



The Watering Can

Caswell Springs UMC



Changing Your Outcomes by Changing your Attitude

In my sermon this past Sunday I said, “When we change our attitude it changes our vision which changes our direction, which changes our actions which changes our outcomes.” In this new year of 2012, let’s change our attitudes by looking at some good words from the Good News because God has many encouraging things to say to those who follow Him.

In the Amplified Translation of the Bible, John 10:10 promises, “(Jesus) came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).” Note that as followers of Christ we are not just alive breathing in and breathing out. We are not just survivors mucking our way through whatever life throws at us. We have the one who promises to give us such a bountiful sense of life that it fills us to the point of overflowing.

Again, in Romans 8:37 God tells us, “Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us (Amplified Translation).” I think this is so beautiful because God is telling us that we are not just winners by default. We did not just squeak by. We are more than conquerors. We are so utterly victorious that the other team does not even come close. No matter what happened in the old year and no matter what happens in the new year, we have this same great God on our side.

Over the next several Sunday mornings, I am going to preach a series of sermons on the life of Moses because he is one of the great overcomers. The series is *More than Conquerors: Overcoming through the Grace of God*. I am preaching this series because Moses has so much to teach us about overcoming our past, overcoming our personality, overcoming negative people, overcoming great need, and overcoming other people’s false expectations. Are any of you facing any of these situations? Through God we are more than conquerors. Let’s join and learn from the life of Moses what God has in store for our lives. Peace, Grace, and Victory to you. Brian



Mr. Nathaniel Price our interim Minister of Music and Creative Arts

We are excited to welcome Mr. Nathaniel Price as our interim Minister of Music and Creative Arts starting January 8, 2012. Nathaniel is a native of Georgetown, Kentucky and currently lives in Hattiesburg, Mississippi with his wife

Katie, and their 4 year old twins, Madison and Carson. Many of you will remember Nathaniel from leading worship at revival the last two years. The SPRC will begin its search for a new music minister in January and Nathaniel’s

service will ensure we have adequate time to make our search. Make sure you add Nathaniel and the search for the new music minister to your prayer list.



At Christmas, we as adults become so forgiving to one another. We usually get caught up in the spirit of Christmas, but doesn't God want us to show this compassion all year long? Our children watch our every action, so let's start the new year right, with forgiveness, and continue it throughout the year.

Jesus Forgives Sins

Verse: "I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home." ⁷ Then the man got up and went home. – Matthew 9:2-8

Active Activities:

- Knee-jerk reaction. Get a bonking toy (maybe a hammer or something) and practice reflex-making. Tap the kiddos knees and watch them automatically kick. Have the kids try really hard not to kick. Talk about how sin is our reflex, but for the grace of God. We need God to help us obey.
- Trace bodies on the floor with butcher paper. Discuss ways that the different body parts can sin (hands take things from others, feet can be slow to obey or kick, etc.). Discuss our need to confess our sins to God.
- With placemats (or a doormat) and ace bandages reenact the Bible story. Use the ace-bandage to make a student "lame" and discuss how God is a great healer of both body and hearts. If you don't have an ace bandage, try using masking tape to tape their legs together, making them "lame".
- Draw the word Sin on the chalkboard. The chalk is the sin in our lives, and like the board, we are unable to do anything to clean ourselves of our sin – Hand wipes to the kids to clean the board (just like Christ cleans us of our sin).
- Build a tower with blocks. Knock them over. Talk about how our actions have consequences.

For review:

- Mime the story (lay on the ground, try to get up with a lame leg, listen, jump up and roll your mat) and have one of the kids re-tell it for the family.

Please continue to pray for our Children's Ministry and it's leaders throughout this new year!

Happy New Year,
Amy French

The Puppet Team and Children's choir practice will resume in February.

We are beginning a new discipleship program at Caswell Springs

To begin with, we are looking for 3 women and 3 men who will join HW and Bro. Brian in discipling one person each using a 9 session step-by-step program. Prior to beginning and during the process, the leaders will meet together regularly for prayer, support, and talk back sessions with the pastors. After we work the kinks out of this new phase in our lives together, we will be expanding to more people. If you would be interested in being a part of this seed group as a leader or a learner, please contact Bro. Brian at brianfscott@bellsouth.net or at 228.627-0367.



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <i>His Way</i>	4 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 Activities	5 5:30 am Men's Prayer Group 6:00 pm Trustees	6	7
8 4:30 pm Administrative Board Mtg.	9 SPRC Training Cedar Lake UMC	10 6:30 pm	11	12 5:30 am Men's Prayer Group	13	14
15 Worship Committee Mtg. 4:00 pm	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 5th Sunday Sing Safe Harbor 6 Pm	30	31	No Children's Choir for the month of January			

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE.....

Through last Sunday, January 1st, we had 95 commitment cards turned in totaling \$452,088. This represents 71.53%% of our 2012 budget of \$632,000. In addition, we have commitments in the amount of \$23,710 for payment toward the Center for Ministry building debt, \$5,385 for the Community of Hope, and \$3,525 for His Way Ministries. Pledge forms can be found in the bulletin. Please be sure to put your name and contact information on the commitment form and indicate if your commitment is weekly, monthly or yearly. Thank you. Mark Cumbest, Chairman Finance Committee



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Christ's Love.**

Birthdays

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| 02 Josh Kennedy | 14 Santanna Adams | 21 W.L. Jones |
| 03 Lelia Walley | 14 Tori Fisher | 21 Lavelle Goff |
| 04 Jonathan Howell | 15 Patricia Belcher | 21 Abby Greer |
| 04 Guy Griffin | 15 Cigi Cumbest | 22 Linda Pierce |
| 04 Betty Shirley | 15 Troy Goff | 22 Joleigh Cumbest |
| 06 Renee Walley | 15 Donna Golson | 22 Terry Jackson |
| 07 Haley Shouse | 15 Wendy Hamrick | 23 Benny Goff |
| 07 George Cumbest | 16 Elizabeth Cumbest | 24 Shorty O'Brien |
| 07 Hazel Dueitt | 16 Butch Porter | 25 David Jones |
| 09 Amelia Fisher | 16 Brent Cumbest | 25 Elizabeth White |
| 09 Jolinda Fisher | 16 Caroline Cumbest | 26 Dana Poore |
| 11 Blake Stockman | 16 Jarret Goff | 26 Betty Tynes |
| 11 Allana Ellzey | 16 Mamie and Aidan Cupit | 27 Al Greenough |
| 11 Lesley Fairley | 17 Ronnie Pierce | 28 Leon Hammond |
| 12 Dempsey Cumbest | 18 Jace Buxton | 28 Roy Barlow |
| 13 Charles Goff | 19 Anthony Stewart | 28 Myrna Shepherd |
| 13 Jonathan Goff | 19 Dylan Fisher | 28 Randon Watts |
| 13 Macy Goff | 20 Bailey Anderson | 29 Beverly Adkison |
| 14 John Trubee | 20 Aimee Smith | 31 Lionel Dale, III |
| | 20 Jan Harris | 31 Ron Stephenson |
| | | 31 Walker Messer |

**Opportunities For
Service**

Sunday Worship

8:30 & 10:50 am

Sunday School

9:45 am

Wednesday Service

5:30 pm

Supper

6:30 pm

Activities

Anniversaries

- 1 Elton & Rhonda Parker
- 13 Paul & Lynn Wilson
- 14 Jimmy & Georgene Pierce
- 15 Jimmy & Patty Howell
- 17 Barry & Mary Cumbest