

June 2012

The Watering Can



The time to break camp and move forward in God's grace is now



Rev. Brian F. Scott

Charity and I are experiencing something we have never experienced before as our oldest son is about to graduate high school. Within me is a mix of emotions: fear, sadness, hope, excitement, but mostly pride. After having him near for the past 18 years, starting in July, we will have only limited contact with Ethan for about 7 months as he goes through basic and specialty training in the National Guard. That is kind of hard to swallow.

Questions come to mind like: "Is he ready to be on his own?" "How will he respond in a group of people who probably have little or no Christian upbringing?" "Will he make the unwise decision to skip church?" "Have we done a good enough job of raising him?"

In the end, I have no intention of trying to talk Ethan into staying at home with us. God does not intend for our children to stay small and dependent forever. We are blessed to have them for a while as we teach them to be successful adults, so we can send them out to make families of their own. Ethan has proven he is now a man and is ready to take his next step toward independence.

Just because he is a man does not mean I won't kick his rear end if he decides to skip church. That goes for all you Caswell Springs high school seniors and college students. Just because you are growing up does not mean you can start to sleep late on Sundays. Don't put your souls in jeopardy. Keep your rear ends in church!

Like children, God expects his Church to continue growing and maturing in our relationship with him. One generation of believers raises up the

next to walk the faith given to us in the Gospels. We do not tie them down. We train them and then free them for joyful obedience.

As a congregation we continue to grow. In revival, people cried out for salvation and others cried out for a deeper faith and still others cried out to be freed of sin. Since revival people have told me they are considering starting at least two new Sunday school classes. I am meeting with individuals who want a deeper walk. Two people have come forward to volunteer to mentor people in the faith. God is



moving so we must be moving with Him.

Our revivalist Dale Hathorn spoke of churches climbing the Mountain of God that get stuck as they pitch their tents in a com-

fortable place. To this I added to those present to gather their provisions and supplies, break down their tents, and to prepare to move ahead. What I need from you is a conversation on how to do this. What is needed to conform our church to the image of God? What is needed to help each other grow in our relationship with Jesus? What is needed for our congregation to reach the lost in our community and around the world?

These answers will not just come from me. They will come from you as well. Look for opportunities to share what God puts on your heart and prepare your heart to offer your service in accomplishing the goals God sets before us. Until then gather your provisions through prayer, reading scripture, conversations in your Sunday school classes, and read a book on church growth from the Christian bookstore or borrow one of mine. The time to break camp and move forward in God's grace is now. Because of His Extravagant Grace, Brian.

HIS WAY

His Way volunteers will take a summer break. We will make our last delivery on May 29th and begin again after Labor Day.

Do you know how many volunteers we have that help make His Way successful? Who would have thought at the beginning of His Way it would last six years and be so successful? We currently have ten volunteers who take on the cooking duties. Twelve full time and five substitute drivers deliver each week. There are

two people purchasing the groceries and planning each meal. There are numerous other people who donate money and have stepped in when needed on any of the above duties. This is a total of 27 people using their time and talents to serve the Lord. His Way volunteers enjoy not only the Ministry of feeding those in need, whether it is a need for physical food or spiritual food, but also enjoy the fellowship of working together as a group. We are blessed to have so many people willing to step up and take on this responsibility not for their glory but for the Glory, Honor and Praise of our Heavenly Father.

LUKE 1:37 – *“For with God nothing will be impossible.”*



Christ's Love

Enjoy your summer volunteers!

FREE GOSPEL CONCERT JUNE 3

CRICKET LEE
SUNDAY JUNE 3,
2012 - 6:00 P.M.

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CASWELL SPRINGS UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



NEW
FOR YOUNG ADULTS!

Young Adult Sunday School class begins June 10! We'll begin by learning our *Spiritual Gifts*, and then we'll seek ways to use them. If interested, email Charity cblinescott@bellsouth.net

Update From the Music Minister Search Team

The music ministry search team interviewed three candidates in April and has decided to invite two for second interviews. The dates of the second interviews are June 24 and July 21.

In the second interview each will come on a Sunday morning and lead both our worship services and sing the morning special. After worship, the candidate will have lunch with the search team and the choir. Following lunch the interviewee

will lead the choir in a short choir rehearsal.

Please give us your feedback following their time with us. Though we will not take a vote on who we will hire, we will be looking for who has the most positive impact and brings a sense of excitement among those present in the worship service. If there is not a general sense of excitement about either candidate, we will simply continue our search until we

find someone who does.

Our deepest desire is to seek until we find the person of God's choosing so please keep praying.

Church-wide BayBears Game Outing

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2pm, June 24 at Mobile Baybears (Hank Aaron) Stadium, Box seats are \$5. When the gates open at 1 p.m., kids can play catch on the field until 1:30 p.m. Stick around after the game for a Sermon on the Mound with manager Turner Ward!! If you would like to reserve your spot, please call Amy French (990-5164) or the church office. **Our own Kevin Dearman will be singing our National Anthem!**

Sunday Night Children's Activities will resume in the fall, which includes puppets, children's choir, and bible story/game time.

**Deadline to
reserve your
seat is
June 10**

No Evening Worship



Mission Report

Jeremiah 2:13 My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken Me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

How many years ago was this written? Longer than any of us can imagine. Yet it seems that it might have been written for us today. We're still determined to do it our own way. So many lives are broken. Broken to the point that they can't sustain themselves. These folks need the spring of living water. What a wonderful healer He is, ready always to repair the cracks in our broken cisterns. We were reminded Sunday that we may be the only Heaven or Jesus that someone sees. Wow! What an opportunity! What are you showing people? I'm trying to temper my actions and reactions in light of that question. One of the ways our church tries to reveal Jesus to those with broken cisterns is through our food pantry. Thanks so much for your contributions. We are still in need of many items including:

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| 1. Peanut butter | 6. Chicken Noodle Soup |
| 2. Jelly | 7. Macaroni and Cheese |
| 3. Fruit cups | 8. Evaporated milk |
| 4. Spaghetti sauce | 9. Vegetable beef soup |
| 5. Spaghetti noodles | 10. Mayonnaise |



I have some ideas about a couple things I'd like to start doing. If you have any suggestions for a mission project I'd love to talk to you about it. Also, we are always grateful for monetary donations.

My prayer today is that we, as individuals and as a church, will not forsake the Spring of Living Water. That we will live our lives in such a way that those who are lost or broken will look at our lives see Jesus and a bit of heaven and will want that for their own life.

In Christ's Love,
Home Missions

Parable of the Sower: Our hearts should be filled with good soil and producing fruit of faith.

CRAFT:

- Birdseed art. Fill in parts of your coloring page with glue, then sprinkle birdseed on top.
- Plant a seed. Use clear cups, put the seed on the side of the cup so the kids can watch the seedling form. Talk about the "ingredients" that are needed for growth: Soil, sun, no weeds, etc. Discuss how those conditions are needed in our hearts.
- Make a scarecrow – out of Popsicle sticks and felt. Discuss how scarecrows are used to help keep the birds away from the seeds. Discuss how we shouldn't let God's word be destroyed, like the seeds by the birds. We should be vigilant, like the scarecrow.

Active Activities:

- Stuff clothes with newspaper or straw to create a lifesize "scarecrow". Discussion topics are in the craft.
- Have noisemakers. Jesus ended his parable saying "He who has ears, let him hear". Discuss what we should listen to or for.
- Bring in your gardening tools (gloves, shovels, small spades, etc.). Let the kids pretend to be gardeners.

Tabletops:

- Bring in a pomegranate or another seedy fruit for the kids to enjoy.
- Have an assortment of seeds on the table for the kids to play with. (acorns, nuts, sunflowers, etc.) Discuss how the seeds are worthless if they do not produce fruit.
- Playdough and seeds. Use beans or another large seed and "plant" it in the playdough. If you have dried out playdough, compare where it is easier to plant. Is it easier in the "hard" soil or the soft soil? How can we help our hearts be soft?

Movie, Game, & Music Reviews from *Children's Ministry Magazine* and *Pluggedin*



Hot Chelle Rae (Music)



Their latest single "I like it Like That," has sold 1 million copies in the U.S. **Buyer Beware.** The group's music is catchy and their performance viewed by millions of preteens at the Hall of Game Awards rocked- but the family-friendly lyrics they sang live aren't what's on the actual single. References to drinking, parties, and taking girls home make this band off-limits for preteens.

SSX (Video Game)

SSX, short for Snowboard Supercross, is riding the chair lift to a new level, named "One of the Most Anticipated Games of 2012." It's heart-pumping because players can drop from helicopters, race avalanches, and navigate lava tubes of snow-covered active volcanoes. Preteens will be pulled into the easy controls and challenging game play. SSX is rated E for everyone.



Totally AMP'D (App)

This new app follows five hot new singers brought together to form the next big preteen musical phenomenon. For \$4.99, preteens can download 10 six- to eight-minute episodes-but that's not all. The app comes with music studio, a movie maker to mash up scenes; and a design studio to dress characters, create album covers, and more. The storyline is harmless. The preteens will love the custom features and portability, but parents need to aware of the app's unsecured connection to facebook, twitter & youtube.

Angry Birds Space (app game)

That ingenious little twist gives *Angry Birds Space* a whole new pig in a poke to poke. Taking cues from other space-going kids fare such as *Mario Galaxy*, this *Angry Birds* twist plays fast and loose with gravity, planetoids and a nest full of furious fowl. So now it's not just a matter of shooting a birdie up and waiting to see where it might come crashing down.

Now you have to aim things just right so you can pick off an oinking baddie on the far side of the moon. So what we've got here are wordlessly comical puzzles and take-aim targets just begging you to give 'em a star-hopping, chick-flinging try. Maybe just don't *try* while your preacher's in the middle of his sermon or your teacher's trying to make a dent with her algebra lecture!



Verse:

But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit – Matthew 13:23

If you have any comments or your own reviews you would like to share, please contact Amy French. Thank you, and Happy Summer!

Community of Hope News...

We're still out and about helping our friends and neighbors, working on lots of different projects such as plumbing, yard work, and helping those who need a hand up.

Our first Hope for the Coast softball tournament was a great success! We raised \$3400.00 for Community of Hope and enjoyed a day of softball and fellowship. Thanks to our sponsors and volunteers who made the event possible.

Sponsors: Geico Insurance – the Lewelling Agency, Cupit Signs, Big Point Self Storage, Savage Seasonings, Bacot-McCarty Foundation, M&M Bank, Century Bank, First Federal Savings and Loan, Kids Time N, Coca-Cola, Eubanks Lawn Care and Youth Court Judge Sharon Sigalas.

Volunteers: Gabe and Brandi Krebs; Stacey and Deanna Smith; Brianna Smith; Tammi Adams; Doug Crump; Scott and Randa Ryder; Paul Wilson, Pete Bonfiglio, Travis Hubbard, Timmy Dunn and of course the COH team!

COH was recently nominated for the 2012 United Way VIP (Volunteers are Important People) Award. Several volunteers attended an awards luncheon at Pelican Landing, and we felt honored to be in the company of some wonderful community servants. While we did not receive the top honor, we believe that our nomination gave us the opportunity to further spread the word about Community of Hope and our mission.

There are so many people that make this ministry possible and successful! Of course, all the glory goes to God for his guidance. We'd like to give a shout out to the Men's Group for their help with some yard work done on behalf of COH. They tackled a big job of cutting down some overgrown brush, making a yard safer for a local resident who is unable to do this work herself. There are many other individuals we'd like to thank, but most like to remain anonymous, which we understand. So, to those of you who wish to remain unnamed, **thank you** for...

- the donated lawn mower; we are putting it to good use.
- the day you spent cutting grass for a widow; she appreciates it so much.
- the van you donated for our use; it has provided a way for us to efficiently transport people to appointments.
- the wheelchair ramp you built; wow, has that changed lives!
- the money you've donated; no ministry could survive without financial support, and we are grateful.
- the time you spend planning, researching, and volunteering for fundraisers; we appreciate your time and dedication!

the prayers you've prayed; we believe God hears your words, and He will guide our endeavors.

Have a blessed June!

COH

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Wedding Shower for Elizabeth Cumbest 2 pm. Cricket Lee in Concert 6:00 pm	4	5	6 Supper 5:30 pm Activities 6:30 pm	7 Men's Prayer Group 5:30 am	8	9
10 Administrative Board Mtg. 4:30 pm	11	12	13 Supper 5:30 pm Activities 6:30 pm	14 Men's Prayer Group 5:30 am	Annual Conference 8-10	
17	18	19	20	21 Men's Prayer Group 5:30 am	22	23
24 Youth Luncheon Fund Raiser Bay Bear Game No Evening Worship	25	26	27 Supper 5:30 pm Activities 6:30 pm	28 Men's Prayer Group 5:30 am	29	30

VBS 6 - 8:30 P.M.

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Filling up and overflowing with Christ's Love.

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Be Faithful to Your Church This Summer by Thabiti Anyabwile



Summertime features a lot of family vacations, travel, slowing of routines, and laziness. Mention the word summer and most people begin to imagine the beach, cool drinks, and anything but the "normal" routine. All too often, Christians imagine "breaks" from their churches and spiritual devotions. They travel and vacate and they take a holiday from Jesus. Somehow we manage to rationalize by saying, "I'm on vacation," as if Jesus isn't Lord while we're "on vacation," as if Jesus didn't afford us the vacation, as if He can't return while we're on vacation.

Here is my request to you all on vacation. Be faithful to your church. If this is your church love her. Support her with your prayers and your giving. People come and go during summer. That's good. God loves to see his people getting the rest and recreation they need. But don't go on vacation from Jesus and his people. Keep worshiping wherever you are, keep giving, keep praying, keep loving. God has amazing things in mind for us. It's good to take vacations and rest. The Lord gives His saints rest. But our souls find rest in God alone. We mustn't forget that because it's summer and we're "on vacation."