

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the  
SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 2013

## Dale's Doodles

### Matthew 6:25-34

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>34</sup>“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.”

I wonder how many hours we spend worrying about all the concerns we have about life. There are 168 hours in every week. I wonder how we spend most of those hours and how much time we take for the activities which are important to us. How many hours do we work, eat, sleep or use for leisure time? If we are like most people, we spend our hours the way we want. That can be both good and bad.

### What if???

Think about this for a moment, and it might change how we look at and experience life.

**What if** we invested more time in prayer every day?

**What if** we invested more time in reaching out into the community?

**What if** we invested more of our resources into helping those in need?

**What if** we were willing to listen to the concerns of others and offered ourselves to help?

**What if** we were servants to all?

**What if** we not only talked about Jesus, but we live like we know Jesus?

These are just a few thoughts to consider, and I know that as we journey together we can come up with many other *what ifs* that will change the world.

### What if???

**What if** means we live in the now - not yesterday or tomorrow. Like Jesus said...don't worry.

So...**What if** we lived faithfully?? If so, we will spend time allowing God to use us to change this world. Like Jesus said...live for today!! ☺

Shalom,

Pastor Dale

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Crowder  
Duane Ezell  
Ray Keylon

Joyce Lavender  
Fred Mullins  
Aud & Stella Ray

Margaret Scholz  
Olaf Tammark  
Bill Thurman

Bonnie Bowman (Spring City Care and Rehab, #407)

Mary Curtis (Spring City Care and Rehab, #411)

Virginia Hale (195 Deer Ridge Dr., A6, Dayton, TN 37321)

Irene Henley (Spring City Care and Rehab, #207)

Bruce Hinzman (VA Hospital, 3400 Lebanon Road, Murfreesboro, TN 37129)

Ruth Huskins (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., S.C.)

June Pitman (Greenwood Senior Living, 360 Laboratory Rd., Oak Ridge, TN 37830)

Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, # 306)

Elsie Robbins (Life Care Center of Rhea County, #209A)

Ernestine Simpson (Spring City Care and Rehab, #601)

Don Janow (friend of Gary Gimore)

Barbara Norris (friend of SC Pharmacy family and Gary & Tia Gilmore)

Gail Cranfield (Beth Keylon's friend)

Carolyn Achata (Linda Mullins' friend)

Tommy Davis (Liz Stair's grandson)

Keith Thomas (Cheryl Southers' son)

Rachel Heichelbechs (friend of Peggy Bowman and Tammy Boles)

Nikki Everett (Jeannette Long's friend)

Tony Wood & Cody Kell (Ginny Hatcher's nephews)

David Leneer (Carolyn Haerr's brother)

Travis McClendon (Larry & Vivian McClendon's son)

Christina Mockbee (Betty Barnes daughter)

Michelle Nasca (Bob & Sheila Larson's daughter)

Donnie Smith (friend of John & Sam Hanson)

Mitchell Eustice (Cheryl Southers' friend)

David Douglas (son of Max & Pat Douglas)

Niranchandra Roy (Doris Roy's husband)

Erin Powers (Gil Litteken's granddaughter)

Rev. Ken Pierce (Pastor Dale's friend)

Diane Chappell (Eleanor Trail's niece)

Jaime Neller (John & Sam Hanson's granddaughter)

Haleigh Hall (Ed & Linda Gibbs' granddaughter)

Melissa Miltmore DeArk (Donna Hudson's cousin)

Tricia McBride (Donna Hudson's niece)

John Stafford (Ken & Ann Hasting's friend)

Ann Jones (friend of Gray & Sharon Cowart)

Lois Sprague (Marla Hinzman's sister)

Julia Fields (Doris Roy's friend)

Annette Osborne (Terry McBrayer's sister)

Montana Running Horse (DeCroe's friend)

Kathy Powell (niece of Carolyn Reid)

Connie Madison (Joe & Molly Graham's friend)

Larry Lee (Judy Litteken's nephew)

Jordan Nelson (Leon & Nancy Hicks' granddaughter)

Susan Arnold (Conroys' daughter)

Vivian McClendon (Jeannette Long's friend)

Carolyn Hesselbach (Carl & Kay's daughter)

Catrina Christi (Manuel Christi's daughter)

Christina Jordan (Manuel Christi's daughter)

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## BIRTHDAYS

1	Judith Barger	13	Brody T. Murphy	29	Penny Rice
2	Jim Baldwin		Dakota Rose		Dan Uhler
	Cynthia Snyder	14	Atlanta Ervin	30	Chris Dodson
3	Autumn Neal	16	Pat Garner		Donald Herhold
4	Hannah Couch	19	Caren Ruffner		Harriet Southers
	Karen Jo Tallent	20	Anna Messimer		
6	Aaron HeimeI		Andrea Cash		
	Walter E. Hooper IV	21	Cynthia Ross		
9	Lori Dillard	22	Jim McCarter		
10	David Beckler	23	Taylor Thurman		
	Erin Couch	24	Aaron Jackson		
	Chris Hastings	26	Betty Talley		
11	Sharon Dines		Cherie Henderson		
12	Sam Hanson	29	Taylor Johnson		
13	Austin Murphy				



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4	Don & Nancy Carr	28	Gary & Mary Drinkard
21	Chris & Carolyn Haerr	31	Tom & Mary Fricke
23	John & Judy Johnson		Arthur & Shirdella Reed

## FAITHFUL WORKERS

12/1	12/8	12/15	12/22	12/29
<b>Ushers</b> Earl Keahey Steve Keylon Bob Larson Jerry Smith	<b>Ushers</b> Eddie Garrison Billy Ray Patton Jennings Smith Clyde Thurman, Jr.	<b>Ushers</b> Ronnie Barger Earl Robbins Jerry Smith Walt Morse	<b>Ushers</b> Chadley Bowman Marty Gilliam Ken Rose Kevin Rose	<b>Ushers</b> Marla Hinzman Bob Larson Earl Robbins Pete Williams
<b>Hosts</b> Mary Drinkard Nina Gibbs	<b>Hosts</b> Ginny Hatcher Glenda Keylon	<b>Hosts</b> Linda Mullins Steve Keylon	<b>Hosts</b> Carol Price Sheila Larson	<b>Hosts</b> Margaret Scholz Lynda Smith
<b>Nursery</b> Wanda McCarter Peggy Bowman	<b>Nursery</b> Angela Couch & Kaitlyn	<b>Nursery</b> Debbie Wilson & Carlie	<b>Nursery</b> Angie Rose & Katie	<b>Nursery</b> Andrea Cash Peggy Bowman
<b>Acolyte</b> Natalie Baker	<b>Acolyte</b> J. T. Baker	<b>Acolyte</b> Oceanneanne Hunt	<b>Acolyte</b> Hannah Couch	<b>Acolyte</b> Aaron Hunt
<b>Children's Church</b> Angie Rose	<b>Children's Church</b> Wendy Thurman	<b>Children's Church</b> Beth Keylon	<b>Children's Church</b> Robin Bolton	<b>Children's Church</b> Susan Maddux
<b>Youth 12/1</b> Beth Keylon	<b>Youth 12/8</b> Angie Couch	<b>Youth 12/15</b> Beth Keylon	<b>Youth 12/22</b> Penny Rice	<b>Youth 12/29</b> Penny Rice
<b>12/4</b> Dorothy Hastings	<b>12/11</b> Beth Keylon	<b>12/18</b> Bob Larson	<b>12/25</b> No Youth	<b>1/1</b> No Youth

# DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 1st Sunday of Advent 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Cantata Practice 6:00 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>2</b> 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team 6:00 Distr. Ministers' Christmas Banquet 7:00 Scouts	<b>3</b> 8:30 MDO 11:00 SC Women's Club, FLC 6:30 UMW 7:30 Trustees Meeting	<b>4</b> 10:00 Disciple 3 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 6:30 Disciple 1 7:00 Vital Signs Training	<b>6</b> Office Closed at Noon	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Church Council Cantata Practice 6:00 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>9</b> 10:30 TVA Retirees FLC 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	<b>10</b> 8:30 MDO 9:00 MDO Ornament Painting, FLC	<b>11</b> 10:00 Disciple 3 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>12</b> LDL DEADLINE 8:30 MDO 6:30 Disciple 1	<b>13</b> Office Closed at Noon	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent 11:00 Cantata 6:00 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>16</b> Newsletter Deadline 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	<b>17</b> 8:30 MDO 12:00 LDL	<b>18</b> 10:00 Disciple 3 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 6:30 Disciple 1	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 4th Sunday of Advent 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>23</b> 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team  Rhea Co. Schools Christmas Break	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve 5:00 Candlelight Communion Service  Church Office Closed	<b>25</b> Christmas Day  Church Office Closed	<b>26</b>  Rhea Co. Schools Christmas Break	<b>27</b>  Rhea Co. Schools Christmas Break	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 1st Sunday After Christmas 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Youth 6:00 5th Sunday Sing 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>30</b>  Rhea Co. Schools Christmas Break	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve	New Year's Day January 1, 2014 Happy New Year! Church Office Closed			

## 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



## NOTE FROM JEANNETTE:

Proverbs 3:5-6  
"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all Thy ways acknowledge Him and HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS."

Let us allow Him to show us the Star of Bethlehem in our lives daily.

Merry Christmas, and you are loved.



## In Loving Memory

Fred and Linda Mullins gave to the *Community Ministries Fund* in memory of Alcibee Tharp and Helen Foss.

Chris and Carolyn Haerr gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Ronald Roberts, Alcibee Tharp, and Helen Foss.

Bill and Patty Crowder gave to *Special Designated Gifts (Defibrillator Fund)* in memory of Alcibee Tharp, Helen Foss, Ronald Roberts, Darrell Boles, and Mackie Brown.

Josephine Young gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Alcibee Tharp.

Ross and Betty Bernhard gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Alcibee Tharp.

Edna Wayne Gilmore gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Alcibee Tharp.

Bette Gilmore gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Alcibee Tharp.

Kevin and Lesia Garrison gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Ronald Roberts.

Theresa Slater gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Alcibee Tharp.

Jim and Teresa Smith gave to the *Prayer Shawl Ministry* in memory of Evelyn Lynch.

Gray and Sharon Cowart gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Alcibee Tharp, Ronald Roberts, Mackie Brown, and Darrell Boles.

Norman and Peggy Bowman gave to the *Bereavement Fund* in memory of Darrell Boles.

Clyde and Wendy Thurman gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of Darrell Boles.

## MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

### OCTOBER 2013

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	23,821.00	255,444.22	345,167.00	74.0 %
Mother's Day Out	2,622.00	24,797.00	32,980.00	75.2%
Other Income	135.80	719.28	1,300.00	55.3%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>26,578.80</b>	<b>280,960.50</b>	<b>379,447.00</b>	<b>74.0%</b>
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	21,329.22	180,059.78	225,941.00	79.7%
Property Maintenance	2,131.50	31,201.67	41,400.00	75.4%
Office Administration	1,029.36	13,842.79	15,100.00	91.7%
Nurture & Music	156.21	4,078.62	4,100.00	99.5%
Witness	300.10	3,207.68	6,600.00	48.6%
Outreach - Missions	2,395.68	32,902.17	40,856.00	80.5%
Church Support	1,049.02	5,920.40	5,770.00	102.6%
Children's Ministry	181.89	2,393.56	3,300.00	72.5%
Adult Ministries	178.72	1,786.95	1,300.00	137.5%
Youth Ministry	0.00	980.67	1,450.00	67.6%
MDO Expenses	2,973.77	28,438.08	33,380.00	85.2%
Young Adults (18-35)	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>31,725.47</b>	<b>304,812.37</b>	<b>379,447.00</b>	<b>80.3%</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-5,146.67</b>	<b>-23,851.87</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	8/25	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22
General Budget	4,627.16	10,135.00	5,313.55	4,230.00	4,715.10
MDO	1,605.00	240.00	2,160.00	240.00	120.00
Memorial					
Special	1,552.85	1,160.90	579.90	280.90	1,013.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,785.01</b>	<b>11,535.90</b>	<b>8,053.45</b>	<b>4,750.90</b>	<b>5,849.06</b>
SS ATTENDANCE	68	78	72	76	75
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	188	201	225	180	192

# Thank You

The family of **Alcibee Tharp** (mother of Tia Gilmore) wishes to express our appreciation for all your heartfelt thoughts and prayers during our time of loss. We also appreciate your visits, cards, flowers, memorial gifts, and the wonderful food donations. A very special thanks to Pastor Dale for his constant support and comfort and to the King's Trio and Eldeena Perry for the gift of beautiful music at the funeral service. You are truly an amazing and caring church family and it has been comforting to know that you were supporting us at this time.

With grateful hearts,  
Gary, Tia, and family

## Help Spread Christmas Cheer This Year!

**COATS FOR KIDS:** If you would like to help keep a child warm this winter, you may donate a **new** coat or give money (make check payable to SCUMC with "Coats for Kids" on the memo line). There will be boxes at the side entrance and at the FLC for the new coats. Dr. Beth Casady will deliver the coats to Spring City Elementary and Middle Schools.

**TOY DRIVE FOR SPRING CITY'S CHILDREN** is now underway with applications available at City Hall or Cash Express (deadline for applications is December 7 at 4:30 p.m.). New unwrapped toys can now be placed in toy boxes at most local businesses, or you may give cash donations at First Bank (ask for Starlyn Matthews). Contact is Helen Kincannon at 365-0197.

**KIWANIS CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS:** It's that time of year again, and the Kiwanis Club has begun to plan for another year of helping those in our community in their time of need. We began receiving requests for an application in July, and it appears this year will be another 200 basket delivery. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help provide food to our needy.

**MORGAN-SCOTT TOY DRIVE:** Please bring toys for Morgan-Scott Counties so children who live there may have a happy Christmas. Boxes will be at the side entrance and at the FLC for your donations. If you want to make a monetary donation, mark your check "Morgan-Scott toys." The last day to bring toys is **Sunday, December 15.**

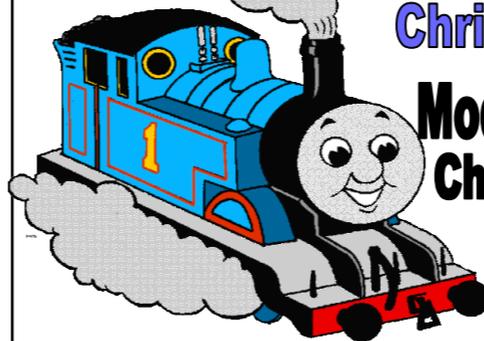
# Let's Do Lunch (LDL)

Ladies, 60 and up, met for LDL, Tues., Nov. 19, at noon, in the FLC-Gym. Patty Crowder's devotional on flowers was perfect for the Flower Show, which followed the meal. Caren Ruffner decorated each table with flowers and small pilgrim centerpieces. Cookie Smith prepared a delicious meal of mango chicken, creamed corn, green beans, rolls, and a choice of desserts. After lunch the attendees enjoyed viewing all the pretty floral exhibits. The next LDL is Tues., Dec. 17, noon, in the FLC-Gym.



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SPRING CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM PRESENT

## Christmas on the Rails Memories of Christmas Past



**Model Railroads**  
**Christmas Trees**  
**Lifesize Elves**  
**Santa Carvings**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**Museum Annex**

150 West Rhea Avenue

**GRAND OPENING SATURDAY**  
Dec. 7 FROM 6-8 p.m. **WITH Santa**

**SUNDAYS, DEC. 8, 15 1-4 P.M.**

**THURS. & FRIDAYS, DEC. 12, 13 & 19, 20 FROM 2-5 p.m.**  
**SANTA SATURDAYS, DEC. 14 & 21 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**



**Don't Miss the Grand Opening of Christmas on the Rails at the Museum Annex from 6 - 8 p.m., on Saturday, December 7. Performers include The King's Trio, with pianist, Eldeena Perry, and Judith and Ronnie Barger's granddaughter, Alexandra Tallent. They will sing holiday favorites you are sure to enjoy. Miss Spring City for 2013, Kaitlyn Couch, will also be present at the Grand Opening. Hope to see you there on Sat., Dec. 7, at 6 p.m.!**

## CHRISTMASTIME 2013 HAPPENINGS

**Cleveland District Ministers' Banquet**  
Monday, December 2, 6:00 p.m.  
*Benton UMC*

**Spring City Women's Club Christmas Luncheon**  
Tuesday, December 3, 11:00 a.m.  
*Family Life Center*

**TVA Retirees Christmas Luncheon**  
Monday, December 9, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
*Family Life Center*

**Christmas Cantata**  
Sunday, December 15, 11:00 a.m.  
*Sanctuary*

**Let's Do Lunch**  
December 17, 2013, Noon  
*Family Life Center*

**Community Meal**  
Thursday, December 19, 5:00 p.m.  
*Family Life Center*

**Kiwanis Christmas Baskets Distribution**  
Saturday, December 21, 8:00 a.m.  
*Family Life Center*

**Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service**  
Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.  
*Sanctuary*

**Fifth Sunday Sing**  
December 29, 6:00 p.m.  
*Sanctuary*

## Fun at the Fall Festival

The Fall Festival/Trunk 'n Treat for 2013 was attended by the largest crowd ever (863 and 266 treaters). John Hanson, Angie Rose, and the 45 volunteers who helped with the decorations, games and prizes, face painting, food (especially cupcakes), and puppets are to be commended for making it such a fun and safe Halloween night for children in our church family as well as those in our community.



## PASTOR DALE ACCEPTS SPECIAL GIFT

Pastor Dale is shown expressing his gratitude to Norman Bowman for the delivery of the new defibrillator, which was donated to our church by Lawrence Young, President, Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee, Oak Ridge, TN. Training classes for those who will use the defibrillator began, Sunday, November 17, 1:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. A maximum of 9 people can be trained at each session.



## SEWING4SOULS



Sewing4Souls began Friday, November 1, at 9 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, Room 105. Dresses and shorts are sewn to give to missionaries, and garments are distributed to children who have no clothes. Shown above are Pat Clark, Kathy Heimel, Donna Fisher, and Sheila Larson. The group meets Fridays at 9 in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested and would like to join this caring ministry with sewing, ironing, or helping in other ways, call Donna Fisher at 365-7003.

## PUPPET MINISTRY TEAM AT NASHVILLE CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Our Puppet Ministry Team, Cheryl Southers, Sheila Larson, and Linda Booker, traveled to Nashville, Saturday, October 19, for a Puppet Training Workshop at Creative Ministries Festivals, which was held in the Nashville First Church of the Nazarene. Cheryl, Sheila, and Linda learned many tips and tricks of puppet ministries and watched performances of local competitors using skits and songs.



# PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY

Pastor Dale, Frank Snyder and Edward Gibbs are shown below looking at numerous jars of peanut butter, and Anna Cash is happily placing her family's contribution with all the others.

Thank you for your phenomenal support of Peanut Butter Sunday, November 24th. We exceeded our goal and donated 480 jars of peanut butter to Our Daily Bread, which will help feed those in need in our community. May God bless you for your love and generosity!



# In Appreciation of Our Pastor



Kay Hesselbach, Staff Parish Team Chairperson, is shown above as she presented Pastor Dale with a special card and gifts on behalf of the congregation on Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 27, 2013. Top right photo shows the card and some of the gifts Pastor Dale received. The Puppet Ministry Team sang, "Preacher Man", to honor Pastor Dale since he is so beloved by the congregation.



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Dale S. Wyrick, Pastor

Beth Keylon, Director of Youth  
 John Hanson & Angela Rose, Co-Directors of Children  
 Sharon Brown, Administrative Assistant