There Jesus is sharing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. As time has gone by, His popularity has grown, and now there are great crowds gathered around Jesus; not only to hear the Good News but also to be healed by Him. This evening, He is in the house sharing, teaching, and healing. The community is on fire with excitement. Crowds press into the house, and there are very many outside trying to see and hear. They are trying to get as close as possible to the Miracle worker.

In the town of Capernaum, there is a man who cannot walk. He is blessed to have four friends who are willing to carry him to Jesus. (There are those who are eager to help out a friend). Seeing such a crowd when they arrive, they decide to take him up on the roof, make a hole, and lower him down. When Jesus sees the paralyzed man, He says that his sins are forgiven, and he is healed.

There is much we can learn from this story about our relationship with God. One that strikes me is about how faith and community come together. Jesus with all power and authority can/will forgive sins and can/will heal. When the paralyzed man’s friends brought him to Jesus, it was an act of love and compassion. They realized He was the only answer for their friend; Jesus was their hope for him. In their conversation, Jesus says, “By their faith you have been made whole.”

What an incredible and powerful statement for us to hear today! Think about how many times we have prayed for each other.

In this story, Jesus said by our faith others are healed. Let me implore you to remember that by your faith - healing comes to others. How blessed we are to know Jesus hears and answers our prayers!

Be a friend - someone needs you to pray for them!

Shalom,

Pastor Dale
## Faithful Workers

**10/7**
- Ushers: Bennie Arp, Trish Cole, Charles Cole, Jerry Smith
- Greeters: Dorothy Hastings, Lynda Smith
- Nursery: Lesia Garrison
- Acolyte: Rachel Heimel
- Children’s Church: Susan Maddux, Erin Couch

**10/14**
- Ushers: Norman Bowman, Margo Hindsdale, Ken Rose, Clyde Thurman, Jr.
- Greeters: Sharon Cowart, Shelley Williams
- Nursery: Wanda McCarter
- Acolyte: Madison Hinely
- Children’s Church: Wendy Thurman, Natalie Baker

**10/21**
- Ushers: Walt Morse, Shari Norris, Jerry Norris, Billy Ray Patton
- Greeters: Margo Hindsdale, Jerrie Patton
- Nursery: Peggy Bowman
- Acolyte: Emily & Gabby McBride
- Children’s Church: Constance Garrison, Hannah Couch

**10/28**
- Ushers: J. T. Baker, Natalie Baker, Hannah Couch, Madison Hinely
- Greeters: Mary Drinkard, Sheila Larson
- Nursery: Katie Rose
- Acolyte: Rachel Heimel
- Children’s Church: Angie Couch, J. T. Baker

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### October Calendar

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**Fall Festival**
- **10/10** - **11:00** Worship Service
- **1:30** Faith Festival Set
- **5:00** Cantata Practice
- **8:30** Bible Study
- **4:30** Youth KIDSpring
- **6:00** Bible Study
- **7:00** Chancel Choir

**Church Office**
- **10/11** - **8:30** - **MDO** 
- **11:00** Home Group Prayer
- **1:00** Joy Trip
- **5:00** Community Dinner
- **6:30** G.R.O.W.

**Church Office Closed**
- **10/12**
- **10/19**

**Sunday School**
- **10/10** - **10:00** Bible Study
- **11:00** Bible Study
- **6:00** Bible Study
- **8:30** Bible Study

**Wednesday Night**
- **10/10** - **6:30** TLC
- **8:30** MDO
- **10:00** MDO
- **10:00** Bible Study

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### Thanksgiving
- **11/21** - **Thanksgiving Day**
- **11/22** - **Family Life Closed**

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### December
- **12/24** - **Christmas Eve Service**
- **12/25** - **Christmas Day Service**
- **12/26** - **New Year’s Day Service**

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### Upcoming Events
- **10/21** - **Charge Conference**
- **10/28** - **Family Life Closed for the Fall Festival Set-up**
- **11/07** - **Youth KIDSpring**
- **11/14** - **Bible Study**
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### Contact Information
- **Church Office Closed**
- **FLC Closed for Tea Setup**

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### Birthday Notices
- **10/7** - **Barbara Lemons**
- **10/8** - **Linda Morse**
- **10/9** - **Cole Wilson**
- **10/10** - **Ed Gibbs**
- **10/11** - **Nancy Hicks**
- **10/12** - **Susan Maddux**
- **10/13** - **Martin Shaver**
- **10/14** - **Nancy McIlwain**
- **10/15** - **Daryl Watson**
- **10/16** - **Luke Barnes**
- **10/17** - **Jennifer Shaver**
- **10/18** - **Beth Root**
- **10/19** - **Judy Littekens**
- **10/20** - **Loretta Hale**
- **10/21** - **Tim Agee**
- **10/22** - **Dakota Herhold**
- **10/23** - **Helen Miko**
- **10/24** - **Arthur Osborne**
- **10/25** - **David & Ann Marie Lanzi**
- **10/26** - **Max & Pat Douglas**
- **10/27** - **Mark & Ruth Neal**
- **10/28** - **Michael & Ashley Guinn**
- **10/29** - **Felix & Emmalyn Fisher**
- **10/30** - **Rick & Deborah Wilson**
- **10/31** - **Clyde & Wendy Thurman, Jr.**
Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Sonny Martin.

Joe Lisa gave to the General Budget in memory of John Hanson.

Patty Crowder gave to the General Budget in memory of Nancy Carr.

Myra Galloway Tatum gave to the United Methodist Women in memory of Nancy Carr.

Carolyn Reid gave to the General Budget in memory of Nancy Carr.

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Carolyn has served in the District on the Nominations Committee as well as the Mission Coordinator for Social Action President. She has also participated in and assisted with the planning and execution of many district and conference events and activities.

She has attended the UMW Southeast Jurisdictional meetings in Birmingham, AL; Charleston, SC; Leadership Development Days at Lake Junaluska, NC; National Seminars, Chicago, IL; and UMW Assembly in St. Louis, MO, and Columbus, OH.

We are very proud of Carolyn and know she will serve effectively in her two-year term (or more) as the Holston UMW President.

Thank you for the 570 jars of peanut butter you donated on Peanut Butter Sunday, September 23, 2018. The peanut butter will be distributed by Our Daily Bread to those in need in our community. May God bless you for giving so generously!
You are invited to a Wedding Tea honoring

Alexandra Tallent
and
Tim Marsh

1:30-3:00 P.M. Sunday

October 7, 2018

Spring City United Methodist Church
Family Life Center

Alexandra is the daughter of
David and Krissy Tallent
granddaughter of Ronnie and Judith Barger
and Paul and Addie Tallent

They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and a Money Tree will also be available.

First Sunday
First Dollar

The Chancel Choir is featured above on Homecoming Sunday, September 9, wearing their new, blue choir robes. They sounded as good as they looked, too! Many of us are already looking forward to the choir’s Christmas Cantata on December 16th!

Featured above are Pastor Dale, Pat Douglas, and Spring City Middle School Principal, Lesia Garrison. Lesia is accepting a check from our church for the dollars that were left on the pews on First Sunday - First Dollar on September 2, 2018. The money will be used to purchase school supplies at Spring City Middle School. May God bless you for your generosity!
A total of 211 gathered on the ninth day of September for our Homecoming Celebration. The choir wore their new choir robes to sing “O Breath of Life” as their anthem, and Pastor Dale’s sermon was “Faith Alive” based on the second chapter of James verses 1-17. A delicious lunch followed the worship service in the Family Life Center. More former members attended this year, and it was such fun to reconnect and reminisce.

Thank you to those who worked very diligently in contacting former members, purchasing supplies, setting up the Family Life Center (especially the pretty table decorations), preparing the meat and drinks, cleaning up, etc. We are so grateful for your great efforts in making this year’s Homecoming the best!

In the photo above, John (Sonny) Mathis and wife, Linda, are shown with Pastor Dale on Sunday, September 2, 2018, when they joined our church on Profession of Faith.

Featured below are Linda, Sonny (holding their granddaughter, Ciara), and Pastor Dale on Sunday, September 16th when Pastor Dale baptized Ciara. We are blessed to have Sonny, Linda, and Ciara and warmly welcome them in our church family to share in our service for Christ.

Ciara smiles happily following her baptism.