



## The Watering Can



Rev. Brian F. Scott

*“I should know about such things.”*

Have you ever gone to the springs for which our church is named? Or are you like the little girl who followed my daughter Lydia back there one day? Even though she grew up in our church, she was surprised at its existence. She asked her mother why she never told her about it, and said, “I should know about such things.”

If you go to the back of the property, you cannot miss the path to the springs. There is a large sign clearly marking it and a lovely boardwalk through the green canopy of leaves that will take you straight to it. Without the boardwalk it would be hidden from the world. Even if you knew it was back there, the journey would be a hard wet journey through the swamp without the bridge.

Finding God in a local church can be a similar experience. Even a church as friendly as ours has certain things that make it hard for stranger to become part of our fellowship. We assume that since we know the scene, everyone else does.

Example: If an adult woman who was not raised in the church prays to receive Jesus, how will she know what the next step in faith is? She could go to Sunday school, but most classes talk about things that assume a certain amount of biblical knowledge that a new Christian will not have.

Just like we have a land bridge to take us to the deeper levels of the spring, churches need bridges to guide people to the deeper levels of God’s spring of Living Water. First we need signs and bridges to lead the lost to Christ and the Christian to membership. Then we need signs and bridges to lead people in spiritual maturity and service in Jesus name. We need a series of classes that will bridge the gap between the new Christian and the time when they are ready for a Sunday school class.

Be in prayer as we begin to develop events, ministries, and classes to help people along their journey. The goal is to take the guess work out so new people know exactly how to connect first to Jesus and second to our life together.

In the mean time, you can help in the bridge building. Make a friend and invite them to join you along the journey of Jesus with you. Blessings, Brian

### *Opportunities for Worship*

#### Sunday

Morning Worship:

8:30 & 10:50 am

Sunday school 9:45 am

Evening Worship

6:00 pm

Wednesday night:

6:30 pm Activities

## *Children's Ministry. . . . .*

Wow! Summer time already. As your family takes time to enjoy summer, please remember that God wants to be included in everything we do. As you travel, ask your child to try to find His love everywhere you visit. Give your child a camera and ask them to take pictures of things God made, then place those pictures in a book. Not only will you have wonderful memories, but also a book of God's creations!

H a v e   a   s a f e   a n d   j o y f u l   s u m m e r !

### *Here is the schedule for June:*

Instead of our Normal Wednesday night Activities, we will have different summer activities planned each Wednesday night. Here is the schedule for June:

June 1-Movie & Snack night

June 8-Arts & Craft Night

June 15- Game & Devotion Night

June 22- VBS

June 29- Mission Project Night

If you would like to help in any way one Wednesday night this summer, please contact Amy French (990-5164).

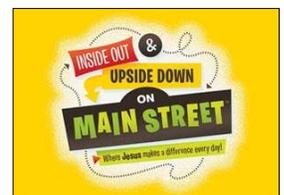
### *Created By God-July 14-16*



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.

### *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 feel led to serve God and our church in this ministry please see Amy French. You can register online at [www.caswellsprings.org](http://www.caswellsprings.org)



## Rotation Sunday School . . .



is completing our unit on Paul. We will begin our new unit, Timothy, Eunice, and Lois on June 12. Timothy learned about the Christian faith in his family -- from his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois. Paul taught Timothy that although he was young, God could use him to teach the good news about Jesus Christ and to set an example of faithful living for others. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

We are having so much fun learning about God's love and His plan for us but we cannot do it without volunteers. Please consider spending a unit with us. It's fun, easy, and extremely rewarding. We love visitors too...come see what it's all about!

## CONFIRMATION

It's the time of year when we welcome our confirmands into official membership. This year we have 11 sixth graders going through confirmation. They have been fortunate in that this is the first time the class has lasted a year to give them a much deeper study of not only what it means to be a United Methodist but more importantly what it means to be a Christian. They have been wholeheartedly committed to their class and have been working to apply what they are learning in their lives. On April 8-9 each confirmand attended the weekend Confirmation Retreat event. We began the night with dinner for the confirmands and their adult mentors. They participated in a wild and crazy scavenger hunt. Thank you for all your generous donations and smiling faces even at the late hour! The rest of the night was filled with worship, games, and a movie. After a pancake breakfast and a quick devotion we were off to Mrs. Ommie Cumbest's house for a work day. The kids worked so hard inside and outside.



Thank you Mrs. Ommie for letting us help you. Thanks to all the confirmands, their families, and the mentors for making this a wonderful confirmation experience.

## WINSHAPE:



It's not too late to sign up for Camp Winshape! Join us for an energy filled week of Christ centered fun and games! Camp is June 6-10 at Wade Baptist Church. C3 Camp is an all-day, day camp that provides the most excellent and relevant camp for completed 1st through 6th graders in town. C3 camp is executed by a professionally trained staff and is specifically designed for both athletic and non-athletic children. Camp staff programs every second of every day for children to experience life-changing moments. C3 camp combines multiple tracks for children's interest into one unforgettable week! Partial tuition is available for all campers. Please contact Wendy Hadley (588-9497/218-9414) for information.



On June 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a makeup photo session for the Church Directory. Photo sessions will run from 8 a.m. thru 12:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. We will accept photos and copy. Photos will be returned to you. Anyone wishing to have their photo taken but cannot physically attend should contact Joyce O'Brien at 627 -1826. A time will be established to come to your location.

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## *Mission Report*

God call upon us to be responsive to the cries of those in need. We need to keep our eyes open to needs around us, and then do what we can to meet those needs (mowing a yard, providing a meal, caring for children, and etc.). Jean Bearden was so grateful for the yard work. Shorty & Joyce O'Brien cut her grass and picked up limbs, and then the men's group did additional work. When you can't do for yourself, this means so much. Marley Walker has received a vision from God to start a ministry of outreach to people in the community. He is very excited about this opportunity. You know the devil doesn't mind you talking about your faith as long as you don't practice it, whereas God never teaches us anything without giving us an opportunity to put it to work. That's why Jesus said "Blessed, are those who hear the word . . . And obey." Thank you so much for all that is done for missions. We have been able to help in lots of different ways this past month, like helping with utility bills, medicine, "Back pack Buddies," rent, and many requests for food from the pantry. His Way ministry continues to be a blessing to many people - to the ones who give and to the ones that receive. Thank you so much for making this possible.

In Christian Love,  
The Mission Committee

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## *NOMADS*

The NOMADS extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone at Caswell Springs United Methodist Church for all the support and assistance you have provided to us over the past five years. We came here soon after Katrina hit the area and you provided us with a place to park and all the services we needed to get started on the recovery efforts for families that had been devastated by the storm. While the NOMADS were working here they donated over 57,000 hours of labor, worked on over 148 homes, 16 of which were new homes and the NOMADS members donated over \$37,000.00 dollars to the rebuilding of the area.

Our work here with UMCOR on the recovery effort has come to an end and we pray that the remaining work that needs to be done will get the attention of the local churches through a new outreach ministry that you will be hearing more about soon. Thanks for your support to all the NOMADS. We have made friendships that will never be forgotten, and your church will always be remembered among all that worked here as one of the most loving, caring and generous mission sites we have ever worked.

## Greetings from the Music Corner!

Sitting here in front of my computer, I was struck earlier today by the recurrence of an idea. This past weekend in Sunday school, we discussed how God places people in our lives and how we are placed into other people's lives – some are for a moment, some for a season, and some for our entire lifetimes. This morning's devotion was based on the same premise. However, this not only applies to people; it also applies to places, things, and even songs. Have you ever noticed the connection between songs and memories – to the point that hearing the song can bring back a flood of emotions linked to that memory? Music can be the catalyst to help us remember some of the best times in our lives. Take some time this week to remember the music from your past.



Choir rehearsals are set to resume soon, and we have some more Sunday evening musical events planned for this summer. If you haven't found your place in the Performing Arts ministry yet, we have many positions to fill. I'm looking for people to assist in running the projection system, running sound, help in setup/takedown of equipment, coordinating dance, drama, and a youth choir. Please be in prayer about where you can get involved in these ministries.

Mark Walley



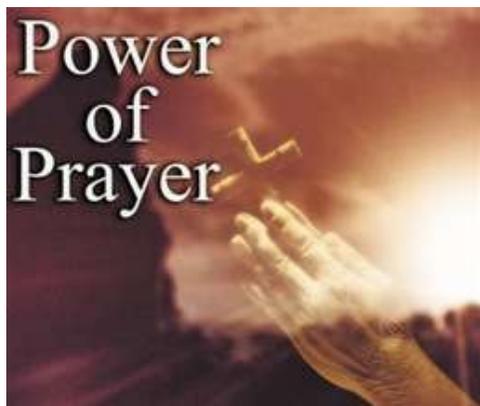
## *Birthdays*

01 Meghan Hadley	07 Joan Smith	13 Darrell Cumbest	17 Deryke Cumbest	22 Kelvin Goff	30 Dina Hawkins
01 Harold Morris	07 Tammy Lacy	13 Steven Shirley	18 Kara Goff	23 Hollis Porter	30 Skylar Cumbest
01 Oliver Harris	08 Bailey Clark	14 Rachel Goff	18 Jo Ann Jenkins	24 Michelle Goff	
01 Shanda Jones	08 H.W. Parker	14 Tracey Pierce	18 Britanna Alderman	25 Dianne Goff	
02 Matt Poore	09 Frank Balcer	14 Rustin Porter	18 Royce Cumbest	25 Jacob Brockway	
03 Eloise Jackson	09 Joseph Cumbest	14 Jessie Davis	19 Eric Pitts	26 Richie Diamond	
03 Katie Richardson	09 Maxine Davis	15 Kevin Woodward	19 Sylvia Goff	26 Keith Carter	
03 Junior Porter	09 Linda Cumbest	15 Melissa Davis	21 Lonnie Adkison	27 Lydia Scott	
03 Mary Fisher	10 Alex Cumbest	16 Tonya Buxton	21 Sharla Holder	27 Kristi Richards	
03 Marley Walker	10 Linda Davis	16 Joshua Jones	21 Carol Messer	28 Heath Seymour	
05 Chris Fisher	12 Philip Howard	16 Kelton Shirley	21 William Brindza	29 Wesley Broome	
06 Ida Mae Cumbest	12 Noah Scott	17 Norman Cupit	22 Bobby D. Kennedy	30 Abbie Lee Scarbrough	
06 Allen Pedersen	12 Gracie Taylor	17 Rusty Rawls	22 Glenda Smith	30 Sarah Barton	

## *Anniversaries*

02 Terry & Sharon Jackson	11 Jack & Levonda Hamilton	22 Jerald & Jean Goff
03 Heath & Heather Seymour	12 Wayne & Chris Watkins	22 Leroy & Debbie Trusler
04 Gabe & Brandi Krebs	13 Myrl & Dianne Goff	24 George & Alma Stewart
06 James & Ginny Gerrish	14 Darryl & Melissa Davis	29 Jamie & Tonya Buxton
07 Bengie & Kara Goff	15 Frankie & Lou Havard	30 Randy & Tammy Adams
08 Kevin & Penny Dearman	16 Roger & Frances Puhr	
08 Brian & Charity Scott	16 Wayne & Janelle Parker	
09 Larry & Mary Murphy	17 Stacy & Deanna Smith	
09 Ron & Kay Stephenson	20 Mark & Renee Walley	

## *Those to Remember in Prayer . . . . .*



*Anna Leigh & Linwood Scarbrough*

*Maxine & Glynn Davis*

*Carole Diamond*

*Janell Parker*

# June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 pm Activities	2 5:30 am Men's Prayer Group	3	4
No Wednesday night supper						
5 2-5 pm Ida Mae's 90th Birthday Celebration	6	7 His Way	8 6:30 pm Activities	9 5:30 am Men's Prayer Group 6:00 pm Trustees Mtg.	10	11
12 Youth Luncheon Fund Raiser 4:30 pm Admin Board	13	14 His Way	15 6:30 pm Activities	16 5:30 am Men's Prayer Group	17	18
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*The Family of*

*Ida Mae Cumbest*

*cordially invites you to her*

*90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration*

*Sunday, the fifth of June,*

*Two thousand and eleven*

*from two o'clock until five o'clock*

*In the afternoon*

*at the Caswell Springs*

*United Methodist Church*

*Center for Ministry*

*No gifts please*