In our modern high tech age, communication seems to be a high priority. We have so many ways by which we can stay in contact with each other. Landline phones, cell phones, push to talk service, the ability to text, chat, voice mail, email, video mail, Facebook, Twitter, etc. It would seem everyone has the need to be connected with someone else. We use these services often so we will know what is going on in the lives of friends, family and even in our business world. It has come to the point we cannot get away from each other even if we tried. We try so hard to stay in touch.

This should also be true in our relationship with God. I wonder if we had the ability to text God, would we? This should also be true in our relationship with God.

The best thing is, we do not have to do anything special or have a certain gadget. We do not need technology to stay connected with God. There is a way that will always be available to every one of us - Prayer!

The words pray, prayer, and praying are used 300 times in the Old and New Testaments. The Apostle Paul said to “Pray without Ceasing.” One of the greatest evangelists of the Church tells us to pray always, so it must be important.

I know we are a praying church. There are many people who are prayer warriors. We have been blessed to have so many prayers answered. For every need there is prayer and for every prayer there is an answer. If it were not so, the Bible would not have so many references about us staying connected with God!

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 “PRAY WITHOUT CEASING”

Shalom,
Pastor Dale

PUPPETS PERFORM AT LET’S DO LUNCH (LDL)

The Puppet Ministry Team delightfully entertained those present at LDL, Tuesday, September 17, at noon, in the FLC - Gym. Caren Ruffner decorated the tables beautifully with fresh flowers. Patty Crowder led the group with a wonderful devotional and also asked the blessing on the meal. The menu was chicken salad on croissants, baked beans, pasta salad and choice of desserts. The next LDL for ladies 60 and up is Tues., Oct. 15, 2013.

THE LAMPLIGHTER
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SPRING CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 2013

Dale’s Doodles

Remain on the prayer list.

Remember in Prayer

Bill Crowder
Duane Ezell
Ray Keylon

Bonnie Bowman (Spring City Care and Rehab, Room 407)
Mary Curtis (Spring City Care and Rehab, Room 411)
Virginia Hale (190 Deer Ridge Dr., Ab., Dayton, TN 37321)
Ruth Huskins (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., S.C.)
Evelyn Lynch (Spring City Care and Rehab, Room 207)
June Pittman (990 Terr. P. Dr. 2561 Gray Hendrix Dr., Knoxville, TN 37931)
Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, #306)
Elsie Robbins (Dayton Life Care Center, #39A)

Tony Wood & Cody Kell (Ginny Hatcher’s nephews)
David Lenear (Carolyn Haer’s brother)
Missy Miller (LeRoy Shock’s relative)
Bobby Fugate (Naomi & Don Hinely’s nephew)
Robby & Tonya Kimbrell, Donna Casella and Larry Hahn (friends of Joe & Molly Graham)
Travis McClendon (Larry & Vivian McClendon’s son)
Christina Mockbee (Betty Barnes’ daughter)
Michelle Nasca (Bob & Sheila Larson’s daughter)
Donnie Smith (friend of the Hansons)
Freda Scurlock (Walt & Linda Morse’s daughter-in-law’s mother)
Mitchell Eustice (Cheryl Southern’s friend)
David Douglas (son of Max & Pat Nimmo’s daughter)
Melvin Rhodes (Kathy Maggard’s friend)
Erin Powers (Gil Litteken’s granddaughter)
R. Ken Pierce (Pastor Dale’s friend)
Sherry Standridge (Barbara Hardy’s daughter)
Diane Chappell (Eleanor Trail’s niece)
Isabel Giddings (Mike & Linda Phillips’ granddaughter)
Jaime Neller (Hansons’ granddaughter)
Raleigh Hall (Ed & Linda Gibbs’ granddaughter)
Ann Jones (friend of Gray & Sharon Cowart)
Lois Sprague (Marla Hinzman’s sister)
John Stafford (friend of Ken & Ann Hasting)

Sherry Standridge (friend of the Hansons)
Donnie Smith (friend of Ken & Ann Hasting)
Julia Fields (Doris Roy’s friend)
Diane Harrell (Margo Hinsdale’s brother)
Michelle Cessell & family (Eleanor Trail’s friends)
Annette Osborne (Terry McBrayer’s sister)
Montana Running Horse (DeCroe’s friend)
Valerie Nixon Allen (Lou Ellen Nixon’s daughter)
Kathy Powell (niece of Carolyn Reid)
Cheryl Witt (Jeanette Long’s friend)
Phillip Gilmore (Gary & Tia’s son)
Alcice Robb Hinsdale (Tia Gilmore’s mother)
Larry Lee (Judith Litteken’s nephew)
Olga Conroy (John & Mary’s daughter)
Mary Orr (relative of Ginny Hatcher)
Sandy Wood (Ginny Hatcher’s niece)
Jordan Nelson (Leon & Nancy Hicks’ granddaughter)
Billy Arnold (Conroy’s son-in-law)
Vivian McClendon (Jeanette Long’s friend)
Carolyn Hesselbach (Carl & Kay’s daughter)
Catrina Christi (Manuel Christi’s daughter)
Christina Jordan (Manuel Christi’s daughter)
The Family of Joseph Lanzi (David Lanzi’s father)
The Family of Sam Burdette (Patsy Marlin Burdette’s husband)

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

United Methodist Church
OCTOBER 2013

Pray Without Ceasing
## Children's Choir Hosts

- 10/9: Beth Keylon
- 10/23: Beth Keylon
- 10/27: Beth Keylon
- 10/30: Fall Festival Setup

## Youth Hosts

- 10/6: Beth Keylon
- 10/13: Beth Keylon
- 10/20: Beth Keylon
- 10/27: Beth Keylon

## Nursery Hosts

- 10/6: Loretta Hale
- 10/13: Loretta Hale
- 10/20: Loretta Hale
- 10/27: Loretta Hale

## Nursery Helper Hosts

- 10/6: Glenda Keylon
- 10/13: Glenda Keylon
- 10/20: Glenda Keylon
- 10/27: Glenda Keylon

## Nursery Assistant Hosts

- 10/6: Centre Lenoir City
- 10/13: Centre Lenoir City
- 10/20: Centre Lenoir City
- 10/27: Centre Lenoir City

## Acolyte Hosts

- 10/6: Hank Smith
- 10/13: Hank Smith
- 10/20: Hank Smith
- 10/27: Hank Smith

## Ushers Hosts

- 10/6: Nancy McIlwain
- 10/13: Nancy McIlwain
- 10/20: Nancy McIlwain
- 10/27: Nancy McIlwain

## Nursery Helper Hosts

- 10/6: Angie Couch
- 10/13: Angie Couch
- 10/20: Angie Couch
- 10/27: Angie Couch

## Nursery Assistant Hosts

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What a great day was Sunday, September 8, 2013. Cleveland District Superintendent Joe Green preached at our worship service, and we were blessed to have his wife, Beth, also. Rev. Green conducted Charge Conference after worship with a record number in attendance. A delicious lunch followed Charge Conference in the FLC - Gym, prepared by John Hanson and helpers, Nancy Gilliam and Shirley Corbin.

Hanson and helpers, Nancy Gilliam and Shirley Corbin.

Monthly Report
GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED
AUGUST 2013

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| EXPENSES |                  |             |               |                         |                          |
|-----------|------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
|           | Salaries & Benefits | 17,406.97  | 141,100.57    | 225,941.00              | 62.5%                    |
|           | Property Maintenance | 2,365.07   | 25,884.56     | 41,400.00               | 62.5%                    |
|           | Office Administration | 1,258.09   | 12,056.19     | 15,100.00               | 79.8%                    |
|           | Nurture & Music    | 150.00      | 3,387.89      | 4,100.00                | 82.6%                    |
|           | Witness            | 278.10      | 2,116.58      | 6,000.00                | 32.1%                    |
|           | Outreach - Missions | 2,905.73   | 27,563.73     | 40,856.00               | 67.5%                    |
|           | Church Support     | 406.13      | 4,492.61      | 5,770.00                | 77.9%                    |
|           | Children’s Ministry| 56.00       | 2,211.67      | 3,300.00                | 67.0%                    |
|           | Adult Ministries   | 109.65      | 358.88        | 1,300.00                | 27.6%                    |
|           | Youth Ministry     | 100.00      | 962.44        | 1,450.00                | 66.4%                    |
|           | MDO Expenses       | 1,787.14    | 22,312.46     | 33,380.00               | 66.8%                    |
|           | Young Adults (18-35)| 0.00        | 0.00          | 250.00                  | 0.0%                     |
|           | TOTAL EXPENSES     | 26,822.88   | 242,447.58    | 379,447.00              | 63.9%                    |

| NET INCOME | 1,701.58 | -20,853.50 | 0.00 | 100.0% |

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

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In Loving Memory

Fred and Linda Mullins gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Sam Burdette.

Gray and Sharon Cowart gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Joseph Lanzi.

Wednesday NIGHT Fellowship Meal

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team invites you to a covered dish potluck dinner, October 2, at 6 p.m. Drinks only will be provided. This is not a fundraiser, and there is no charge. Bring a favorite dish for your family (and enough to share) and join us for dinner, fellowship, and learn more about this vibrant ministry in our church. I know we'll enjoy savoring everyone’s favorites!

Thank You!

Dear Friends in Christ - Thank you for your gift of $150.00. You are an awesome, giving church that is showing God’s love to others. We are blessed to have you as friends and supporters.

In Christ’s Service,

Ella Smith, Director
Morgan Scott Project

Once again I want to thank you for the visits in the nursing home while I was recuperating from my illness, the prayers, flowers, cards, CD’s and a song or two made my stay there so much more enjoyable. The food and phone calls with offers to cook for us were a blessing. Thank you, Pastor Dale, for being with us the morning I was hospitalized. Your prayers and assurance meant so much to us. For 19 years, you all have been so good to us. Your encouragement and love shown is truly the family of God, Him through you. May God bless each and everyone.

Nancy & Chuck McIlwain
ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET

The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held in the FLC, Mon., Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. The Rhea Co. Rescue Squad received the Lucille Maybery Award for their Outstanding Community Service.

NEW WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Begins September 17, 2013

The new Beth Moore Women’s Bible Study - Esther - “It's Tough Being a Woman” began Tuesday, September 10th at 10 a.m. The group met upstairs in the Celebration Class Room due to the Fellowship Hall kitchen renovation, but classes will resume meeting in the Fellowship Hall as soon as the renovation is complete. Wendy Thurman is the facilitator.

HELPING HANDS

We have added several new members to this ministry. They and over 20 volunteers are ready to help. If you have a fix-it project or an assistance situation, please call one of the coordinators listed below. These wonderful volunteers cannot do it all BUT they can do a whole lot. Give them a chance to serve.

Carl Hesselbach 423.365.5416  Sharon Cowart 423.365.2804
Richard DeCroce 585.303.4144  Sandy Gilliam 423.762.5032

The Witness Team

FELLOWSHIP HALL KITCHEN RENOVATION

Dorothy Hastings, Barbara Rose, Ken Rose, and Ronnie and Judith Barger are busily working in the Fellowship Hall kitchen, and we greatly appreciate their hard work with the renovation. If you haven’t seen what a terrific job they are doing, please go by and take a look at how beautiful the kitchen looks. Thanks to all of you kitchen renovators for your hard work and creativity!

MDO’s FIRST DAY

Mother’s Day Out (MDO) teachers took a short break after their summer session ended and began their 2013 MDO fall schedule on Tuesday, August 20. Presently, there are 21 children enrolled with 6 staff members. Applications will still be accepted.
Disciple 3 is a 32 week Bible study which covers the Old Testament Prophets and the Letters of St. Paul. The class is shown below on their first day of study, Wed., Sept. 4, at 10 a.m. Walt Morse leads the study and participants are Joan Carty, Joyce & Dave Eicher, Shirley Corbin, Sheila Larson, Susan Maddux, & Kathy Maggard.

ON THE ROAD TO MORGAN/SCOTT

Chuck McIlwain thanks you on behalf of the Witness Team for your tremendous response to the Morgan/Scott Food Drive. Shown above are Chuck with Judith and Ronnie Barger as they loaded the donated food in the back of Chuck’s truck. John Hanson is standing in the lower right corner with Chuck just before they departed for Morgan Scott to deliver over 550 lbs. of food, hygiene, and household items. A check for $2,672 was forwarded to Second Harvest for credit for Morgan/Scott’s food pantry account. Your generosity is a wonderful witness of our love for Jesus Christ.

SINGING COUCH SISTERS

Hannah, Kaitlyn, and Erin Couch delighted everyone at church, Sunday, August 25, when they sang, “Free.” The girls are as pretty as they are talented.

THANK YOU USHERS!

We are very blessed to have such wonderful, friendly ushers welcome and give bulletins to everyone on Sunday mornings and help to locate available seats. Pictured above are some members of the usher team: Earl Robbins, Pete Williams, Jerry Smith, and Clyde Thurman, Jr.
IN OBSERVANCE OF
HOLY COMMUNION

A MEDLEY OF PRAISE filled the
sanctuary, Sunday, September 1, when Angela Garrison and
Linda Abel sang, “I Could Never Outlove the Lord,” with piano
accompaniment by Bryan Massengale. Additional songs in
the medley were “Gentle Shepherd,” “There’s Something about
That Name,” and “Worthy the Lamb.”

Norman Bowman, John Hanson, and Tim Agee are shown
assisting Pastor Dale with the Communion elements as Holy
Communion was observed at the morning worship service,
Sunday, September 1, 2013.

Dale S. Wyrick, Pastor
Beth Keylon, Director of Youth
John Hanson, Angela Rose, Co-Directors of Children
Sharon Brown, Administrative Assistant

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2013 PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday school teachers shown left
to right: Kathy Barnes, Sharon Baker, Dorothy Hastings, and
Barbara Rose presented Bibles and Promotion
Certificates to those who
promoted, Sunday,
September 1: Chris Hunt (Dorothy’s and
Barbara’s class); Aaron Heimel and
Edale Hunt (Sharon’s class); and Erin Couch and
Dakota Herhold (Kathy Barnes’
class). Absent was
Kayla Kile who also
promoted from
Dorothy’s &
Barbara’s class.

Hannah Couch is shown as Pastor Dale reaffirmed her baptism, Sunday,
September 1, 2013, with Hannah’s Dad, James Couch, assisting. The
baptism was in Watts Bar Lake behind Tommy and Loretta Hale’s house.
Several church members came out to show their love and support for Hannah
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