

Faithful Workers

12/7	12/14	12/21	12/28
Ushers Shirley Corbin Arthur Osborne Mike Phillips Kevin Rose	Ushers Chadley Bowman Marty Gilliam Jerry Henley Pete Williams	Ushers Marla Hinzman Earl Keahey Steve Keylon Billy Ray Patton	Ushers Natalie Baker Jerry Smith Clyde Thurman, Jr. Walt Morse
Hosts Tammy Boles Sharon Cowart	Hosts Carol Price Sheila Larson	Hosts Lynda Smith Pete & Shelby Williams	Hosts Mary Drinkard Linda Mullins
Nursery Debbie Wilson & Carlie	Nursery Angie Rose & Katie	Nursery Peggy Bowman To be announced	Nursery Gil & Judy Litteken
Acolyte Natalie Baker	Acolyte Hannah Couch	Acolyte Rachel Heimel	Acolyte Oceanne Hunt
Children's Church Beth Keylon	Children's Church Angie Couch	Children's Church Wendy Thurman	Children's Church Susan Maddux
Youth 12/7 Beth Keylon 12/10 Beth Keylon	Youth 12/14 Angie Couch 12/17 Tom & Kathy Heimel	Youth 12/21 Beth Keylon 12/24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> No Youth	Youth 12/28 Beth Keylon 12/31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> No Youth






Happy Birthday!

1 Judith Barger	11 Sharon Dines	23 Jim McCarter
2 Jim Baldwin	12 Sam Hanson	24 Taylor Thurman
Cynthia Dykeman	13 Dakota Rose	26 Betty Talley
3 Autumn Neal	14 Atlanta Ervin	29 Cheri Henderson
4 Hannah Couch	16 Pat Garner	Penny Rice
Karen Jo Tallent	19 Caren Ruffner	Dan Uhler
6 Aaron Heimel	Franny Folds	30 Chris Dodson
Walter Hooper IV	20 Ginny Hatcher	Harriet Southers
9 Lori Dillard	Anna Messimer	Don Herhold
10 David Beckler	Carol Price	
Erin Couch	21 Andrea Cash	
Chris Hastings	22 Cindy Ross	

Anniversaries

4 Don & Nancy Carr	28 David & Carol Beckler
21 Chris & Carolyn Haerr	Gary & Mary Drinkard
23 John & Judy Johnson	31 Tom & Mary Fricke

DECEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	2 8:30 MDO 11:30 Women's Club 6:30 UMW	3 10:00 Disciple 4 5:30 Wee Praise Choir 6:00 Youth 7:00 Chancel Choir	4 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 6:30 Disciple 2	5	6 Setup for Bridal Tea for Sunday, FLC
7 11:00 Worship Service 1:30-3 Bridal Tea 4:30 Cantata Practice 6:00 Bible Study & Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	8 10:30 TVA Retirees 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	9 8:30 MDO 7:00 Trustees	10 10:00 Disciple 4 5:30 Wee Praise Choir 6:00 Youth 7:00 Chancel Choir	11 LDL Deadline	12	13
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21 11:00 Christmas Cantata 6:00 Bible Study & Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	22 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	23 Christmas Break for MDO	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 5:00 Christmas Eve Service  Church Office Closed	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>  Church Office Closed	26	27
28 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Bible Study & Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	29 7:00 Scouts	30 Christmas Break for MDO	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>  Office Closed on January 1, 2015			

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

Merry Christmas 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.

You are loved and Merry Christmas!

THE LAMPLIGHTER

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SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Tony's Tales



There is something magical about Christmas - all of it. The songs, the cheesy Christmas TV specials, the parades, the get-togethers. It is completely magical.

One year I was asked to be the Santa Claus at a gathering of United Methodist Women (UMW). I have only played this role a couple of times, but it was fun. My son, Benjamin, was about four when this happened. He was with me at the dinner and the program for the UMW that evening. He went with me to my office to put on the suit. Even though he was there to see the whole thing, once I was in the costume, I **WAS** Santa Claus. You could see the wonder in his eyes.

Now, even though everything is magical this time of year, it does not necessarily mean everything is worthy of our time and attention. One of the problems with Christmas is that we often suspend our beliefs, just like little children around Santa Claus. We sometimes accept every story that we hear as truth, simply because it makes us feel good. So, prepare yourselves. I am about to reveal the truth to you. If you don't think you can handle it, please stop reading now.

There was not a little drummer boy present when Jesus was born. If he had been there, I am sure that Mary would have sent him away. Jesus, the infant, did not touch a poinsettia or a dogwood while he was still in the manger (or ever probably).

The problem is that sometimes we have given more emphasis on these fables than we have given the truth of Christmas Day. The truth is that on this day, a day of God's choosing, the Son of God was born to live among us.

It was a dangerous time. He wasn't born in a sweet place. The shepherds who came to see him were working shepherds, not dressed up to greet royalty. The angels were not sweet little children who chased their halos down the clouds. They were warrior messengers who came to praise their Lord Jesus.

This time of celebration and the time of preparation that we call Advent, which begins on the 30th of November, is a time for us to hear once again the wonder of God's love for us. It is a time to examine ourselves again and to commit our lives to serving our wonderful God.

Enjoy the magic of the season. Hear the fables of the season and smile but understand the glory of what really happened during Christmas and make sure that where ever you are during this season to be in the house of God and worship the one who came to "redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying 'Abba, Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God." (Galatians 4:5-7)

Shalom,

Pastor Tony

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ronnie Barger
Rhonda Evans
Felix Fisher
Pat Galloway (Please
No Visitors)
Arthur Gilliam

Joe Graham
Carl Hesselbach
Bob Larson
Joyce Lavender
Ed Logsdon
Chuck Mcllwain

Bill Metts
Fred Mullins
Billy Ray Thurman
Lenny Winterberger

Bonnie Bowman (Spring City Care and Rehab, #407, 331 Hinch St.)

Mary Curtis (Spring City Care and Rehab, #411, 331 Hinch St.)

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

Irene Henley (Spring City Care and Rehab, # 508, 331 Hinch St.)

Ruth Huskins (Golden Years Retirement, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City)

Ray Keylon (Spring City Care and Rehab, #502, 331 Hinch St.)

Edna McCuistion (Abby Mae's Hill, 419 Pin Hook Rd., Spring City)

Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.)

Earl Robbins (Spring City Care and Rehab, #301, 331 Hinch St.)

Elsie Robbins (Life Care Center of Rhea County, #116, 10055 Rhea Co. Hwy)

Margaret Scholz (Spring City Care and Rehab, #209, 331 Hinch St.)

Jim Badger (friend of the Uhlers)

John Parker, Jr. (Jeannette

Long's friend)

Carlton Spurling (Marty Gilliam's
friend)

Chip & Walter Hughes (friends of
Joe & Molly Graham)

Katie Todd-Martin (Deanna
Ware's sister-in-law)

Tillery Phillips (15-month-old
child of Rev. & Mrs. Joe Phillips)

Carolyn Hesselbach (Carl &
Kay's daughter)

Jordan Nelson (Leon & Nancy
Hicks' granddaughter)

Danny Chattin (retired school
teacher & TVA retiree)

Michelle Nasca (Bob & Sheila
Larson's daughter)

David Douglas (Max & Pat's son)

Jae Williams (Sheila Larson's
daughter)

Haleigh Hall (Ed & Linda Gibbs'
granddaughter)

Richard Southers (Cheryl's
husband)

Bessie Gamble (Bill Ruffner's
mom)

Whitney Miller (Beth Keylon's
niece)

Jordan Nelson (granddaughter of
the Hicks)

The Family of Erin Powers
(granddaughter of Gil & Judy
Litteken)

**Please call the church office at
365.6324 the first of every
month with an update for a
name to remain on the prayer
list.**



The Youth are Selling Christmas wreaths as a fundraiser for Resurrection. Please see Beth Keylon or one of the youth to purchase your wreath. Thank you for supporting our youth group. - Beth Keylon

MORGAN-SCOTT TOY DRIVE

Please bring toys for Morgan-Scott County so children who live there may have a happy Christmas. Boxes will be at the side entrance and at the Family Life Center for your donations. **The biggest need for toys is preteens and teenagers (especially boys).** If you want to make a monetary donation, mark your check "Morgan-Scott toys." The last day to drop off toys is **Sunday, December 14th.**

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

It's that time of year again, and the Kiwanis Club has begun to plan for another year of helping our community in its time of need. We began receiving requests for applications in July, and it appears this year will be another 200 basket delivery. Your donations will help to provide food for our needy and is greatly appreciated.

God said "No"

Many prayers have gone up about the African mission trip for Liberty University students during Christmas Break. We were willing, but God said No to Africa and Yes to a Philippines Trip during Spring Break 2015. The Philippine people are highly religious and yet do not know Christ as Savior. Please continue to pray that God makes his will known and that He softens the hearts of those with whom we are to share our Savior. Thank you all for your prayers and contributions. Those funds will be transferred to the Philippines' trip. I will now be home for Christmas, and I look forward to joining you again at the annual Candlelight Christmas Eve program. See you then.

Davinity Tallent

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

OCTOBER 2014

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	23,811.44	269,727.88	349,543.00	77.2 %
Mother's Day Out	2,304.20	17,855.20	32,980.00	54.1%
Other Income	91.85	1,223.18	1,100.00	111.2%
TOTAL INCOME	26,207.49	288,806.26	383,623.00	75.3%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	17,629.11	189,088.56	226,344.00	83.5%
Property Maintenance	1,967.71	31,290.11	44,400.00	70.5%
Office Administration	445.51	8,008.76	11,900.00	67.3%
Nurture & Music	634.64	2,919.38	3,900.00	74.9%
Witness	342.85	2,845.75	4,450.00	63.9%
Outreach - Missions	2,390.33	33,855.88	43,449.00	77.9%
Church Support	1,209.93	5,323.70	9,600.00	55.5%
Children's Ministry	318.42	889.38	2,850.00	31.2%
Adult Ministries	-67.90	879.50	1,900.00	46.3%
Youth Ministry		727.40	1,450.00	50.2%
MDO Expenses	2,350.26	21,032.62	33,380.00	63.0%
Young Adults (18-35)				0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	27,220.86	296,861.04	383,623.00	77.4%
NET INCOME	-1,013.37	-8,054.78	0.00	100.0%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	10/19	10/26	11/2	11/9	11/16
General Budget	4,216.77	3,044.00	13,465.00	6,184.00	5,348.00
MDO		244.20		720.00	
Memorial	25.00				
Special	229.00	192.00	1,149.00	55.00	1,459.00
TOTAL	4,470.77	3,480.20	14,614.00	6,959.00	6,807.00
SS ATTENDANCE	59	57	67	67	61
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	163	183	236	190	168



Mr. Kevin Rose & Spring City United Methodist Church,

It was such a blessing to receive the bibles you donated to the Spring City Elementary School

(SCES) Bible Club. The students are very excited to get to use them each Thursday morning for the 5th Grade Bible Club. I pray that God will bless you also for your kindness!

Sincerely,

Charity Westerwelt
SCES Music Teacher

Thank You!

David and I want everyone to know what a wonderful day was Daniel's baby shower. We thank you all for your overwhelming kindness and generosity. Our hearts are blessed to know that our son will have all of you as family.

We love you all,
David & Kayla Wyrick

IN LOVING MEMORY



Mr. & Mrs. David Woods gave to the General Budget in memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Grasham, Mr. J.S. Grasham, Mrs. Sara Mee, and Mr. Ben Tidwell.



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). The number of coats needed for the schools is **14**. There are boxes at the side entrance and at the FLC for the new coats.

Dr. Beth Casady took this recent photo of Spring City Elementary School Principal, Tammy Boles and Pastor Tony, when coats were delivered to the schools. Thank you, Dr. Beth for your love and concern for our children and to everyone who contributed in any way to help a child stay warm this winter.

PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY

Thank you, everyone, who contributed peanut butter or a monetary donation to purchase peanut butter on Peanut Butter Sunday, Nov. 16th. A total of **424** jars was collected and given to Our Daily Bread to be used for those in need in our community. Thank you, Judith Barger and Sharon Cowart for your help to make Peanut Butter Sunday a success!

TOYS FOR CHILDREN

for the North End of Rhea County is now underway. Spring City United Methodist Church has always been very supportive of this program. Any monetary donation that you would like to make, please take to the First Bank and see Starlyn or anyone else there can help.

Toys can be dropped off at Cash Express in Spring City. For more information, you may contact Helen Kincannon at 365-0197.



Thank you very much for being such a loving, giving church!

Pastor Tony Speaks at Let's Do Lunch (LDL)

Ladies, 60 and up, gathered in the Family Life Center, Tuesday, November 18th, at noon, for their monthly meeting of LDL. Caren Ruffner decorated the tables with a Thanksgiving theme, and Patty Crowder's devotional was on giving thanks.



Pastor Tony spoke on his ministry throughout the years and shared several humorous stories. One outstanding example was of a wedding he performed and just as the groom was sliding the ring onto the bride's finger, an unusual event occurred (just like on "America's Funniest Videos").

LDL Caterer, Cookie Smith prepared a delicious meal which consisted of chicken and dumplings, fried okra, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, and a variety of desserts.

The next meeting of LDL will be on Tuesday, December 16th, at noon, in the Family Life Center. Reservations should be made no later than Thursday, December 11, by calling 365-6324 or by email at scumc@volstate.net.



Invite your Family and Friends to the Following Special Events:

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

performed by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Judy Ezell
Sunday, December 21, at 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION SERVICE

at 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 24th, in the Sanctuary.
Dr. Tony Collins, Pastor

Awaiting Daniel's Arrival

David and Kayla Wyrick were honored with a Nautical Baby Shower at Spring City United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 9. The entire Fellowship Hall was decked out with an under sea scene, a spicy hot and sweet bar featuring foods that Kayla craved and some of David's favorites, a life-size Sailor Bear, and a hand-painted wall hanging to go over Daniel Isaiah Wyrick's crib. Daniel is expected to make his appearance in early January and when he arrives, he should want for nothing as the gifts lined the entire room and down the hallway. In attendance were their families, their church family, and many out-of-town guests. Hostesses for the festive occasion were Dorathy Hastings, Barbara Rose, Judith Barger, Elaine Matherly, Pat Douglas, and Caren Ruffner.



STEVE ORENDER (below left) sang, "God Bless the U.S.A." at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 9, in honor of Veterans Day, Nov. 11th. Connie Roberts was Steve's piano accompanist.

The Wee Praise Choir, directed by Kaitlyn Couch, looked pretty in their choir robes when they sang for the congregation. Pianist, Angela Garrison, can be seen as she enjoyed the children sitting nearby for the Children's Sermon, delivered by John Hanson. Worship leader, Norman Bowman, is shown with another wee one as they joined with the other children to listen to John's message.



Wee Praise Choir members, Hannah Couch, Brynn & Greer Bowman, and Rachel Heibel are featured with director, Kaitlyn Couch, as they prepare to perform for the congregation.



BVI RECIPIENT AWARDS

BVI is a nonprofit organization for TVA retirees. Through BVI, retirees can get involved in volunteer work, TVA contract work, or FEMA. Below are church members who recently received awards as BVI Recipients: Leon & Nancy Hicks were honored for 6,000 hours as volunteers, and Eddie and Kathleen Garrison were honored for 15 yrs. of service and 3,000 volunteer hours. Congratulations to both couples!



Remembering the Saints



Pastor Tony takes the cup in preparation for communion.



Organist, Bryan Massengale is shown just before he played "Pastorale" for the offertory at worship, Nov. 2nd.



On Sunday, November 2nd, Pastor Tony led the congregation in the celebration of All Saints' Day for those who have gone to their heavenly home from Nov. 2013 - Nov. 2014. As Pastor Tony gave a roll call, the Ding-a-Lings rang a bell after each name was read. Family members and congregants were invited to stand in remembrance and honor of the departed loved ones.

Communion by intinction was also observed during the service. We thank God for such a wonderful day of worship!



The Fall Festival & Trunk 'n Treat on Fri., Oct. 31st, was a huge success! Over 800 gathered at the Family Life Center at 6 p.m. to enjoy the games & prizes, refreshments, and especially Trunk 'n Treat.

John Hanson and Angie Rose wish to express their utmost gratitude and appreciation to everyone who volunteered to help make the 2014 Fall Festival so much fun.



2014 CHARGE CONFERENCE



Cleveland District Superintendent, Joe Green, led our morning worship on Sunday, October 26, and conducted Charge Conference, which followed the service. Kevin Rose served as Worship Leader, Kaitlyn Couch led the children's sermon, and the Chancel Choir was joined with Rachel Collins, Flautist, for the anthem, "The Lord Made Them All." Angela Garrison was the pianist, and the offertory, "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," was beautifully played by organist, Bryan Massengale.

A nice lunch followed in the Family Life Center for those who attended Charge Conference. Thank you, John Hanson, for taking charge of the meal.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Dr. Tony Collins, Pastor

- Judy Ezell, Choir Director
- John Hanson & Angela Rose (Co-Directors of Children)
- Beth Keylon, Director of Youth
- Kaitlyn Couch, Children's Choir Director
- Jay Maddux, Website Technician
- Sharon Brown, Administrative Assistant
- Angela Garrison, Pianist
- Bryan Massengale, Organist