On United Methodist Women (UMW) Sunday, November 11, we will have a speaker from Henderson Settlement, and she will explain all the many services provided by the mission. The UMW would like to collect as many products for them as possible on that day. We would like to fill the front of the church. Please keep this in mind and begin to gather some supplies to donate to Henderson Settlement on November 11.

The people served by this mission are truly the Appalachian poor from our area of the country. They are in need of almost anything you can donate, for example: food items with shelf life, personal items, cleaning supplies, baby items, paper products, disposable plates/bowls; tableware/cups, school supplies, vinyl gloves, laundry supplies, dishwasher detergent, Ziploc bags (all sizes).

Thank you in advance for your wonderful support!

Your Unit of United Methodist Women

If you have questions, please call Judy Litteken at 365-0199.
Charge Conference was held Sunday, October 21 with our new District Superintendent Joe Green, Pastor Dale and Secretary Dorothy Hastings.

We again have an opportunity to help those in our community who are out of work or may not be able to work. Just purchase a jar or two of peanut butter each time you shop between now and November 18. This may be the only protein some of Spring City’s children will have all day long. Bring the peanut butter with you to church any Sunday between now and November 18 and put in the Peanut Butter Boxes at the side and front entrances. These will be distributed through Our Daily Bread. We collected over 200 jars last year and they were all used within 3 months. Our goal this year is to meet or beat the 200 jars donated last year. If God has blessed you with the ability to feed your family, join us in helping others.

Do you need a “Helping Hand”? If you or someone you know has been thinking about a fix-up, clean up project or some other assistance, please call one of these folks, They want take care of it. Carl Hesselbach 365-5416, Chuck Mollwain 365-5540, Kathy Maggard 315-8861, Sharon Cowart 365-2804, or Sandy Gilliam 765-5032. This ministry is not based on economic status; it is for everyone. Please give the volunteers an opportunity to feel good.

Congratulations Max & Pat
Max and Pat Douglas were surprised by their family with a 50th Anniversary celebration after church October 21. It was a wonderful celebration with 150 in attendance.

Hi, I’m back again to help with

Coming Again to Spring City United Methodist Church
First Wednesday Fellowship Dinners

Many have asked why we no longer have our fellowship dinners. Many have shared how much they miss this time of fellowship. Many are at church on Wednesday evenings. Have you seen our parking lot on Wednesday nights, lately? It’s an awesome site!

The Nurture Committee has diligently worked to reinstate this ministry, and we need your help! Some folks like covered dish meals; some don’t. This time around, if you would like to hostess a meal, it is a “have it your way” opportunity! If you or a group would like to prepare a meal as a fundraiser, just sign up for the month you would like to share. If you or a group would like to hostess a covered dish meal, feel free to follow the K.I.S.S. method (Keep it simple, Silly!). Use paper and plastic products, request everyone to bring either a dish per person or one large enough to feed their entire family, use a sign-up system to ensure all food categories are covered, serve buffet style (no table setting). Hostessing would include setting up tables, setting out salt and pepper shakers, simple table decorations (many already available at church), preparing drinks, and clean-up afterward. For special occasions we can have a catered meal.

We want you! We need you!
The Witness Team is hosting the first Dinner Nov. 7 at 6:00 p.m.

November First Wednesday Dinner
Wed., Nov. 7, at 6 p.m., in the Family Life Center
The menu is homemade chicken and dumplings, vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert. $6 each with proceeds going to the Chadley Bowman Fund. Guest Speaker is Ms. Ella Smith of Morgan Scott Project.
See you there!
5th Sunday Sing
September 30, 2012

If you missed the 5th Sunday Sing on Sunday evening, September 30th, you really missed a blessing. Everyone enjoyed all the participants in the service. Below are snapshots of this special evening of spirit-filled music, songs, praise, and fellowship. The next 5th Sunday Sing will be Sunday, December 30, 2012, at 6 p.m., in the sanctuary. Mark your calendar now, so you will not miss the next 5th Sunday Sing.

MAYOR PATTON SPEAKS
at LET’S DO LUNCH (LDL)

Approximately 40 attended LDL on Tuesday, October 16th, 12 noon, in the Family Life Center. Caren Ruffner’s table decorations gave each table a glow of Autumn. Patty Crowder’s devotional was inspiring and uplifting. Mayor Billy Ray Patton’s talk was both informative and entertaining. The delicious meal, prepared by Cookie Smith, consisted of meat loaf, whipped potatoes, green beans, slaw, rolls, and choice of desserts. The next LDL is moved ahead one week due to Thanksgiving and will be held on Tues., Nov. 13, 12 p.m., in the FLC, for ladies 60 and up.

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Pastor Dale is shown at left on Sunday, September 23, 2012, when he prayed and asked God’s blessing on the prayer shawl he is holding as well as the others pictured below.

Below is Prayer Shawl Team chairperson, Theresa Lisa, and team members, Rita Uhler and Susan Maddux as they stand near the prayer shawls for the blessing.

This year the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team celebrates their 3rd year anniversary. The team meets at alternating times on Mondays. Theresa Lisa is the chairperson and other members of the team are Peggy Bowman, Betty Thomas, Beverly Allison, Susan Maddux, Doris Roy, Rita Uhler, Maggie Tammark, Tom Fricke, and Letty Shock. The Prayer Shawl Team made 200 prayer shawls and presented 170 to those in need of solace, comfort, love, and care.
Welcome New Member

Pastor Dale and new member, Hannah Couch, are pictured above left on Sunday, October 14, 2012, when Hannah joined on Profession of Faith and was baptized with water from the Jordan River, which Pastor Dale brought back from the Holy Land. Hannah’s family (above right) were happy to celebrate this memorable day with her.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Josh, Aaron, and Joey Heimel received achievement pins from the P.R.A.Y. Program (Program of Religious Activities for Youth) for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on Mon., Oct. 8, 2012. Joey (middle) received the God and Family achievement pin for Grades 4 and 5, and Josh and Aaron received the God and Me achievement pins for Grades 1 - 3.

Thurmans Renew Vows
Bill and Charlotte Thurman are shown below with Pastor Dale when they renewed their wedding vows on Sunday, September 30, 2012. The Thurmans’ children and grandchildren were also present in celebration of this special day for

The church was filled to capacity on Homecoming Sunday, October 7. Many former members were present from out-of-town, and former pastor, Ron Goodman was also in attendance. Pastor Dale’s sermon, the choral anthem, special blessing for Chadley Bowman, and lunch that followed the service made for a very blessed and special day for all those (approximately 200) who attended.

Chadley Bowman holds his prayer shawl which Pastor Dale had just asked God to bless. Surrounding Chadley are family members and church members who love Chadley and will be praying for his upcoming trip to India.

Everyone always enjoys hearing the King’s Trio. They are shown at right as they performed a favored selection when they entertained in the FLC at lunch on Homecoming Sunday.