Tony’s Tales

We are in the middle of a sermon series at the church called, “Five Things that Will Change Your Life.” I am really excited about this series. It is not groundbreaking or anything that you have never heard. The sermons are all very basic, but they are the things that Jesus told us that we need to focus on to live a life that is pleasing to him.

In an old Kevin Costner movie, Bull Durham, the coach of a minor league baseball team reminds the team, “Baseball is a simple game. You throw the ball. You hit the ball. You catch the ball.” He is right. When we remember the basic things that we are supposed to do and do them with joy in our hearts, then we begin to learn to live life with joy and grace.

Sometimes we try to make our Christian walk too hard. We are called to live as Jesus taught us. ’We are called to love one another, to “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” ’

Learning to love life so much that we can love everyone that we meet, is an amazing feat. Giving up the idea that everyone has to agree with you or do things like you is an important point in understanding the wonder of God’s creation.

Learning what someone else has to teach you about God is an amazing way of finding new facets of God’s character.

Praying is one of the gifts of God that forms the very foundation of our lives. Prayer, in its best form, is the recognition of our need to be in communication with God. Prayer should not be manipulative, as in when someone is trying to preach a sermon in the form of a prayer. Prayer should not be perfunctory as in us giving God a list of demands of how to “fix” our lives. Prayer is a gift of time that God gives to us, to look at the world of God’s creation and to be thankful.

We will talk about the other three things that will change your life in February. Then on February 18th, we will have an Ash Wednesday service at the beginning of Lent. This is a time of worship in which we begin spiritual preparations for Easter.

There are great opportunities for worship during the month of February. We will prepare ourselves for the beginning of one of the most important festivals of the church. Please try to be here. Bring a friend.

Shalom,
Pastor Tony

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7th Annual “No Bake” Bake Sale

Sponsored by Spring City United Methodist United Methodist Women
Proceeds will support UMW Projects.

A No Bake Sale does not involve any baking. Rather the UMW members save the cost, time, and calories of a traditional bake sale by simply making a monetary donation. We need & appreciate your support to make 2015 “No Bake” Bake Sale a success.

Simply give your contribution to Pat Douglas, Susan Maddux, Linda Mullins, or Dorothy Hastings OR send it to: SCUMW, P.O. Box 158, Spring City, TN 37381. Please make checks payable to Spring City United Methodist Women and mark your check “No Bake” Bake Sale as soon as possible before February 28th.

Thank you and God bless you!
### February 2015

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

#### Minister’s Convocation, Pigeon Forge Feb. 23 - 26

#### NOTE FROM JEANNETTE

1 Corinthians 13:8 KJV “Charity never falteth.”

Jesus never fails us. Let us open up our hearts and let the “SON” shine in.

Happy Valentine’s Day to all!

You are loved.
Patty Crowder gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Elsie Robbins and Bonnie Bowman.

Jerry & Rayna Henley gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Bonnie Bowman.

Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Bonnie Bowman and Elsie Robbins.

Brenda Davis and Jeanette Mathis gave to the Trustees’ Renovation Fund in memory of Bonnie Bowman.

Joe & Theresa Lisa gave to the Music Fund in memory of Bonnie Bowman.

**Monthly Report**

**Giving & Money Disbursed**

**December 2014**

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| NET INCOME                  | -1,207.73      | 2,020.43     | 0.00          | 100.0%                   |

**Financial & Attendance Reports**

**12/28**

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| SS ATTENDANCE              | 49             | 51           | 67            | 71                       |
| WORSHIP ATTENDANCE         | 146            | 155          | 190           | 185                      |

The Outreach Team now has responsibility for the **HELPING HANDS** program. The Program is available to provide assistance to our members, friends and neighbors. We want to specifically help those on moderate or fixed incomes when unforeseen fix-it problems occur, and we also want to help anyone with a minor problem that doesn’t require professional business attention.

If you or anyone you know can use help in the following areas, please call one of the coordinators listed.

- **Minor Plumbing**
- **Minor Electric**
- **Carpentry**
- **Window Repair**
- **Heating & Air**
- **Shopping**
- **Transportation**
- **House Cleaning**
- **Cook a Meal**
- **Personal Correspondence**
- **Companionship for Shut-In**
- **Basic Tax Preparation**
- **Caregiver Relief**
- **Minor Automotive**
- **Appliance Repair**
- **Mending/Minor Repairs**
- **Small Engine Repair**
- **Yard Work**

**Coordinators are:**

- **BILL BARBER** 423-365-6652
- **JOANN MOORSHEAD** 423-365-2846
- **CARL HESSELBACK** 423-365-5416

**Helping Hands is an Outreach Ministry.** Let’s all be alert for folks in our community and surrounding areas that can benefit from a church that is always there.

In His Service,

The Outreach Team
We are delighted to partake with our church family our forthcoming Mexico Medical Mission trip on March 7 - March 15, 2015. Eight members from our church will participate this year: Frank & Vickie Snyder, Glenda Keylon, Carolyn Haerr, Kailyn Hess, Katie Rose, and Dan & Rita Uhler. It is exciting to see how the Lord has opened doors for these individuals to be able to go.

Our Medical Mission Team is part of the Holston Conference projects and organized through the United Methodist Church.

As in the past, the Mission Team is going to the Eastern Sierra Madre region in the State of Puebla. The indigenous people of the area are descendants of the Aztecs, who fought the Spanish conquerors in 1517. Totonacan and several other dialects are spoken in this region besides Spanish. The plans are to go to the towns of Tatoxcac and Ixtepec. In Tatoxcac, enough progress has been made in the local clinic that daily trips to other surrounding communities will also be made.

The goal of the Medical Mission Team is to share God’s love to the people by providing free medical attention. Our hope is that through this work, many will receive Jesus as their Savior. We plant the seeds to the best of our abilities and trust that God will bring the harvest for His kingdom!

May we ask you to start praying for another great and successful mission trip for everyone who is in involved?

As always, thank you for your generosity, prayers and support. We could not do it without you!

Frank & Vickie, Glenda, Carolyn, Kailyn
Katie, Dan & Rita
CHRISTMAS WITH THE HOME PRAYER GROUP

The Home Prayer Group is featured at the home of Billy Ray (Tuffy) Thurman as they enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal following their time of prayer. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at Tuffy’s home. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Youth from our church, Pastor Tony & Susan Collins, Rachel Collins & Jason Miller, Tom & Kathy Heimel, and bus driver, Sandy Gilliam attended Resurrection 2015 at Gatlinburg, January 17 - 18. Resurrection is an annual event of worship and spiritual growth for youth in grades 7 through 12. Thank you to everyone who supported this youth trip.

Pastor Tony Leads the Children

Pastor Tony’s Children Sermon on Sunday, January 11, was enjoyed by all. As you can tell, the girls gave him their undivided attention as he cleaned out numerous items from the pulpit and talked with them about the things he found that were left there, such as a jar of ashes used for Ash Wednesday, hymnals, lighters for candles, Kleenexes, pencils, tape, hand sanitizer, etc. Pastor Tony told the girls about the importance of the podium and how pastors place various items there to be used in church services.

Please join us for a Bridal Tea honoring Rachel Collins and Jason Miller

Sunday, February 15, 2015
1:30 ~ 3:00 p.m.
Family Life Center
Spring City
United Methodist Church

Gift Registry at Belk and Target and there will be a Money Tree.

Resurrection 2015
Love God, love people, rock the world!
Mark and Joanne McKinnon are shown above with Pastor Tony when they became our first new members of 2015 at the worship service on Sunday, January 4th. The McKinnons had visited several times with us and even volunteered their assistance at our last Fall Festival on Friday night, October 31, 2014. Mark and Joanne joined our church on transfer of membership from Cokesbury United Methodist in Knoxville, Tennessee.

We are blessed and happy to welcome them as new members of our church family as we continue in our service for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Welcome Mark and Joanne!