

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the

SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 2013

Dale's Doodles

Psalm 139: 1-24

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"
¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

¹⁹ O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—

²⁰ those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up against you for evil!

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

²² I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

When David was struggling with life and his relationship with God, he discovered something special about himself and God. David shifted his focus from himself to God. Life had become a great challenge with the sin in his life. With the Spirit of God working and dealing with him, David began to discover how much God really loved him. Because of his understanding of God and his experience with Him, David began to grow into a new relationship. That is why, he concludes in this wonderful Psalm with the words of "Search me, O God....."

When we are able to allow ourselves to connect with God in an honest way, we are able to let God look deep within ourselves and bring renewal in our hearts.

So let us pray every day.....Search me, O God!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Shalom,
Pastor Dale

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ethan Kincannon
Ernestine Simpson
Bryan Massengale
Maggie Tammark
Bill Crowder

Joyce Lavender
Ray Keylon
Aud Ray
Joe Graham
Ronnie Barger

Tim Guthrie
Ardoth Martin
Patsy Martin Burdette

Mary Curtis (Spring City Care and Rehab. #411)
Virginia Hale (195 Deer Ridge Dr., A6, Dayton, TN 37321)
Ruth Huskins (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., S.C.)
June Pitman (c/o Terri P. Depp, 2516 Gray Hendrix Road, TN 37931)
Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, # 613)
Elsie Robbins (Dayton Life Care Center, #39A)
Hiley Brady Smith (Horizon Healthcare, 811 Keylon St., Manchester, TN 37355)

Alcibee Tharp (Tia Gilmore's mother)
Cathie Lipka (Joan Carty's daughter)
Emmitt Huskey (Joe & Molly Graham's friend)
Megan Ware (Deanna Ware's daughter-in-law)
Sandi Ellis (Deanna Ware's daughter)
Jenny Thurman (Bill Thurman's daughter-in-law)
Larry Lee (Judy Litteken's nephew)
Betty Shelby (Sandy Gilliam's mother)

John Kile (Sandy Gilliam's uncle)
Jordan Nelson (Leon & Nancy Hicks' granddaughter)
Whitney Miller (Beth Keylon's niece)
Gail Cranfield (Beth Keylon's friend)
Randall Smedley (Beth Keylon's stepfather)
Kathy Garrett (Jeannette Long's relative)
Sharon Davis & family (Liz Stair's daughter)
Al Gamble (Carol Price's friend)
Mary & Rachel Orr (Ginny Hatcher's relatives)
Sandy Wood (Ginny Hatcher's niece friend)
Anita Corriveau (friend of Jeanne DeCroce)
Hiram J. Gerber (friend of the DeCroces)
Carolyn Hesselbach (Carl & Kay's daughter)

Catrina Christi (Manuel Christi's daughter)
Christina Jordan (Manuel Christi's daughter)
Montana Running Horse (DeCroces' friend)
Lynn Agee's brother, David
Jim Smith (friend of Ken & Barbara Rose)
Beverly Garrison (friend of Ken & Barbara Rose)
Andy Maggard (Kathy's father)

The Family of Miles Cameron
(Doris Cameron's son)

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

Birthdays

1	Howard Gilliam	13	Emmaly Fisher	25	Joan Carty
	Kevin Reaves	14	Alvamae Greathouse		Hadley Elliott
3	Matthew Miko	16	Marty Gilliam	26	Natalie Baker
4	Beverly Allison		Rita Uhler		Chadley Bowman
	Doris Cameron	17	Tommy Hale		Kitty Fallon
	Pearl Gilliam		Donna Landreth		Seleana Kile
	June Tallent	18	Brynn & Greer	26	Marc Klein
	Kay Tallent		Bowman		Glenn Cooksey
5	Ashley Snyder		Hannah Chattin	30	Michael Wright
6	Christina Sadler		Jacob Moffett		Bill Barber
7	Bobby Reece	21	Nathan Troy	31	Peg Caudill
8	Jill Carroll		Kincannon		Bella Hoffman
	Tia Gilmore	22	Bob Bullock		Fred Mullins
10	Eddie Garrison		Jay Maddux		
	Tom Heimel	23	Bill Dodson		
	Ernestine Simpson	24	Carolyn Landreth		
		24	Bill Ruffner		





ANNIVERSARIES

6	Scott & Cherie Henderson	19	Leon & Nancy Hicks
12	Earl & Irene Alexander	22	Ed & Linda Gibbs
18	Bill & Donna Barber	27	Kevin & Angie Rose

Faithful Workers

3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Eddie Garrison Kevin Garrison Marty Gilliam Clyde Thurman, Jr.	Ronnie Barger Ken Rose Kevin Rose Jennings Smith	Chadley Bowman Steve Keylon Bob Larson Jerry Smith	Billy Ray Patton Earl Robbins Pete Williams Walt Morse	Jerry Henley Marla Hinzman Earl Keahey Drew Keahey
Hosts	Hosts	Hosts	Hosts	Hosts
Sharon Cowart Mary Drinkard	Nina Gibbs Ginny Hatcher	Glenda Keylon Steve Keylon	Linda Mullins Carol Price	Kevin & Angie Rose Margaret Scholz
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
Peggy Bowman Wanda McCarter	Angie Couch & Kaitlyn	Debbie Wilson & Carlie	Andrea Cash Peggy Bowman	Angie Rose & Katie
Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte
J. T. Baker	Natalie Baker	Oceananne Hunt	Hannah Couch	Erin Couch
Children's Church	Children's Church	Children's Church	Children's Church	Children's Church
Beth Keylon	Robin Bolton	Susan Maddux	Angie Rose	Wendy Thurman
Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
3/3 Sharon Baker	3/10 Angie Couch	3/17 Beth Keylon	3/24 No Youth	3/31 No Youth
3/6 Wed. Meal/No Youth	3/13 The Cowarts	3/20 Rita Uhler	3/27 Kathy Heimel	4/2 TBA

MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	NOTE: Being able to have walked where Jesus walked was powerful. He gave His life for us, but He is risen indeed. Let us allow our hearts to feel His presence and guidance daily. <i>- Jeannette</i>				1 World Day of Prayer	2 UMW Sisters in Service Retreat Mar. 2 - 3
3 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	4 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	5 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore - Bible Study 6:30 UMW 7:30 Trustees	6 10:00 Disciple II 6:00 1st Wed. Meal by Loyalty Class 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	7 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 6:00 Disciple Short Term Bible Study	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	11 9:30 District Ministers' Meeting, Calhoun UMC 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	12 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore - Bible Study	13 10:00 Disciple II 6:00 Youth 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	14 8:30 MDO 6:00 Disciple Short Term Bible Study DEADLINE FOR LDL RESERVATIONS	15	16
17 5th Sunday in Lent 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	18 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 District Ministers' Meeting Calhoun UMC 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team	19 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore - Bible Study 12:00 Let's Do Lunch	20 10:00 Disciple II 6:00 Youth 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	21 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 5:00 Community Meal 6:00 Disciple Short Term Bible Study	22 Setup for SC Scholarship Pageant, FLC	23 10-9 SC Scholarship Pageant, FLC
24 Palm Sunday 11:00 Worship Service 2-3:30 Easter Festival 6:00 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	25 Holy Monday 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	26 Holy Tuesday 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore - Bible Study	27 Holy Wednesday 10:00 Disciple II 6:00 Youth 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	28 Holy Thursday 8:30 MDO 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	29 Good Friday Church Office Closed 7:00 Tenebrae Service	30 Holy Saturday
31 Easter Sunday 7:00 Sunrise Service Veteran's Park Breakfast to follow FLC - Gym 11:00 Worship Service No Evening Events 8-9 p.m. AA-FH						

Sunday Schedule

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

Memorials & Honorariums

Tom and Kathy Heimel gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Roy and Betty Heimel.

Sandra Thurman Reid gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Charlotte Thurman.

Edward and Linda Gibbs gave to the Organ Fund in honor of John and Sam Hanson.

Gil and Judy Litteken gave to Mexico Medical Mission in honor of Dan and Rita Uhler.

Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

John Tomlinson, Adams and Wildes Families gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Gil & Judy Litteken gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in honor of the Mexico Medical Mission Team.

Jeannette Long gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in honor of Virginia Hale.

Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in honor of the Mexico Medical Mission Team.

Ted & Shirley Barnett gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Jerry & Lynda Smith gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Virginia, Loretta & Tommy Hale gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in memory of Miles Cameron and Charlotte Thurman.

Lorene Fourman gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Harlie & Ann Reed gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Alice, Lea, Julie & Ann Carroll gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Thomas & Marceline Barton and Charlseay Barton gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Kevin & Angie Rose gave to the Organ Fund in honor of the Chancel Choir Members.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

JANUARY 2013

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	\$20,674.00	\$20,674.00	\$345,167.00	6.0%
Mother's Day Out	3,510.00	3,150.00	32,980.00	10.6%
Other Income	47.57	47.57	1,300.00	3.7%
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,231.57	\$24,231.57	\$379,447.00	6.4%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	\$16,929.17	\$16,929.17	\$225,941.00	7.5%
Property Maintenance	5,041.32	5,041.32	41,400.00	12.2%
Office Administration	5,165.64	5,165.64	15,100.00	34.2%
Nurture & Music	600.00	600.00	4,100.00	14.6%
Witness	0.00	0.00	5,400.00	0.0%
Outreach - Missions	7,477.90	7,477.90	42,056.00	17.8%
Church Support	786.91	786.91	5,770.00	13.6%
Children's Ministry	36.00	36.00	3,300.00	1.1%
Adult Ministries	-120.00	-120.00	1,300.00	-9.2%
Youth Ministry	134.00	134.00	1,450.00	9.2%
MDO Expenses	3,664.11	3,664.11	33,380.00	11.0%
Young Adults (18-35)	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	39,715.05	39,715.05	379,447.00	10.5%
EXCESS INCOME/ EXPENSE	-15,483.48	-15,483.48	0.00	100%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	12/16	12/23	12/30	1/6
General Budget	\$4,988.50	\$4,466.75	\$6,312.00	\$9,074.00
MDO	225.00			
Memorial			100.00	
Specials	954.00	2,343.88	5,255.00	1,795.00
TOTAL	\$6,157.50	\$6,810.63	\$11,667.00	\$10,869.00
SS ATTENDANCE	58	66	49	53
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	317	174	124	180



Dear Church Family,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for having Judith present me with the beautiful white prayer shawl. The angel on the shawl has surrounded me with warmth and comfort and will continue to do so through my chemo treatments.

When growing up in the Spring City Methodist Church, I was very active in our MYF. One Christmas, the church sponsored a float in the Spring City Christmas Parade. The float featured children of the world guarded by a 15-year-old angel balancing on a hay bale trying not to fall before the parade ended. I was honored to be the one representing that angel.

Today, 50 years later, you presented me with an angel crocheted into the prayer shawl that represents the love, and all the prayers you are sending to our God as again I am trying to hold my balance as I go through the cancer diagnosis, chemo, and what is to follow. This wonderful church supported me through my youth and is still showing love for me and praying with me today.

Knowing God and you are with me always. . .

Thank you,
Ardoth Martin

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Joe and Theresa Lisa for donating a much-needed 5-drawer file cabinet to the church office. We are so grateful for your kind generosity.

DEAR LOVING CHURCH FAMILY,

We want to thank everyone for your cards, calls, loving concern, and most of all, for your prayers. On February 12, the doctor gave Gil a clean bill of health. In two weeks, I get my cast off. We are so thankful. Prayer is the most amazing thing!!! We are so blessed to be a part of this loving, praying church. What an awesome God we serve! He is able to give us much more than we can ever think or ask.

In Christ,
Gil and Judy Litteken

Rejoysingers Perform at Let's Do Lunch (LDL)

The February 19th meeting of LDL was enjoyed by everyone. Caren Ruffner used a Valentine's theme for the decorations, and they were so pretty and festive. Patty Crowder awed us again with another inspiring devotional. The Rejoysingers - Joyce Eicher, Dave Eicher, Richard Stair, and pianist, Eldeena Perry, entertained the group with several special selections. Caterer, Cookie Smith, prepared an excellent meal, which consisted of chicken parmesan, green beans, potatoes, tossed salad, and choice of desserts. The next LDL is "High Tea" on Tuesday, March 19, 12 p.m., in the FLC, for ladies 60 and up.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE FEBRUARY 13, 2013



Pastor Dale is shown as he imposed ashes at the Ash Wednesday Service to Dakota Herhold, Barbara Hardy, and Chadley Bowman. Waiting in line to receive the ashes are Don Herhold, Eddie Garrison, Pat Douglas, and Norman Bowman.



Those who attended the Ash Wednesday Service received a Bread and Cup Lent Coin (left) that features the bread & cup given by Jesus to his followers at the Last Supper. The back reads, "This is my body and blood given to you for the forgiveness of sin."

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Tom, Kathy, Joey, Aaron, and Rachel Heimel served as Greeters on Boy Scout Sunday, February 10, 2013. They wore their Scout uniforms and gave a friendly welcome to everyone who attended the worship service that day.



Lending a Helping Hand

Featured below are some of the many church members who met weekly to clean the church while John Hanson was recovering from his recent illness. Judith Barger compiled the work schedules weekly that listed specific areas to be cleaned. The group had fun while they cleaned and maintained the church building in *tip top* shape until John's return.



Mexico Medical Mission Team Hosts First Wednesday Fellowship/Fundraiser Dinner

On Wednesday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center, the Mexico Medical Mission Team prepared and served a fundraiser dinner to a huge crowd who came in support of the team's next mission trip to Mexico, **April 13- 21, 2013**. The menu consisted of soup, salad, chips & salsa, and a variety of desserts. A total of **\$1,004** was collected. **THANK YOU** for your generous support!



BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY DANIEL PART 2 Tuesday, February 5, 2013



This lovely group of ladies are shown as they began their second week of their new Beth Moore Bible Study - Daniel Part 2, on Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, *Room 105*. Seated left to right: **Cathy Lauer, Linda Brown, Sandra Rogers (Wendy's mom), Nancy McIlwain, and AnnMarie Lanzi**. Second row left to right: **Donna Fisher, Barbara Hardy, Kathy Heimel, Joyce Eicher, and Judy Johnson**. Third row left to right: **Wendy Thurman (teacher), Linda Booker, Sheila Larson, Garnet Watters, Shirley Corbin, Susan Maddux, and Jacqueline Robinson**. Most of the participants took part in the first Beth Moore Study of Daniel Part 1, but there are some welcome new members in this study of Daniel Part 2. The new study begins with Daniel chapter 7 and goes through chapter 12 and explores thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Jesus Christ.

DISCIPLE SHORT TERM BIBLE STUDY INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT Thursday, January 24, 2013

The new Disciple Short Term Bible Study - Invitation to the New Testament, began on Thursday evening, January 24, at 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, *Room 105*. The first night was an introductory night into the 11-week course study of the New Testament. Teacher, Walt Morse, is shown as he greeted the group at their first night of study.



Members of the new Short Term Bible Study Class standing behind teacher, **Walt Morse**, first row beginning left: **AnnMarie Lanzi, Jim Weaver, Linda Morse, Letty Shock, Sheila Larson, and Lynda Smith**. Back row left: **Liz Stair, Dave Eicher, Michael Shock, Rita Uhler, and Cheryl Southers**.

Souper Bowl Sunday with Guest Speaker, Rev. Ben Matherly



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated soup for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 3. The grand total of **1,082** cans of soup was collected for Our Daily Bread. The Souper Bowl Trophy remains with the **Pairs and Spares Class** as their contribution of **643** cans of soup was the largest. The photo above shows Lynda Smith, teacher of the Pairs and Spares Class, along with other class members as they accepted the Souper Bowl Trophy. The **Celebration Class** is also to be commended for the **202** cans of soup they gathered. Those in need will greatly benefit from our church's generous contribution.



Rev. Ben Matherly preached an inspirational sermon at the service on Sunday, February 3, while Pastor Dale was in the Holy Land. Even though there was snow in Rhea County that morning, Rev. Matherly and his wife, Elaine had no problem traveling from their home in Chattanooga. We were blessed to have them with us.

Rev. Matherly and Sheila Larson are shown as they served Communion to Frank Snyder, Ed Gibbs, and others at the worship service on Sunday morning, February 3, 2013.



Welcome to Our Church Family

Five new members were added to our church family at the 11:00 o'clock worship service on Sunday, February 10, 2013. All five joined on Profession of Faith and were welcomed with Christian fellowship and love.



Pastor Dale is pictured with the new members, (above left to right) **Al and Garnet Watters** and **Richard and Shirley Corbin**, and lower right, **Corey Miller**.



God has richly blessed our church with eleven new members so far in this new year.



Pastor Dale led the church in a prayer of thanksgiving for Al and Garnet, Richard and Shirley, and Corey.



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