



The Watering Can



Pieces of the Puzzle

by: Rev. Brian F. Scott

Opportunities for Worship

Sunday

Morning Worship:

8:30 & 10:50 am

Sunday school 9:45 am

Evening Worship

6:00 pm

Wednesday night:

5:30 pm Supper

6:30 pm Activities

When Charity's father was here on earth, we often put together a puzzle when we gathered as a family. Ronnie was notorious for stealing a piece of the puzzle so he could be the person to put in the last piece. No matter how hard you watched him, it always seemed like we would put in the last piece to realize there was still a piece missing. With a sly smile he would pull it out and place the last piece. Once when all the pieces were gone, four pieces were missing. It turns out that everyone had hidden a piece so they could be the last.

Being a church is like putting a giant puzzle together. Our ancestors laid down a few pieces. We are laying down pieces, and we are training our children to do their part in putting the puzzle together. Too many churches are happy with their incomplete puzzle and just quit. Faithful churches are continually asking if the pieces they have really fit and from where are the new pieces coming.

We are creating something beautiful together. Some pieces of our puzzle are already in place. We have a fruitful Sunday school program. We have good worship services. We have His Way ministry. We have the preschool/daycare. We have children's rotation Sunday school. We have children's puppet and choir. We have the youth program, and many others. Some pieces to our puzzle that have been recently added are: full hour of children's worship on Sunday morning, and the new Wednesday night schedule that has increased attendance by 200%. One other piece we will be adding in the next year is a contemporary worship service.

Two huge pieces of our puzzle we are missing is, one, finding ways to reach the pre-Christian and, two, outlining a clear path of discipleship for new members and new Christians.

As I stated in worship a few weeks ago, most of our growth has come from Christians coming to Caswell Springs UMC from another local congregation or from Christians who move to this area. This kind of growth alone is not sustainable and frankly to only have this type of growth is unbiblical. Along with receiving Christians into our fellowship, we are commanded in scripture to go out and invite the pre-Christian into a relationship with Jesus. We must begin to talk about ways we can seek and save the lost.

Also we need to discuss how we can take the new Christian and show them the path of discipleship in ways that lead to Christian maturity and Christ centered service to the world. We also need a clearly defined path that helps new members fully connect. Be looking for opportunities for you to join in the discovery process that will continue to make us who God has called us to be. Because of His Extravagant Grace, Brian.

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Mission Report

We have been able to help with nine needs this past month. As well as giving out a lot of food from the pantry. Thank you for making this possible.



This is a great hour for the Church of Jesus Christ. Statistics prove that right now more people are coming to Jesus, world wide, than at any other time in history. A lot of people form our church are obeying God's call to be in missions. There are quite a few trips planned for the next several months. Let us pray for their provision and protection. We were able to

send \$424.00 to help with the building project for the Revival U. M. C. in Latnaya, Russia. Whether we are involved in local or foreign mission work. Our hope and prayer is that they will see Christ living in us

In Christian Love,
The Mission Committee

“John 12:26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me, and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, My Father will honor them.”

“His Way” Ministry

Sometimes when I read scripture such as this I think of how many ways we can be blessed. When God is truly in your heart you will automatically want to do things that are pleasing to the Lord. I can only hope that “ His Way” Ministry pleases Him. As

we move forward we still serve about 130 meals each week. In January we delivered 430 meals and February about 435 meals. I am guessing March will be about 570 meals because of it being a five day month. Sometimes I am just amazed that we are now

into our 5th year. I feel sure that God must be leading us or we would have never lasted this long. Thank you for praying for us and supporting us financially so that we may continue to serve Him.

The “His Way” Crew.

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

will be updated with photos to be taken each Sunday beginning April 10th through May 1st, excluding Easter Sunday. We will NOT use outside photography services but will utilize existing talents. Photos will be made in the Church Parlor beginning at 8 a.m. and

ending at 12:30 p.m. You will need to make an appointment for you and/or your family photo by contacting Joyce O'Brien at 228-627-1826. Anyone interested in helping with updating the church directory, please contact Joyce O'Brien. We need photographers,

schedulers and coordinators on Sundays. Thank you Joyce O'Brien



Backpack Buddies

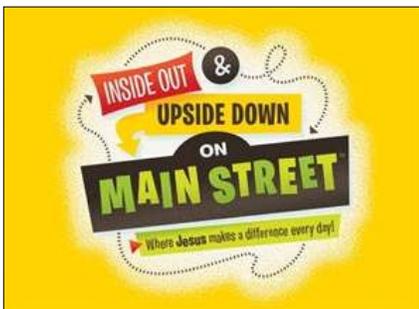
I thank you all for what you have done for the Backpack Buddies of East Central Program. feel free to come by any Thursday morning around 8:30 at our Temple Baptist Church pantry. Our doors are always open for volunteers and guests. As of this week, we will feed 71 elementary age children and 13 middle school children. Your donations of food and money are truly making a difference. There is not a week that goes by that a school administrator or teacher doesn't call me to share a story from one of our children. It makes my heart comforted to know that the little bag of food we are providing is bringing a smile to many faces on Fridays. This is why I'm writing. It is

time that we have another push for food donations for our pantry. After a great start, now our food donations are very sporadic. We have been blessed with grants and donations to get us through. Now, with the price of everything going up in the stores, we are asking again. We shopped yesterday and were shocked at the prices of the things we normally buy for the children. We will be utilizing the Bay Area Food Bank as much as possible. We have to go regularly to get individual cans

and items. Most of their donations come in bigger sizes than what we can put in our bags. I hope you will help us by talking to your coworkers, and neighbors about our program. If you are willing to sponsor a food drive at your place of business, please let us know. We can provide a bin and a sign. If you have any suggestions, please contact me. We enjoy providing this ministry so much, and we want to remain stable going forward so we can have a solid start for next school year as well. With your continued help, we will

keep making a difference: one child at a time. Thank you so much, Christy Lewelling 228-219-6229

Mark your Calendars-Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street VBS



will be June 20-24. Please start praying for this ministry! We are in need of several directors for VBS, such as Stage Decorator, Bible Story Room Decorator, Arts & Crafts Organizer, PR Director, and so on. Please pray about this and if you fill lead to serve God and our church in this ministry please see Amy French. You can register online at www.caswellsprings.org

DEAR FRIENDS:

Thank you for your many prayers, cards, calls and other means of support during my mother's illness and death. It was such a great comfort and I thank God that His love joins us heart to heart in the good and difficult times we go through. Thanks again! Gerri & Calvin Pierce



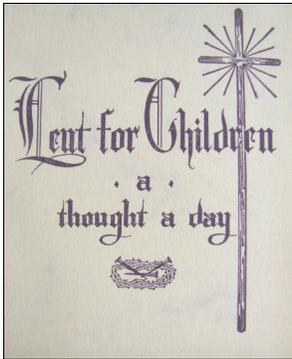
Easter Egg Hunt & Worship Service-April 10 5-7

at Mark & Susan Greenough's Home in Park Ridge. We will have an egg hunt at 5pm, and will follow with potluck supper and worship



service beginning at 6pm. The church will provide fried chicken, so please bring a drink and a side item. Please bring easter baskets and lawn chairs and join us in this exciting annual event! Mark & Susan live at 7501 Park Ridge Dr., Hurley. If you are coming from the 4-way stop in Hurley, turn South onto Hwy 613, travel

about 2 miles, (if you get to Lum Cumbest Park, you have gone too far) turn right Park Ridge Subdivision sign, continue on Park Ridge Dr. House on right. Please call Amy French (990-5164) or Mark or Susan Greenough (588-6070) if you have any questions. Hope to see you all there!



Stations of the Cross- April 21

at 6:30pm. Come and join us in a Hands-on approach to Jesus' last days. This event is for all ages, not just children. It is a very moving experience. We will bring our journey in the Ministry Center at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, please see Amy French.



Created By God-July 14-16



for children who have completed 5th & 6th grades. This is a Christian based sexual education course instructed here at CSUMC. Nancy Ball from Starkville UMC will be joining us again to instruct the course. Please see Amy French for more information and to register your child for this event.

What's a Tacky Formal??

It is a night to dress up in those fancy dresses that have been hanging in the back of your closet for ten years....or an opportunity to go to the thrift store and find some outdated polyester pants. Or you can put together some outlandish colors or worn out

clothes. Just come join the fun. Saturday night, April 9 @ 6:30 in the gym. There will be a band called DD and Deacons playing, with finger foods and a silent auction to raise money for the Honduras Mission Trip.



Greetings from the Music Corner!



Spring is in the air, and exciting things are happening! The choir is preparing music for the end of Lent and the Easter season and for our upcoming Homecoming celebration here at Caswell Springs. The contemporary worship music jams I have been holding here at the church keep getting bigger, and the more people who participate, the better they become. Please continue in your prayers for the music ministry, as we dedicate our time, talents, and our services to the Lord. I'd like to hold a few meetings this summer with different musical groups within the church. I know there was a Men's Chorus active in the past, and that should be revived. Our Children's choir is wonderful – Penny Dearman and Amber Cumbest are doing a spectacular job with that. However, I haven't seen or heard of a Youth Choir, so this summer we're going to explore that as a possibility. If you are interested in participating in any of these music program opportunities, please come and see me. *"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"* Mark Walley

Birthdays

02 Erin Stephenson	10 Glenda Stewart	18 Lowrey Smith	27 Brenda Sartin
03 Jessie Dale, III	10 Vickie Greenough	19 Karen Travis	27 Vinson Adkison
03 Ashleigh Jones	10 Hayden Johnson	20 Henry Savage	27 Emma Taylor
03 Ducey Miles	10 Gracia Easley	20 Gray Cumbest	28 Mimi Cumbest
04 Anna Grace Crump	10 Rachel Parker	21 Ben Howell	28 Annette Lawrence
04 Shannon Goff	11 Billie Smith	21 Janey Cumbest	28 Brittany Allen
04 Casey Goff	11 Bert Garriga	23 Sheila Hall	28 Morgan Taylor
05 Gary Cumbest, Jr.	12 George Stewart	23 Peggy Davis	29 Kurt Pedersen
05 Don Cumbest	13 Gay Rudolf	24 Gerri Pierce	29 Joey Cumbest
05 Jay Hamrick	14 April Parker	24 Hope Gerrish	29 Lum Cumbest
05 Crystal Rose Fisher	14 Scott Stephenson	24 Joe Allen Ellzey	30 Ryane Rawls
06 Wendy Hadley	15 Jaelyn Golson	25 Ella Marie Noland	30 Baleigh Holder
07 Ella Scarbrough	15 Jerald Goff	26 Sharon Jackson	
09 Dylon Pierce	15 Jim Fisher	26 Hunter Ratliff	
10 Halsey Cumbest	17 Spencer Lowe	26 Ommie Cumbest	

*"Your birthday
is a special time
to celebrate the
gift of 'you' to*

Anniversaries

08 Wesley & Brandy Kitchens
16 Matthew & Xinia Poore
26 Roy & JoAnn Jenkins

(Holy week)

Wed. April 20

We will not have
any children's
activities



You are invited to a Bridal Shower in honor of Shay Wilson and Will Coulson on Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the dining room.

April 2011

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p><i>April 10 at the Home of Mark & Susan Greenough will be our Easter Egg Hunt & evening service. Egg hunt at 5 pm / service at 6 pm.</i></p>					1	2
3	4	5 <i>His Way</i>	6 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 pm Activities	7 5:30 am Men's Prayer Group 6:00 pm Trustees Mtg.	8 Open Mic Night 7 pm	9 Tacky Formal 6:30 pm
<p>← Brian Preaching Revival at Bonnie Chapel Vancleave →</p>						
10 4:30 pm <i>Admin. Board Mtg.</i> Easter Egg Hunt 5 pm	11	12 <i>His Way</i>	13 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 pm Activities	14	15 Start at noon	16 End at noon
<p>↘ <i>Prayer Vigil</i> ↘</p>						
17	18	19 <i>His Way</i>	20 <i>No Wednesday Night Service</i>	21 <i>Floral Cross</i> 6:00 pm Maundy Service 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross	22 6:00 pm Good Friday Service Open Mic Night 7 pm	23
24 <i>Easter</i> 6:45 Sunrise 7:30 Breakfast 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday school 10:50 Service	25	26 <i>His Way</i>	27 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 pm Activities	28	29	30



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CSUMC is going to the world.....

Most of you know Brian recently traveled to Africa on a mission trip. Don Wierson is going to Nicaragua. Dusty Watts, Wayne Hoggard, Kip Grantham are going to Guatemala. Is anyone else going on a mission trip? I want to share with you about a trip planned for Honduras. A group from Magee has been going for several years with Baptist Medical Dental Missions. Brian's uncle, Glenn Howell has been involved with this group for years. With that connection, Ethan, Noah and I asked about joining this group and were warmly welcomed. After offering the opportunity to the Young Adult Sunday School class, Santana Adams and Savannah Buras have also made arrangements to go.

Perhaps this can become an avenue for others from our church to go in the future. Pray about the possibility! Now, we have the task of raising funds for this trip. Graciously, Sarah and Manly helped us serve a spaghetti fundraiser lunch in February, in which we raised over \$800. Thank

you so much! We still have a long way to go before we reach our goal, though. We will be selling t-shirts through the spring. And we are planning a tacky formal fun night for the family on April 9 as a fundraiser for our trip. There is an account set aside in which you can make donations through the church toward the Honduras Mission Trip, as well. Your generosity is such a blessing to us as we seek for ways to spread the gospel to the "utmost parts of the earth." Charity Scott

