

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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,

Pastor Dale

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lynne Agee
Lauretta Cash
T. C. Cash

David Gilliam
Rebecca Knox
Linda Mullins

Jack Phillips
Susie Strunk

Ella Bell (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City)
Nancy Carr (Golden Years, # 10, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City)
Mary Galloway (195 Deer Ridge Dr., Room #A5, Dayton, 37321)
Jeannette Long (The Veranda at Life Care, #506, 10055 Rhea Co. Hwy, Dayton, 37321)
Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.)
Doris Roy (Spring City Care & Rehab #202, 331 Hinch St.)

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 Wagner
(friend of Norman Bowman)

Alice McNelly
(friend of Norman & Peggy Bowman)
Montana Runninghorse
(friend of Richard DeCroe)
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 Thureau
(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

Faithful Workers

9/2 Ushers Walt Morse Billy Ray Patton Ken Rose Jerry Smith	9/9 Ushers Bennie Arp Norman Bowman Trish Cole Richard Cole	9/16 Ushers Mary Drinkard Sheila Larson Shari Norris Jerry Norris	9/23 Ushers Margo Hinsdale Marty Gilliam Jerry Smith Clyde Thurman, Jr.	9/30 Ushers J. T. Baker Natalie Baker Hannah Couch Madison Hinely
Greeters Lynda Smith Jerrie Patton	Greeters Mary Drinkard Margo Hinsdale	Greeters Sharon Cowart Shelby Williams	Greeters Dorothy Hastings Sheila Larson	Greeters Rachel Heibel Hannah Couch
Nursery Peggy Bowman	Nursery Wanda McCarter	Nursery Katie Rose	Nursery Loretta Hale	Nursery Terry Hooper
Acolyte Madison Hinely	Acolyte Rachel Heibel	Acolytes Emily & Gabby McBride	Acolyte Madison Hinely	Acolytes Emily & Gabby McBride
Children's Church Angie Couch J. T. Baker	Children's Church Susan Maddux Erin Couch	Children's Church Wendy Thurman Natalie Baker	Children's Church Constance Garrison Hannah Couch	Children's Church Angie Couch J. T. Baker



September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 11:00 Worship Service 4:00 Q & A Session 4:30 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	3 LABOR DAY <i>Church Office Closed</i>	4 8:30 MDO 6:00 UMW 	5 4:30 Youth KidSpring 7:00 Chancel Choir	6 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 6:30 Worship Team	7 FLC Closed for Set-up for Homecoming	8 FLC Closed for Set-up for Homecoming
9 HOMECOMING 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Lunch, FLC 4:30 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	10 6:30 TLC 10:30 TVA Retirees FLC	11 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study, FH	12 10:00 Bible Study, FH 4:30 Youth KidSpring 6:00 Bible Study Library 7:00 Chancel Choir	13 8:30 MDO 10:00 Joy Trip 11:00 Home Prayer Group 7:00 Trustees	14	15 2-9 Watts Bar Lake Assoc., FLC
16 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Ministry Team 4:30 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	17 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 TLC	18 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study, FH 6:30 UMW Book Club	19 10:00 Bible Study, FH 4:30 Youth KidSpring 6:00 Bible Study Library 7:00 Chancel Choir	20 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 5:00 Community Meal 6:30 G.R.O.W.	21	22 Private Event, FH
23 PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 District Conference Allen Memorial UMC Athens, TN 4:30 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	24 6:30 TLC	25 8:30 MDO 8:00 a.m.-10 p.m. FLC Closed Banquet Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 Youth/Children Council	26 10:00 Bible Study, FH 4:30 Youth KidSpring 6:00 Bible Study Library 7:00 Chancel Choir	27 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group	28	29
30 11:00 Worship Service 4:30 Youth 5:00 Defibrillator Training, FH 6:00 5th Sunday Sing	September Anniversaries					



September Birthdays



2 Eddie Boles	HAPPY BIRTHDAY!	19 Bob Burkhardt
3 Sheila Larson		20 Jeannette Long
5 Angela Jackson		21 Lynda Smith
6 Ronnie Barger		22 Max Douglas
9 Christina Walling		23 John Conroy
10 Loretta Cash		24 Deborah Tanner
14 Teresa Mudica		25 Walt Morse
17 Shelby Williams		28 Angie Couch
18 Naomi Hinely		29 Scott Henderson
		30 Michael Shock



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





Patty Crowder gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Edd Marsh.

Dr. Beth Casady gave to the Holston Home for Children in memory of Jeremy Schaefer.

Richard & Liz Stair gave to the Holston Home for Children in memory of Chadley Bowman.

Chris & Carolyn Haerr gave to the General Budget in memory of George & Phyllis Schaller.

Patty Crowder gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Charles Gibbs.

Honorarium

Richard & Liz Stair gave to the Holston Home for Children in honor of Norman & Peggy Bowman.



To all my church family who have prayed for me, sent cards, and expressed well wishes, I ask for continued acts of Christian love as I am not well yet. Thank you to each one of you for being there for me. Thanks for the prayer blanket/shawl.

In Christ's love,
David Gilliam

WEDNESDAY 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.



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!

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

JULY 2018

	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	25,565.34	186,481.68	379,000.00	49.2%
Mother's Day Out	1,450.00	16,210.00	24,700.00	65.6%
Other Income	3.32	637.08	1,100.00	57.9%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	27,018.66	203,328.76	404,800.00	50.2%
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%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	7-22	7-29	8-5	8-12	8-19
General Budget	3,716.50	5,389.74	9,796.01	5,607.00	5,101.50
MDO		60.00	180.00	720.00	120.00
Memorial	25.00		25.00		
Special		379.00	1,306.85	16.00	1,25.00
TOTAL	3,741.50	5,828.74	11,307.86	6,343.00	6,471.50
SS ATTENDANCE	64	71	74	68	60
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	135	133	186	140	151

First Sunday...First Dollar

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.



August and September first dollars will be used to purchase school supplies for SCES and Spring City Middle School (SCMS).

First dollars collected for October will be used for supplies for our Rhea County High School students. May God bless everyone for giving a dollar on first Sundays.



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!

Candace Payne
 FIND JOY IN EACH DAY WITH
LAUGH IT UP AND DEFIANT JOY



Come join us for an hour on **Wednesday nights at 6:00, Sept. 12 - Oct. 17** in the Library for Defiant Joy Bible Study. In this six-session video Bible study, author Candace Payne (aka "Chewbacca Mom") reveals her personal secrets and biblical insights to unshakable joy that no circumstance can take away, and how you can discover and experience the same. The world knows Candace Payne as "Chewbacca Mom," the wife and mother of two from Dallas who captured the hearts of nearly 200 million people around the world with nothing but a toy Chewbacca mask, a smart phone, and infectious laughter.

Join Candace to learn about the gift God has given us all to lead us into the full life you were always meant to live. All you need to do is answer yes when joy, whom Candace personifies as a friend, calls you to come and play.

- Do you feel tempted to give up on your dreams? Joy stays the course.
- Do your knees knock when thinking about the future? Joy hopes for what can be.
- Do you feel unseen and unnoticed? Joy is content whether backstage or center stage.
- Do you feel crushed under the weight of regret? Joy loves you enough to weep with you, but also enough to help you move on.

When life punches you in the gut, it can be difficult to muster a smile - much less a laugh. But Candace believes we need to take off our masks and re-discover the simple joys of life. With humor and power, wit and wisdom, Candace lights the way forward to a life that is free indeed.

P.S. No Homework, only Fun Work! ☺

COMING SOON Peanut Butter Sunday

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!



5th Sunday Sing!



Mark your calendars now for the next 5th Sunday Sing on Sunday, September 30th in the Sanctuary. This is a program where we praise the Lord through music and song. Many from other churches in our area join with us to give glory to God and edify one another in this special service that occurs whenever there is a month with a fifth Sunday. Hope to see you there!

Singing Praises to Our Lord

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.




KIDSPRING

**JOIN US
WEDNESDAY'S @ 4:30
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
(CHILDREN AGES 3 YRS.—5TH GRADE)**

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.



Blowing Bubbles at MDO



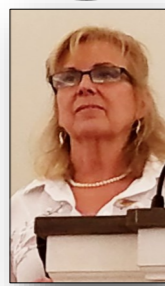
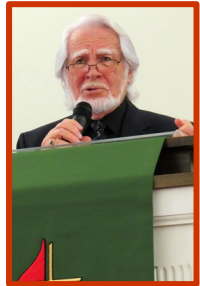
The children at Mother's Day Out (MDO) always enjoy playing in the water and blowing bubbles every year near the end of the summer session as shown in the photos above on Tuesday, July 24th. This year the summer session ended on Tuesday, July 31st, and the MDO fall session begins on Tuesday, August 21st at 8:30 a.m.

Fairest of the Fair Winners

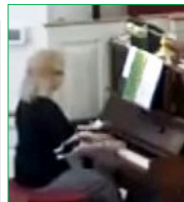
Congratulations to two pretty church members, Hannah Couch who was crowned 2018 Young Miss Fairest of the Fair and to her sister, Erin, who was crowned the 2018 Jr. Miss Fairest of the Fair, Saturday, July 28th. Hannah and Erin are the daughters of James and Angie Couch.



Special MUSIC



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 UMW meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



OFFICE HOURS
 Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Lunch: Noon - 1 p.m.
 Friday 8 a.m. to Noon

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 4:30 p.m. Youth
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study
 5th Sunday Sing
 (only on fifth Sundays)

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