IT TAKES A STRONG PERSON TO SAY SORRY, AND AN EVEN STRONGER PERSON TO FORGIVE.

Peter came to Jesus one day and asked him how often you should forgive someone who has offended you. Jesus responded by saying, “Seventy times seven.”

This is challenging but a good spiritual discipline. As we journey through life, there will be times when we have wronged someone, or someone has wronged us. So what do we do?

If one professes to be a Christian, then the solution is an easy one. We need to be like Jesus! Jesus said we are to forgive one another.

Jesus said, 38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; 40 and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; 41 and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. 42 Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:38-48

We are to forgive as God forgives - unconditionally. When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we say “forgive us our trespasses AS we forgive those who trespass against us.”

There is a condition God puts upon us about our forgiveness. God will forgive us as we forgive others. Our lives and the lives of others will be transformed and changed. Let us live by example that is the example of Jesus.

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you. - Lewis B. Smedes

Shalom,

Pater Dale

[Names and requests for prayer]

Remember in Prayer

Chris Norris
(son of Jerry & Shari Norris)
Larry Hallums
(neighbor & friend of Leon & Nancy Hicks)
Richard Larson
(Bob Larson’s brother)
Mary Heimel
(Tom Heimel’s mother)
Harold Newby
(Connie Roberts’ cousin)
Danny Brown
(nephew of Connie Roberts)
Dawn Dize & Craig Fine
(friends of Connie Roberts)
Todd Birdwell
(Bennie & Susan Arp’s neighbor)
Lillian Shaffer
(Kathy Heimel’s mother)
Ginny Weir
(friend of Robin Bolton)
Linda Swanson
(Lauretta Cash’s sister)
Ernie Ghorley
(Greg Haerr’s father-in-law)
Emmett Holdren
(Joe Lisa’s friend)
Pat Cook
(friend of Pat Douglas)
Dominic Ciero
(grandson of Cindy Hill and nephew of Jerrie Patton)
Rev. Ron Goodman
(former SCUMC pastor)
Nancy Wager
(friend of Norman Bowman)

Alice McNelly
(friend of Norman & Peggy Bowman)
Montana Runninghorse
(friend of Richard DeCroce)
Larry Buller
(friend of Sharon & Gray Cowart)
Kennedy and Lincoln Ladd
(friends of Peggy Bowman)
Laura Cramer
(friend of Susan Arp)
Emaline Nunley
(aunt of David, Marty, & Howard Gilliam)
Olga Conroy
(daughter-in-law of John Conroy)
The Family of Curtis Thurai
(brother-in-law of Bill & Caren Ruffner)
The Family of Louis E. (Sonny) Martin
(brother of Barbara Lemons)
The Family of Thomas Rice
(Penny Rice’s brother)

Due to the lack of space, names listed over two-three months are removed in order to add new requests for prayer. Thank you.
## September Calendar

### September Birthdays

2 Eddie Boles  
3 Sheila Larson  
6 Ronnie Barger  
9 Christina Walling  
12 Hank Conroy  
15 Norman Bowman  
18 Naomi Hinley  
19 Bob Burkhardt  
20 Jeannette Long  
21 Lynda Smith  
22 Max Douglas  
23 John Conroy  
24 Deborah Tanner  
25 Walt Morse  
28 Angie Couch  
29 Scott Henderson  
30 Michael Shock

### Happy Anniversary

2 Walt & Linda Morse  
5 Tim & Lynne Agee  
7 Kevin & Lesia Garrison  
13 Roger & Margo Hinsdale  
19 Gil & Judy Litteken  
23 H. B. & Polly Rankin

### September Events

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### September Events Calendar

- **Church Office Closed**
- **First Sunday in September**
  - Worship Service
  - Lunch, FLC
- **Second Sunday in September**
  - Worship Service, Lunch, FLC
- **Third Sunday in September**
  - Worship Service, Lunch, FLC
- **Fourth Sunday in September**
  - Worship Service, Lunch, FLC

### Detailed Schedule

- **11:00** Worship Service
- **12:00** Lunch, FLC
- **4:30** Youth
- **6:00** Bible Study
- **8:9 p.m.** AA-FH

### Newsletter Deadlines

- **Mon 9/9**: Newsletter Deadline
- **Fri 9/13**: Newsletter Deadline
- **Mon 9/16**: Newsletter Deadline
- **Fri 9/20**: Newsletter Deadline
- **Mon 9/23**: Newsletter Deadline
- **Fri 9/27**: Newsletter Deadline
- **Mon 9/30**: Newsletter Deadline

### Other Events

- **HOMECOMING**: September 9
- **FLC Closed for Homecoming**: September 15
- **Watts Bar Lake Assoc., FLC**: September 15
- **Private Event, FH**: September 22
- **Homecoming**: September 29

### Additional Information

- **Members of the Church**: Include names and roles as needed.
- **Ushers, Greeters, Nursery, Acolytes**: Roles and responsibilities.
- **September Birthdays and Anniversaries**: Listed with respective dates.
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- **Special Events**: Noted with specific dates and details.
Monthly Report
Giving & Money Disbursed
JULY 2018

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EXPENSES

| Salaries & Benefits | 17,669.07 | 128,442.39 | 226,598.00 | 56.7% |
| Property Maintenance | 5,619.36 | 28,634.91 | 68,500.00 | 41.8% |
| Office Administration | 666.90 | 3,628.34 | 10,400.00 | 34.9% |
| Nurture and Music | 0.00 | 1,403.30 | 4,200.00 | 33.4% |
| Witness | 11.00 | 411.00 | 2,550.00 | 16.1% |
| Outreach - Missions | 600.41 | 1,199.48 | 1,500.00 | 80.0% |
| Conference/District | 3,841.12 | 23,064.84 | 43,637.00 | 52.9% |
| Church Support | 434.05 | 2,406.84 | 9,115.00 | 26.4% |
| Children’s Ministries | 134.87 | 2,609.73 | 6,000.00 | 43.5% |
| Adult Ministries | 147.56 | 316.27 | 1,600.00 | 19.8% |
| Youth Ministries | 0.00 | 3,166.63 | 6,000.00 | 52.8% |
| MDO Expenses | 2,040.00 | 16,886.50 | 24,700.00 | 68.4% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 31,164.34 | 212,170.02 | 404,800.00 | 52.4% |

NET INCOME | -4,145.68 | -8,841.26 | 0.00 | 100.0% |

General Budget
MDO
Memorial
Special
TOTAL
SS ATTENDANCE
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Thank you to everyone who participated in First Sunday...First Dollar, our new mission project where everyone is asked to bring in addition to their gifts, offerings and tithes a dollar every first Sunday of the month to support a local mission. The mission project for August, September and October is supporting our local schools by using the First Sunday dollars collected to buy school supplies. Pastor Dale, Barbara Rose and Pat Douglas are shown with Spring City Elementary School (SCES) Principal, Tammy Boles, and Guidance Counselor, Andrea Cash, on Monday, August 13 when they delivered school supplies to SCES.

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First Sunday...First Dollar

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David Gilliam

Emmaly Fisher requests all parents of college students to email their up-to-date addresses to her at emmalyf@hotmail.com. This includes those who are going to college for the first time. Thank you!

Workday morning Bible study
begins on September 12 at 10:00 a.m. Invitation to Romans is the subject. Books are $15.00. Please call the office by August 30 to reserve a book. Walt Morse is the facilitator.

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Let us all pitch in and help the ones in our community who are out of work or disabled by purchasing a jar or two of peanut butter between now and Peanut Butter Sunday, September 23rd.

Bring your peanut butter with you to church any Sunday between now and September 23rd and put it in the peanut butter boxes at the side and front entrances. The day after Peanut Butter Sunday, Our Daily Bread will collect the jars for distribution.

May we all strive together to help those in need and contribute more jars of peanut butter than ever before. Who knows? The peanut butter you purchase might keep a child from going hungry.

Thank you for your support on Peanut Butter Sunday, September 23!

**Cruisin' with Joy**

The Joy Ministry Team signed on 20 who boarded the Southern Belle Riverboat in Chattanooga, Thursday, August 16, for lunch and cruising down the good old Tennessee River. The food was excellent, and there was plenty of joy to go around on this special, fun trip. Thank you, Tommy Hale, for driving the church bus. You’re the best!

The next Joy Ministry Team trip is to Sale Creek to browse the Small Town Antique Mall and then back for lunch in Dayton. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall!
The children at Mother’s Day Out (MDO) always enjoy playing in the water and blowing bubbles every year near the end of the summer session as shown in the photos above on Tuesday, July 24th. This year the summer session ended on Tuesday, July 31st, and the MDO fall session begins on Tuesday, August 21st at 8:30 a.m.

What a talented group performed at the 5th Sunday Sing, July 29 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary! Featured below are Pastor Dale, Jesse Gibbs, Chloe Barger, Daryl Watson, Steve Orender, Mike Jackson, Richard Stair, David Gilliam, James (Junior) Treadway, and Angela Jackson who sang and played the piano. We are blessed by everyone who offered praise and honor to God at our 5th Sunday Sing.

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Pastor Dale is shown below as he offered a prayer to God for His blessings on the prayer shawls made by the Theresa Lisa Crafters (TLC) who are standing near the altar rails in front of the pretty shawls. The TLC meet on alternating Mondays to knit and crochet shawls to be given to those in need of comfort and love.

JOIN US
WEDNESDAY’S @ 4:30
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
(CHILDREN AGES 3 YRS.—5TH GRADE)
Fairest of the Fair Winners

Congratulations to two pretty church members, Hannah Couch who was crowned 2018 Young Miss Fairest of the Fair and to her sister, Erin, who was crowned the 2018 Jr. Miss Fairest of the Fair, Saturday, July 28th. Hannah and Erin are the daughters of James and Angie Couch.

SERVICE REQUESTED

Summer break for the choir is over and practice began, Wed., Aug. 15th in the Choir Room. Featured above are Richard Stair, Steve Orender, Connie Roberts, Judy Ezell, and In One Accord. Trish Cole and Connie were the piano accompanists.

UMW's Pizza Party

The United Methodist Women enjoyed delicious pizza at their first meeting following their summer hiatus on Tuesday evening, Aug. 7th, at 6 in the Fellowship Hall. As you can see from the photos, a large group attended.

The UMW is happy when Pastor Dale attends, and he was one of the many who enjoyed the variety of pizza and great fellowship. The UMW welcomes all ladies in our church to join them.

The United Methodist Women meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.