

The Watering Can

June 2013

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM FEATURES

Each month we are featuring one of our members who is not able to attend worship with us any longer. Just as Psalm 37:28 says "for the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His saints", we want to express our love to these members and let them know they are not forgotten.

For the month of June, Mrs. Helen Louise Cochran Goff (known by Mrs. Louise) is our featured member. She was born on October 25, 1926 to Ollie and Ethel Cochran. In June 1940, she married Luther Bernard Goff and they had seven (7) children, one (1) girl and six (6) boys: Patricia Bowerman, Ebbie, Travis, Kevin, Lee, Allen, and Luther Bernard, Jr. (Benny) Goff and now has many grandchildren and great grandchildren who love her dearly. Mrs. Louise and Mr. Luther were married for 53 years before he passed away in 1993.



Mrs. Louise was the first Home Health Care nurse in Jackson County and was very dedicated to those under her care. When one of them was near death, she would not leave their side, staying many a night with them and in 1987 retired at the age of sixty. Mrs. Louise was a wonderful caregiver both to her family and to her many patients.

Mrs. Louise became a member of Caswell Springs United Methodist Church on August 11, 1941, and was an active member for many, many years. As a young married woman, she and others, before we had a booth, would set up a table at the Fair to sale items to benefit the church. Her dad, Mr. Ollie Cochran, taught Aunt Rhoda's Sunday school class for many years and sometime after that, Mrs. Louise helped Mr. Malcolm Hamilton teach that class. She was also a member of the Women' Society of Christian Service (Methodist Women' Group, UMW) and later a member of the Merry Methodist. Upon her retirement Mrs. Louise started a Visitation Ministry and a phone chain for the church to keep members informed of sickness, death, and other information concerning our members.

Lavelle Goff recalls Mrs. Louise being a hard working, fun loving, one of a kind person who was an excellent cook (good thing with 7 children). Lavelle recalls eating many delicious meals at Mrs. Louise's table in the Thompson house where they lived for awhile and the gathering of many fresh vegetables, which Mrs. Louise was always willing to share, from their garden.

Mrs. Nell Kennedy agrees with Lavelle about Mrs. Louise being such a hard worker at the church, at home, and at work. She remembered that Mrs. Louise worked the mid-night shift at the hospital in order to be home with her children and was such a faithful member of the UMW. Also Mrs. Nell fondly reminisced about the extremely unusual time that she and Mrs. Louise sang a duet when both were members of the Merry Methodist Choir. (It turned out well according to witnesses.)

Because of health problems, currently Mrs. Louise resides in the Singing River Rehab and Nursing Center located at 3401 Main Street in Moss Point where you usually can find her with a smile on her face. She still enjoys company and appreciates very much those who are able to come by for a visit and say hello. You will find that her faith is as strong as ever and she gives "thanks" to the Good Lord every day.

We at CSUM are blessed that Mrs. Louise is one of us and has set a good example of Christian service and obedience. We thank her for her many, many years of dedicated service to God and to His church. You are not forgotten!

Evangelism

The Missions and Evangelism Team has felt led to start two new ministries, The Living Water Ministry and The Vessel Ministry.

The Living Water Ministry consist of handing out bottled water with our church label and the scripture John 7:38 printed on it. If you fish, go boating, or go to the water, it's as simple as handing someone a bottle of cold water. Even if you don't like the water, you could agree to give an hour or some to hand out the water at the pier or dock one Saturday.

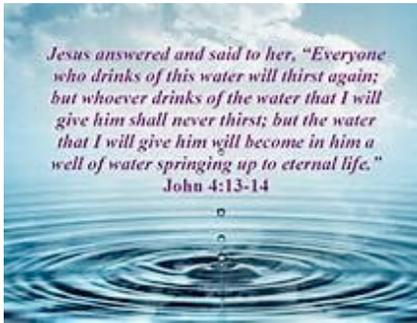
Jessie Davis has agreed to be the distributor. Just go by and pick up some bottled water from him to give to someone at or on the water and tell them "God loves you." Jesse lives at 18605 George Cumbest which is located next street to the left of the church if you are facing the church and can be reached by calling 588-

2809. Please contact Nona Knight at 228-217-2478 to volunteer.

The second ministry is The Vessel Ministry which is a visitation and witnessing ministry. Benny Goff is leader of the Wednesday night Men's Group who has already begun this ministry. They are going out the last Wednesday night of each month and would be glad for others to join them in fulfilling God's commandment to go out and witness to the uttermost parts of the world (we are starting from the church and working out from there). The meeting point is upstairs in the Ministry Center in the Encouragers Classroom (name on door) at 6:30 p.m. The next date is June 26. You will go two by two and distribute bags which will contain a bottle of water with our church label, one half dozen homemade cookies, a salvation tract, a copy of the bulletin and the

watering can newsletter, as well as a card with our worship services and activities schedules along with information of a particular upcoming activity such as Revival or Vacation Bible School. God has a plan and purpose for you. Could this be part of His plan for you to share His love and share His story with other. Those interested can contact Nona Knight.

These two opportunities are your chance to step out in faith and put that faith into actions. God's word tells us that He will fully reward our faithfulness (Ephesians 6:7). God can take any vessel (you and me) no matter whether we are chipped, cracked, or broken and use us for His glory. Won't you let Him use you?



Community of Hope

A BIG thanks goes out to CSUMC Children's Ministry for hosting a Bike-a-Thon to raise funds for Community of Hope! The kids were all smiles as they cruised around Lum Cumbest Park challenging each other not only in fund raising efforts, but who was the fastest rider. Participants ranging in age from 3 to 11 raised \$353.00 for COH, and we are humbled to be the recipient of these funds. We look forward to putting this generous donation to good use right here in the community as we reach out to those in need and share with them the good news of Christ.

Thanks to the kids who joined in the fun and parents who brought them out to participate. We are so appreciative of the efforts of Amy French and Stacey Barlow for making this event happen!

COH would again like to thank CSUMC for your continued support of this ministry. We are grateful for the financial support and volunteer assistance that you provide and that we so need.

God Bless, COH Team



A Tribute to Paula

As most of you have heard by now, our beloved Paula Goff has retired from her position as the pianist of our church after 50 years of faithful service. You'll still see Paula at church on Sundays, just not in her usual place at the piano bench. She is looking forward to enjoying the music "from the other side" in the years ahead, and spending more time with her family. It is obviously impossible for me to express what Paula has meant to the music ministry of Caswell Springs in this short column, so I hope that you will make plans to attend the lunch that will be given in her honor after morning worship on Sunday, June 30th. It will be a great time of celebration and fellowship.

While it's hard to imagine anyone except Paula playing the 88 keys of our sanctuary piano on Sunday mornings, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Mrs. Beth Marble. I am thrilled that Beth has agreed to be our interim pianist, and I know that you will enjoy getting to know her. Many of our children already know Mrs. Marble as their music teacher at East Central Upper Elementary School, and we are very grateful that she has chosen to share her musical gifts with us while we search for a permanent pianist.

Daniel Banke
Director of Music and Creative Arts

Music Camp Update

It's not too late to sign up your child for our church's first-ever Music Camp, taking place July 8-12 for children ages 8-12. Registration (\$40/camper) continues through the end of the month. If you have already signed up your child, be sure that you have the following dates in your calendar:

- 6/2: Preview Day (5:30 – 7:00) – campers-to-be will enjoy pizza while watching a performance of *Parablelooz!* Those interested in auditioning for a speaking role or solo will learn about the audition process.
- 6/9: Audition Day 1 (5:30 – 6:30)
- 6/12: Audition Day 2 (5:00 – 6:00)
- 6/30: Registration Ends – registrations cannot be accepted after this deadline
- 7/8 – 7/12: Music Camp Week!
- 7/12: Performance (6:30) – the entire church is encouraged to attend our big performance of *Parablelooz!*

Sanctuary Choir Retreat

Have you ever thought about sharing your gifts with our church by singing in the Sanctuary Choir? If so, please consider joining us for the choir retreat at Seashore Assembly on July 26 and 27. The choir will begin preparing music for the fall, take part in vocal workshops, and grow spiritually through times of group devotion and worship. Oh, and the beach within walking distance might also be used from time to time! It promises to be a great experience for all involved. If you are interested in attending, please contact Daniel Banke through the church office.



Mrs. Paula Goff

Creative Arts Groups at Homecoming





1 Peter 5:6

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

His Way

BEHIND THE SCENES.....

His Way Ministry will take a summer break. Our last delivery will be on May 28 and we will return on September 3rd. We've had a very good year and have been blessed with all we need to feed the needy. They are needy not necessarily for food but needy for human contact, friendship and love.

We have so many people that make His Way a success. We have those who volunteer to work in the kitchen, package and deliver. In addition we have those persons who pray for us, donate money and groceries and are willing to lend a hand when we are shorthanded. All of the above do this not for honor or personal glory but because it is what we are supposed to do. It is as GOD

commanded us to do – John 15:12 “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

Thank you to the person who is faithful and comes early every Tuesday to start the cooking (and usually finishes it)! Thank you to the person who is the best dishwasher at Caswell Springs. Thanks to the persons who stepped out in faith and started “His Way”. Thanks to the persons who diligently prepare desserts, help cook, make cornbread or cakes when needed. Thank you to those who package and count to make sure the boxes are ready. Thank you to the drivers who deliver each week. Thank you for the couple who faithfully buys groceries for “His Way”. Thank you to our congregation that supports us through prayer and gifts. Thank you to our ministers

and song leader for praying with us each week prior to delivery.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE BEHIND THE SCENE who work to make “His Way” a glorification to GOD.



Created by God



will be August 22-24 Created by God is a course designed to explain to children entering 5th & 6th grade that we are a fantastic creation made by God. Please see Amy French (228-990-5164) to sign your child up for this course as soon as possible as

slots fill quickly.

Springing up Children in the Way they should go!

Are you too young for God to use?

God made you for a purpose. His purpose. You don't have to wait until you have learned enough or experienced enough to start serving him. No one else sees the world the way you do, and no one else has the unique combination of gifts you have. God has made you like no other so you can work for Him. What are you waiting for?

Parent/Child Discussion Questions

- What are some ways you can spread God's love to people at your age?
- Why do you think young people are sometimes slow to step out to serve God?
- Who can you help prepare yourself for God's work?

It is summertime! This summer we have so many fun events planned, like Wacky Sundays, Game Time, VBS, and so much more. If you have not already registered for VBS, please pick up a form from the church office today. We are going back in time this year to study Daniel's Captivity. VBS is Sunday, June 23-Wednesday, June 26. In July we will start ScarForce, which is a Star Wars based mini-VBS. How much fun is that going to be?

Here is the schedule for June:

- June 2: Wacky Sunday-Crazy Hair Day
- June 5: Game Night
- June 9: Wacky Sunday-Favorite Character Day
- June 12: Super Wet Wednesday (You will need a towel and clothes that can get wet)
- June 16: Father's Day: NO

Sunday Night Children's Activities
June 19: Adventure Wednesday
June 23: VBS
June 26: VBS
June 30: Watch the bulletin for more clues

Amy French

Children's Ministry Director

Community of Hope Bike-a-thon

We would like to thank Stacey Barlow for organizing this event. We had a great time. Caswell Springs children raised \$353 for Community of Hope. Congrats to Ella Golson and Olivia Greenough for raising the most! Also, would like to thank Geico and Farm Bureau Insurance for sponsoring this event.



**VBS is Sunday,
June 23-Wednesday, June 26.**

*O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!
Your glory is higher in the heavens. You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you. Psalms 8:1-2*

Education Committee

May was an extremely busy month! Congratulations to all our graduates: preschool, high school and college. Please know that your church family loves you and will support you in your future endeavors. We are only a prayer away!

A special thank you to Nell Kennedy, Eloise Jackson, George Sholl, Royce and Janey Cumbest, Gabe and Brandi Krebs and everyone else who made a special effort to honor our graduates. It was a great day!

Please be in prayer as we work to implement our Safe Sanctuaries policy in the

near future. This will mean much change is in order, but it is for the safety of our children. More to come very soon!

Love in Christ,

Your Education Committee



June Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 Activities	6 Annual Conference	7 Annual Conference	8 Annual Conference
9 Administrative Board 4:30 pm	10	11	12 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 Activities	13 Youth Shut-in	14 Youth Shut-in	15 Youth Shut-in 12-16
16 Father's Day No Evening Service	17	18	19 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 Activities	20	21	22
23 Youth Fundraiser	24 VBS 23-26 6-8:30 p.m.	25 VBS 23-26 6-8:30 p.m.	26 VBS 23-26 6-8:30 p.m.	27	28	29
30 Paula's Retirement Luncheon Cluster @ Hurley UMC 6 pm						



Rev. Brian F. Scott



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