

THE LAMPLIGHTER

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Dale's Doodles

Technology is amazing! The speed at which we can surf the internet is perhaps one of the most amazing aspects of the internet. When the opportunity for using the internet first came to the public, the only means of connecting to the net was with dial up. I remember that it was such a challenge to connect, and it was almost impossible to surf with any speed or to download any file. How many times did you have to sit and wait to check email, only to get the message that you were timed out? I would get so tired of waiting for something to happen that I would often just shut down the net because it took so long to get anything done.

WOW! Have we advanced! Today, we have accessibility with satellite, cable, broadband, and DSL. With speeds today, we can do just about anything and everything we want to with the internet from gaming, videos, streaming TV, music and even banking online.

But, even with all the technologies available to us, there comes a time when we can experience a glitch in the system. Today, when it doesn't work, it can be very frustrating. Recently, I had the unfortunate experience where my DSL (6 mgHz) was running at .33 mgHz. So, I did what most of us do. I found the tech number and made the call. Now, when I call Tech Support I have some very high expectations. (1) I expect to get through with little or no waiting. *Ha!* (2) I expect to be able to

communicate (even with my East Tennessee accent). *Ha! Ha!* And, (3) I expect to have a solution soon. *Ha! Ha! Ha!* Needless to say, when I called the other day it took forever to get a tech person, we had a difficult time understanding one another, and.....eventually I was disconnected! AND then, no one called me back! Booooooooooooo! So naturally, I called back. I got through and talked with a different tech person who stayed on the line for over an hour working on my problem and assuring me that if we got disconnected, he would call me back. Working with their network tech for over an hour, they found the problem and guaranteed a solution to it.

My recent experience with the internet provider teaches a spiritual lesson about prayer and God. When we pray, God is never too busy to listen. God has the ability to understand us and will provide a solution in God's time. God will not disconnect us nor will God ignore us. Scripture reminds us that we have not, because we ask not (James 4:2). We sometimes get disconnected from our technology, and we even get disconnected with people. But we are never disconnected with God! God is always available!

Shalom

Pastor Dale



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Kim Carr
Ginny Hatcher
Bill Crowder
Donna Landreth
Regina Metts

James Couch
Howard Gilliam
Randal Gibbs
Letty Shock
Phyllis Wright

Jerry Henley
David Tatum
Lenny Winterberger

Rosalind Booker (Abby Mae's Hill, 365-6530)

Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, # 206A)

Ernestine Simpson (Abby Mae's Hill, 419 Pin Hook Rd., S.C.)

Hiley Brady Smith (The Bridges at Rockwood, # 118A)

Ina Ford (Spring City Care and Rehab)

Ray Uhler (Dan Uhler's dad)

Shelley Surrena (Rita Uhler's friend)

Linda Driver (friend of Karen Bible)

Bruce Brown (friend of Dave & Joyce Eicher)

Vicki Waggoner (friend & co-worker of Bennie Arp)

Dolores Williamson (sister of Phyllis Schaller)

Mallorie Fuller (Judy Litteken's granddaughter)

David Tipton (friend of Dave Eicher)

Dorlene Jones (friend of Doris Roy)

Tina Wood (Beverly Allison's friend)

John Keever (Theresa Lisa's uncle)

Roberta Lange (sister-in-law of Sam Hanson's brother)

Christina Jordan (Manuel Christi's daughter)

Karen Hart (friend of David and Phyllis Wright)

Anna Porter (Angela Garrison's aunt)

Austin Nowell (nephew of Sharon & Gray Cowart)

Katrina Heineman (Gwen Sanford's daughter)

Julene Morgan (Jerry Henley's friend)

Jim Lenear (Carolyn Haerr's brother)

Elaine Matherly (Dale's friend)

Jeannie Philips (friend of Sam & John Hanson)

Juanita Reed (Nancy Gilliam's friend)

Charlotte Thurman

Eddie Finch (Millard Dunlop's friend)

Please remember the first of every month to call with an update if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Howard Gilliam	18 Hannah Chattin, Jacob Moffett
3 Matthew Miko	21 Nathan Troy Kincannon
4 Beverly Allison, Doris Cameron June Tallent	22 Rosalind Booker, Bob Bullock Jay Maddux, Ruby Willey
5 Ashley Snyder	23 Bill Dodson
6 Christina Little	24 Bill Ruffner
7 Bobby Reece	25 Joan Carty, Hadley Elliott
8 Tia Gilmore	26 Natalie Baker
10 Ernestine Simpson, Eddie Garrison Thomas Heimel	Chadley Bowman Selena Kile, Marc Klein
13 Emmaly Fisher	27 Michael Wright
14 Alvamae Greathouse	Glenn Cooksey
16 Marty Gilliam, Rita Uhler	30 Bill Barber, Peg Caudill
17 Donna Landreth	31 Fred Mullins, Bella Hoffman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

FAITHFUL WORKERS

3/6	3/13	3/20	3/27
USHERS Eddie Garrison Kevin Garrison Arthur Gilliam Marty Gilliam	USHERS Jerry Henley Leon Hicks Marla Hinzman Earl Keahey	USHERS Steve Keylon Fred Mullins Billy Ray Patton Earl Robbins	USHERS Ken Rose Kevin Rose Jennings Smith Jerry Smith
HOSTS Susie Strunk Pete & Shelby Williams	HOSTS Jim & Sylvia Baldwin Johnny Lou Berg	HOSTS Tammy Boles Sharon Cowart	HOSTS Mary Drinkard Nina Gibbs
NURSERY Lesia Garrison Anna Messimer	NURSERY Angela Couch & Kaitlyn	NURSERY Terry Hooper Peggy Bowman	NURSERY Betty Thomas Barbara Lemons
ACOLYTE Natalie Baker	ACOLYTE Erin Couch	ACOLYTE Hannah Couch	ACOLYTE J.T. Baker
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Robin Bolton	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Ashley Snyder	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Susan Maddux	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Sharon Baker
YOUTH 3/6 Beth Keylon 3/9 Ash Wednesday Service	YOUTH 3/13 Angie Couch 3/16 Gray & Sharon Cowart	YOUTH 3/20 Barbara Lemons 3/23 Beth Keylon	YOUTH 3/27 Beth Keylon 3/30 Beth Keylon

MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30-2:30 MDO 1:30 SC Women's Club, FH 6:30 UMW - FH Dale at Convocation	2 6:00 Youth - FLC 6:00 Young Adults 6:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:00 Ding-A-Lings Dale Returns from Convocation	3 8:30-2:30 MDO 5:00 - 7:00 Setup for Cedine Event, FLC	4 5:00-9:30 Cedine Couples Seminar, FLC	5 10-11:30 Boy Scouts, FH
6 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth - FLC 8-9 p.m. AA- FH	7 10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 Cub Scouts-FLC	8 8:30-2:30 MDO 7:30 Trustees Meeting - Parlor	9 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary	10 8:30-2:30 MDO Deadline for LDL reservations	11	12 10-11:30 Boy Scouts, FH
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Church Council 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth - FLC	14 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 Cub Scouts-FLC	15 8:30-2:30 MDO 12:00 Let's Do Lunch - FLC	16 6:00 Youth - FLC 6:00 Ding-a-Lings-FH 6:00 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	17 8:30-2:30 MDO 5:00 Community Dinner	18	19 10-11:30 Boy Scouts, FH
20 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Youth - FLC 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA- FH	21 10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 Cub Scouts-FLC NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 MDO Spring Break	23 6:00 Youth - FLC 6:00 Ding-a-Lings-FH 6:00 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	24 MDO Spring Break	25	26 10-11:30 Boy Scouts, FH
27 11:00 Worship Service 2:00 Baby Shower, FH 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth - FLC 8-9 p.m. AA- FH	28 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 Cub Scout-FLC	29 8:30-2:30 MDO	30 6:00 Youth - FLC 6:00 Ding-a-Lings-FH 6:00 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	31 8:30-2:30 MDO		



March Flower is the Jonquil.

March birthstone is Aquamarine ~ Courage.

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

February's Let's Do Lunch!



A Valentine theme was used for *Let's Do Lunch* on Tuesday, February 15. Caren Ruffner's table decorations were so pretty. Everyone "oohed and aahed" as they entered the FLC and saw Patty Crowder seated at the table with balloons, festive gift boxes, hearts and candy. Entertainment was provided by the MDO children singing songs and were a joy to all the ladies. The meeting was very well attended, and everyone had a great time. The meal prepared by Margo Hinsdale and Karen Murray was not only delicious but nutritious as well. Everyone present is looking forward next month's *Let's Do Lunch*.



Let's Do Lunch is for ladies 65 and older and meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the FLC at 12 noon. Join in the fun at the next LDL, March 15.



Although a few little ones were not happy to sing in front of a crowd, the majority of the children performed just as they had practiced.

NEW ADDITIONS TO FAMILIES

Congratulations to the Gibbs' family on the birth of Nathan Tyler Owen on January 31, 2011, at 11:19 a.m., in Huntsville, Alabama. Nathan weighed 8 lbs. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Nathan's proud great-grandparents are Jesse and Nina Gibbs; their daughter, Patsy, is Nathan's grandmother.

Congratulations to Richard and Liz Stair on the birth of Richard's first granddaughter, Ava Elaina Stair, who was born on February 16.



SPRING CLEANING

Guess what? Spring is coming! Time to clean out the closets, attics, basements, and any storerooms. The UMW is planning a Flea Market so they need all your extras - anything **EXCEPT** clothes, which you may take to *Our Daily Bread*. There is plenty of time because the sale will be June 4. Get started now and make a stack for the UMW. There will be a pickup for large items one week before sale date.

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

Harriet & Dewey Southers gave to the Holston Home for Children in memory of Tami, Sherri & Randy Cook.

Donna Foland gave to the General Budget in memory of Wesley Derrick.

Vida Major gave to the Stained Glass Window Fund in memory of Russell Lemons.

Virginia Hale gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Helen Vineyard, Pauline Gibbs, and Vesta Patterson.

Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Mildred McArthur.

Donna Foland gave to the General Budget in memory of John Moloney.

The Pairs & Spares Class gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Pauline Gibbs.

Mary Drinkard gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Vesta Patterson.

Martin & Ginny Hatcher gave to the Stained Glass Window Fund in honor of Randal Gibbs.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

January 2011

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET DIFFERENCE
Contributions	\$28,152.10	\$28,152.10	\$315,150.00	-\$286,997.90
Mother's Day Out	2,025.00	2,025.00	43,495.00	-41,470.00
Other Income	87.29	87.29	2,850.00	-2,762.71
TOTAL INCOME	\$30,264.39	\$30,264.39	\$361,495.00	-331,230.61
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	\$18,098.52	\$18,098.52	\$187,721.00	-\$169,622.48
Property Maintenance	6,171.80	6,171.80	65,461.00	-59,289.20
Office Administration	1,168.81	1,168.81	10,300.00	-9,131.19
Nurture & Music	472.81	472.81	4,050.00	-3,577.19
Witness - Evangelism	0.00	0.00	2,750.00	-2,750.00
Church & Society	0.00	0.00	1,050.00	-1,050.00
Outreach - Mission	8,621.45	8,621.45	40,028.00	-31,406.55
Church Support	736.97	736.97	5,550.00	-4,786.03
Children's Ministry	0.00	0.00	2,800.00	-2,800.00
Youth Ministry	89.05	89.05	3,750.00	-3,660.95
MDO Expenses	3,620.00	3,620.00	37,135.00	-33,515.00
Young Adults (18-29)	0.00	0.00	900.00	-900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	39,006.41	39,006.41	361,495.00	-322,488.59
EXCESS INCOME/ EXPENSE	-\$8,742.02	-\$8,742.02	\$0.00	-\$8,742.02

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	1/16	1/23	1/30	2/6
General Budget	\$2,626.00	\$5,637.00	\$5,013.10	\$11,717.11
MDO	0.00	2,025.00	0.00	2,835.00
Loan Reduction	0.00	200.00	20.00	175.00
Memorial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Specials	650.90	403.00	705.57	3,675.00
TOTAL	\$3,276.90	\$8,265.00	\$5,738.67	\$15,567.11
SS ATTENDANCE	65	67	74	77
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	147	191	211	195

WHAT IS YOUR 411?

The church office needs each family to update your computer information so the new pictorial directory information will be correct. For the **next two Sundays**, there will be a printout of the information about you and your family at all four entrances. Some of this is outdated. Please find your entry in one of the directories and correct any wrong telephone numbers, names, email addresses, cell or home numbers, etc. Just mark out wrong information and print corrections or additions. You may add email addresses, cell phone numbers, work numbers, or mark them out if you do not want them published. We want you to control what information is published. If you do not find your name, please turn to the back and enter all your information. We want all our members and friends included. We hope to make this the best directory ever!

Sign-up for the pictorial directory will be **March 20th and 27th** on Sunday mornings before and after worship services. Portraits will be taken on **April 13th-16th** so mark your calendars. For further information please call Sylvia Baldwin at 365-9005.

MILITARY PICTURES

We want to feature our military in the new pictorial directory. If the church does not already have a picture of your loved one who is serving in the military, please take their picture to Sharon Brown in the church office. She can scan your picture and give you back the original. Please have these to Sharon before March 7. If your loved one is out of the military and their name is still listed, please give that information to Sharon also. Thank you.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Pastor Dale is shown holding the special, hand-carved olive wood chalice he brought back from his recent trip to the Holy Land that was used in Communion on February 6.



Our church is very blessed to have two chalices given to us by Pastor Dale.



Church members as they progressed down the aisle to partake of the sacred elements.

PAIRS & SPARES WIN AGAIN!



Lynda Smith, teacher of the Pairs and Spares Sunday school class happily accepted the Souper Bowl trophy on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 6. The Pairs and Spares collected **732** cans of soup to donate to *Our Daily Bread* and won the trophy for the second year in a row. Congratulations!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Catherine (Cathy) Barnes joined our church Sunday, February 13, and her son, Jack, was baptized. Her husband, Luke, has been a member since 1997. We are very happy to have Cathy join with us in our service for Christ.



PRAYER SHAWL FOR RUTH HUSKINS

On Wednesday, February 8, Ruth Huskins received a Prayer Shawl presented to her by Doris Roy on behalf of our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Ruth enjoyed the visit with her niece, Helen Kincannon, Pastor Dale and Doris. She was very grateful for the pretty, emerald-green shawl and especially for Pastor Dale's prayer.

Thanks to Judith Barger for taking the photos.



Dale S. Wyrick, Pastor
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FIRE DRILL TRAINING

Terry McBrayer facilitated the Fire Drill Training on Sunday, January 30, in the Family Life Center. Sunday school teachers, ushers, choir director and MDO personnel listened attentively to Terry as he led them in the necessary procedures to be followed in the upcoming Fire Drill on Sunday, February 13.



FIRE DRILL REHEARSAL

The Fire Drill on Sunday, February 13, went very smoothly. Gary Gilmore, Trustee chairperson, is seen below ringing the bell for the drill. The Trustees' plans for the fire drill and Terry McBrayer's instructions at the training session were instrumental in the success of the response from everyone involved. Church leaders were prepared and followed the plans for the drill without any problems.



We are very grateful to everyone for their cooperation during the fire drill.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



The Pairs and Spares Class is shown above as they were presented the Souper Bowl Trophy on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 6, for the second year in a row. Their Sunday school class once again collected more cans of soup than any of the other classes to donate to *Our Daily Bread*. A big THANK YOU to the Pairs and Spares!



You can tell the girls above realize the importance of giving to help those in need.

A special THANK YOU to everyone who donated cans of soup on Souper Bowl Sunday!

Our violinist, Linda Gibbs, and pianist, Angela Garrison, watch the members of the Pairs and Spares Class as they walk to the front to accept their Souper Bowl trophy.

