It is interesting that when Jesus meets these people, they all seem to have their own agenda. They want Jesus to do something for them, but they want it done their way. In almost every case, Jesus takes their situation to a higher level. Many times He uses their situation to help them better understand God and His kingdom.

In this story, the man has waited for thirty eight years to be healed. It seems that he has lost all hope, focus, and faith. The man has become bitter with his life and is wallowing in self-pity. When Jesus comes, He asks the man if he wants to be made well. Perhaps surprised by the question, the man begins to complain about his situation. We know Jesus has the solution for him; all he has to do is respond and obey.

Never underestimate what God will do. By example of this story, we need to realize God will make us well in His will, His way, and His time!

Shalom,
Pastor Dale

John 5: 5 - 9

Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” 7 The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” 8 Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

How often we find in the Gospels stories about Jesus and His encounter with people who have great needs.
Sunday Schedule

9:45 a.m. - Children's Choir 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study
10:45 a.m. - Coffee & Donuts 6:00 p.m. - Bible Study
6:00 p.m. - Youth
In Loving Memory

Arthur and Linda Osborne gave to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen Fund in memory of Ardoth Martin.

Gray and Sharon Cowart gave to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen Fund in memory of Ina Ford, Annette Rice and Hiley Brady Smith.

Janice and Larry Sowell gave to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen Fund in memory of Ina Ford, Annette Rice and Hiley Brady Smith.

Fred and Linda Mullins gave to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen Fund in memory of Ina Ford, Ardoth Martin.

Robert E. (Corky) Ford gave to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen Fund in memory of Ardoth Martin.

Ina Ford gave to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen Fund in memory of Ardoth Martin.

The Family of Hiley Brady Smith, Karen & Chris Smith, and Connie White gave to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen Fund in memory of Hiley Brady Smith.

Gene and Dorothy Hastings gave to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen Fund in memory of Ina Ford.

Spring City High School Class of 1959 gave to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen Fund in memory of Hiley Brady Smith.

MONTHLY REPORT
GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

JULY 2013

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| NET INCOME                   | -5,566.37      | -22,555.08   | 0.00          | 100.0%                   |

GIFTED SOLOIST

Dianne Griffith is pictured with pianist, Lynn Hinkle and Pastor Dale, Sunday, August 18, when Dianne blessed our congregation with two solos at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Dianne is also an exceptional actress at the Tennessee Valley Theatre.

We hope Dianne will sing for us again in the near future.

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

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DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR CHURCH LIBRARY is packed with treasures for readers in many categories such as fiction, Christian living, autobiographies, biographies, classics, missionaries, marriage, men, women, parenting/family, sexuality, creation science, prayers, devotions, bible studies, encouragement/support, reference, DVDs, videos, Bibles, prophecy, apologetics, and more?

We have added several books on audio and also teachings by top Christian speakers. Our Children’s Section is quite large and now includes games and puzzles.

We have cleaned out older, musty books, which have been replaced by current books of all kinds - Christian in nature to allow for continuing the purchase of new materials.

Please designate church donations to “Library Fund.” If you have a special item you would like included in the library, please leave a note for Joyce Eicher.

Enjoy your “new and improved” church library.

Joyce Eicher, Librarian

FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD. Matthew 25:35

Judith Barger is shown on Sunday, August 18th, as she spoke to the congregation about the food drive for Morgan-Scott counties, which will assist in replenishing the Morgan-Scott Project’s empty food pantry.

In addition to food items, several members gave monetary contributions for Morgan-Scott. Our church always gives generously and goes an extra mile in an effort to help those in need.

Not only were food items collected for Morgan-Scott’s pantry, but also cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products.

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Love,
Horton and Sowell Family

Thank you for the love you have shown to our entire family through your prayers, kind words, food, cards, and many, many acts of kindness during our son, David Douglas’ brain surgery. He is at home now awaiting the results of the biopsy so a plan for his treatment may continue. We praise God for the many answered prayers and continue to covet your prayers for David and family.

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We can assure you that every dollar and every item will find its way to folks who depend so heavily on Morgan/Scott.

The Witness Team

NEW DISCIPLE CLASSES BEGIN
Disciple III will begin at 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 4, in the Fellowship Hall, with facilitator, Walt Morse. Disciple I begins at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 5, in the Fellowship Hall, taught by Walt Morse.

2013 CHARGE CONFERENCE
Sunday, September 8, 2013
We are honored to have our District Superintendent, Rev. Joe Green, preach for us at the 11 o’clock worship service on Sunday, September 8th, and conduct our Charge Conference for 2013 after worship. Everyone is invited to attend lunch and fellowship in the Family Life Center following Charge Conference. John Hanson will prepare a delicious meal.

BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN
ESTHER - “IT’S TOUGH BEING A WOMAN”
The new Beth Moore Bible Study on Esther, “It’s Tough Being a Woman,” will begin, Tuesday, September 10, at 10 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, with facilitator, Wendy Thurman. This study is for 10 sessions. Cost for a study manual is $15.95. Call the church office at 365-6324, email at scumc@volstate.net, or contact Wendy Thurman at (365-4614) if you would like to participate.

HOMECOMING
Sunday, September 22, 2013
Come for Sunday School and Morning Worship.
Covered-dish lunch to follow worship service.
Bring your favorite covered dish (church to furnish meat, drinks & bread)
The King’s Trio will provide entertainment.

CLEANING BUCKETS
FOR UMCOR
Thank you for donating so generously the items shown below or by giving a monetary gift to help replenish UMCOR’s supplies of relief kits and cleaning buckets. Due to so many large disasters in the U.S., UMCOR’s depot supplies were nearly depleted. We are very grateful to the Sunday evening Bible Study group who assembled the buckets on Sunday evening, August 18, and to John Hanson and Gary Gilmore for delivering the buckets to the District Office.

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Participants of the six week study of Beth Moore - Daniel are shown in the Fellowship Hall on their final day of study, Tuesday, August 6. Left to right are: Sheila Larson, Judy Johnson, Joyce Eicher, facilitator, Wendy Thurman, Jackie Robinson, and Garnet Watters.

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The collage below show only a few of the beautiful quilts that were displayed at the Dinky Line Quilt Show held at the Spring City Historical Museum, August 5-17. Several of our church members who volunteered their time and talents at the quilt show are: Judith and Ronnie Barger, Kay and Carl Hesselbach, Linda Mullins, and John and Sam Hanson. A big THANK YOU to Pastor Dale for taking such lovely photos of the quilts.