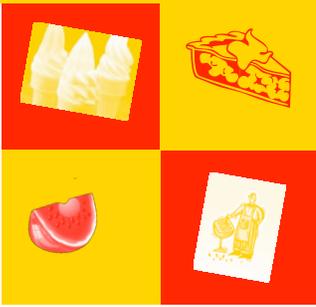


The Watering Can

July 2013



The will of God will not carry me where the Grace of God will not sustain me.



Rev. Brian Scott

The longer I live in the service of the Lord, the less I understand God's grace. My own brokenness often seems greater than my righteousness, yet it is clear to me that God continues to call and send me into His world to proclaim His good news. How can such a good and holy God put us with me?

As I write this, I am on a jet at 35,000 feet and there is a thunderstorm putting on an impressive light show to the west of us; a brilliant display of God's awesome power. That same power could be used to snuff me out, yet God chooses to use that power to redeem me. Even if this jet carries me down to my grave, there is no doubt that the loving grace of God will raise me from the dead. The truth, I guess, is not that I need to understand the grace of God. All I need to do is trust in it.

I am not sure why God is sending me to the people of Honduras but the "why" is not important. The important thing is that God called me to it and therefore all I can do is say yes Lord and follow. The will of God will not carry me where the Grace of God will not sustain me. Where is God calling you? Follow and see how your brokenness can transform your world through your faithfulness.

Because of His Extravagant Grace:

Brian

Missions

I pray everyone is having a great summer. It sure is getting hot! I want to thank everyone for their continued support of missions. With your help we're able to do a lot of good in the name of Jesus. Thanks to the youth for putting the labels on our Living Water ministry bottles. Thanks to those of you who are going door to door with the message that

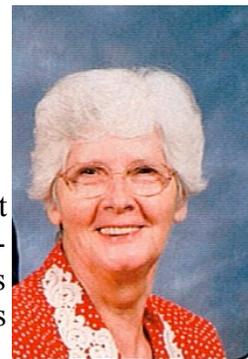


God loves us all and to those who are giving away the water bottles. There are many others working behind the scenes to support these new ministries; printing labels, making cookies and providing maps to name a few things. We've helped with several power bills recently and continue to receive calls for help with food, gas and other needs. Thanks to you we're able to help with

most of the requests we receive. You may have noticed in the bulletin that we are once again asking for specific pantry items. Our shelves are depleted of some important items. We're asking for "Spagettio" type meals and Vienna sausages. We also need mayonnaise, canned chicken and tuna, and breakfast cereal bars or pop-tarts. Thanks again for all you do to ensure that we're able to provide some help to those in need.

Missions Team

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM FEATURES



July's Feature is Mrs. Pearl "Maxine" Watson Cumbest Davis. Mrs. Maxine, as she is best known (Max or Maxi to most of our choir members) currently resides at Singing River Rehab and Nursing Center located at 3401 Main Street, Moss Point, Mississippi, 39563 in the Precious Moments unit where her sweet spirit and pleasant disposition are still evident. They have learned to love her as she has been loved by us for a long time.

Maxine was born in the Delta of Mississippi on June 9, 1932 to Jesse and Pearl Watson and moved to Northeast Jackson County in her middle childhood. In 1950 she graduated from Wade High School. She and Oris D. Cumbest were married in April 1952 and shared life together for 51 years until his death in January 2004. God blessed them with four children: David, Lisa, Chris and Gill who passed away in December of 1991. David (wife Pattie) and Chris (wife Rev. Shelia) are Methodist ministers serving at Safe Harbor 131VIC and Ocean Springs St. Paul UMC (Chris and Shelia) respectively. Lisa and her husband Gary Michiels reside in Biloxi and own Side Porch Gallery. Mrs. Maxine has seven grandchildren and six great-grands. In November of 2005, she married her life long friend, Glen Davis.

Mrs. Maxine served in many areas of the life of Caswell Springs thru the years. She began her service as a co-leader of the "Young Adult" (a group now in their middle 70's) Sunday School Class. This group was very active and continues to share great ties and memories of their shared times and life to this day. Other areas of service include: Youth Sunday School Teacher, UMYF helper, Council on Ministries Chair, Administrative Board, and numerous committees, but Mrs. Maxine is probably most remembered for her time served as Worship Committee Chair, the person who helped keep the bulletin board current and *as* a vital member of our choir (I know I do!).

Eloise Adkison remembers her as a dear friend, her mentor and her partner in choir. She said, "I bet Oris, Maxi, Eual and I have consumed a barrel of coffee together through the years." She recalls that she could talk to Maxi about anything and everything and they did. "When I was low, Maxi was the "pick-me-up" person because I felt lifted up after our conversations and she and Mrs. Nell Kennedy were the anchors for our choir where I was blessed to sit between them." Eloise's last comment was "Maxi is a very special Christian lady who befriends everyone."

Connie Coulson agrees with Eloise and calls Max "her share 'whatever is on your mind kind of friend', knowing that it will go no further." She reminisced about the fact that neither of them were "shoppers", but would make a once a year trip pre-annual conference to get something new. Connie recollects a funny story about Maxine and checkered tablecloths. They were preparing for a MYF Valentine Banquet and Max wanted the cloths centered EXACTLY; so Connie counted the squares hanging over the ends. There were thirteen squares, but although Max wanted them EXACTLY centered, she would have no part in there being thirteen, so they did twelve on one end and fourteen on the other and no one noticed that the tablecloths were not hanging evenly. "I treasure her for she was a real prayer partner and a real sister in Christ for me."

As I write this, I remember Max's quiet gentleness and her love for her Lord and Savior. I can hear (in my mind) her sweet voice as she worshipped through singing in the choir or sharing her talent by singing a solo and now when I visit her, I can still see glimpses of the vibrant person she once was; but is now, for the most part, hidden from all but God. Her faith and the way she lived her life for Christ is something we should all strive to emulate, but she would be the first one to tell you that "Christ is the only one who is worthy to be emulated." Ma; you are loved; you are not forgotten!

EVANGELISM

After talks with Brian and H.W., the realization that a mission field exists within the walls of CSUMC became clear. Each one of them had suggestions that came from the heart. This all came about because God planted the seed (the ideas or thoughts) into their heads and hearts (the soil) and then they shared these ideas and thoughts and discussions happened with the different Teams for 2013 such as Missions and Evangelism. Sometimes right away or even months later, these thoughts and ideas are watered by another person or persons and fertilized by much prayer. Then God shines His light and growth of a ministry begins and workers are needed to cultivate and harvest so that God can be given the praise and glory. One such ministry is the Childcare Bridge.



Our Childcare Facility and its programs are a part of our church—a part of US and we can serve the Lord by serving them (the children). To many people, we are known as "the church with the excellent childcare program" and many a child has passed through our doors. They are a mission field within the walls of CSUMC. Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Our youth, with the leadership of Gabe and Brandi, have already become our first workers. Each Friday in June the youth have been helping with the Childcare special celebrations: Art Studio, Cookie Decorating, and Ice Cream Sundae Making (delicious). Also on July 3, they will help with the Fourth of July celebration. These are fun experiences for the children, but also are learning experiences. A big "thank you" to Gabe, to Brandi, to the youth and also to our Childcare Faculty and Staff for all the time, energy and effort that have gone into making some great memories and learning experiences for the children entrusted into our care. Our Childcare director, Mandy Goff, has begun letting us know of ways that we as a church family can help. Proverbs 22:6 tells us "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it" This is a wonderful opportunity to help train our children and share our faith in God with these little ones.



As part of this Childcare Bridge ministry we want to begin a Volunteer Reader Program for the Childcare. One day a week (Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.) the volunteer will bring the story of Jesus and right living to these children by reading Bible stories or Moral Living Lesson stories to them. In addition, we need volunteers who will agree to speak to the children during their Chapel Time which is held at 9:15 a.m. each Monday morning. These are some of the things we are trying to begin, but there are many other ways to become involved with our Childcare such as praying for them, providing something they need or providing financial support for them to buy needed supplies for activities. Do you

have a heart for children? Do you have a passion for spreading God's Word or for learning? Are you willing to help? Please contact Tammy Grantham, Childcare Board Chairman or Nona Knight, Evangelism if you are willing to help in any way. God CAN use you and your gifts or talents!

Music and Creative Arts

Committing To Our Youth By Committing To Worship

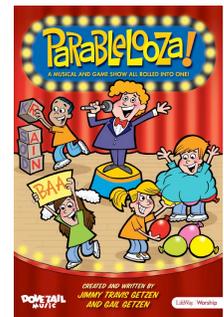
A teenager enters a sanctuary one Sunday morning. When the music starts, he once again finds himself singing words that seem old-fashioned to him, though the people around him sure seem to love them! Then the praying starts, and he hesitates to approach the communion rail for fear of what may happen there. Then the children's moment is given, and he says to himself, "It sure was easier when all I had to know was that Jesus loves me." A scripture is read from one of those unfamiliar Old Testament books that he barely remembers from Sunday school, and the confusion only gets worse when the preacher relates the scripture to a current political issue that he's clueless about because he doesn't watch the news. But it's alright: he's saved by the Benediction!

While we hope that such a scenario would *never* happen at Caswell Springs, the reality is that this fictional story may not be so fictional for many of our youth. In an effort to relate worship and music to our youth, we are about to begin a potentially groundbreaking study with that age group about why and how we worship God. The three-month study is geared toward the creation of a regular youth-led worship service that we plan to launch in mid-October on Sunday evenings. From a musical standpoint, I am looking forward to helping our youth discern their musical gifts, and envision a church in the not-so-distant future in which the music chosen transcends stylistic preferences and focuses more on the Word that we sing. This promises to be a great journey not just for the youth, but for our entire faith community at Caswell Springs.

Daniel Banke
Director of Music and Creative Arts

Parableloozza! Game Show

Do you love game shows? Of course you do! Almost all Americans love them. It's part of our competitive nature. In case you have not heard, there is a game show coming right here to Caswell Springs. On July 12th at 6:30 PM, our gym will be transformed into the *Parableloozza!* game show studio! You have probably read plenty of advertisements about our summer music camp, but I want to make sure you know that you are invited to be a part of the performance. It will have lots of audience participation, tons of laughs, great music by our talented children, and a message that will stay with you for years. Be sure to either wear orange in support of the Orange Crush team, or green in support of the Green Machine team! Admission is free of charge, and your friends and neighbors are waiting by the phone for your invitation...



Patriotic Cookout and Sing-a-long

Be sure to attend our Wednesday night supper on July 3rd. In honor of Independence Day, we will have a cookout at 5:30, followed by a sing-a-long at 6:30 with all your USA favorites. So if you're proud to be an American, where at least you know you're free, we'll see you there!

Children's Ministry

Springing up Children in the Way they should go!

Here is an article "Pray Without Ceasing" by Ali Thompson that helped my family's prayer life, so I thought I would share...

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples' " ([Luke 11:1](#)).

"Teach us to pray." Even the grown men who followed Jesus needed instruction in prayer. How much more must we teach our kids to pray! And to pray constantly! First [Thessalonians 5:17](#) says, "Never stop praying." That can seem like a daunting task for a child (or for an adult). How then can we teach children to pray without ceasing?

PRAYER IS AN ATTITUDE

Praying constantly is an attitude. It's an awareness that God is here.

"[God] is ever in my thoughts. I am ever talking to him in my mind as I go about my day," says Annie Meier, who leads behind-the-scenes prayer for various ministries at Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Renee Gray-Wilburn, author of the PrayKids! prayer card, "Praying for My Brothers and Sisters," says, "It means to never go long without making a mental connection with God and by doing our best to be aware of his presence."

It's "a constant God-consciousness," says Arlyn Lawrence, co-author of the book *Prayer-Saturated Kids* and former contributing editor of *Pray! Magazine*.

This doesn't mean we're solely focused on God and nothing else throughout the day. But much like breathing occurs even as we go about our lives, we can also sense God's presence with us regardless of our circumstances.

Teach Kids to Pray

Teach kids to have a better awareness of God's presence throughout their day. Form pairs. Tell kids they'll need to count how many times they take a breath as they each tell their partner everything they've eaten so far today. After two minutes, ask kids how they did.

Try the activity again, only this time, tell them they don't need to count their breaths. After two minutes, ask: "How did counting or not counting impact how you breathed? How is breathing like or unlike God's presence? How does God's constant presence affect the way you pray?"

Tell kids that just like air is always flowing through us, God is always with us. We can feel his presence even while we do other things.

PRAYER IS A ROUTINE

Our prayer attitude is shaped by regular times with God. Meier says kids can learn to pray regularly "by being encouraged to begin their days with a simple prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to walk and talk to them all day long. And, then, to finish each day before bed with a time of prayer reflecting upon how they felt the Holy Spirit walk and talk with them that day."

Lawrence observes that teaching kids to establish regular times to "check in" with God about the events of their day can remind them to pray and to experience the things they've prayed about. By establishing routine times to talk to God--not out of obligation but out of love--kids can learn to pray without ceasing.

Teach Kids to Pray

Help kids practice a prayer routine with this rewind/fast forward activity. Have kids rewind their minds to the beginning of their day. Tell the kids to pantomime in fast motion all the things they did before they left the house that morning. When you say, "Freeze," kids must freeze in their pantomime and think about what was on their mind as they were in that moment earlier in the day. Then, holding their frozen position, have kids silently pray about what was on their minds.

Repeat the game, this time asking kids to pantomime what they'll do to get ready for bed tonight. This time, when you call "Freeze," have kids pray about something that happened today. Afterward, encourage kids to talk to God about their day every morning and every night.

Amy French

Children's Ministry Director

Springing up Children in the Way they should go!

Happenings for July

July 7- Wilderness Sunday Part 1
July 10- ScarForce begins
July 14- Wilderness Sunday Part 2
July 17- ScarForce
July 21- Wilderness Sunday Part 3
July 24- ScarForce
July 28- Wilderness Party
July 31-ScarForce



Scar Force, will take kids back to the beginning, where the epic saga of God versus evil began, and take them on a sweeping adventure through the key moments of all the Bible. From the Garden of Eden to the escape from Egypt, from the rise and fall of Israel to the arrival of God's Chosen One, kids will see the unfolding epic saga of God's fight for our lives, culminating in His triumphant return in the book of Revelation. This is the real saga. This is the true force.

Scar Force will train children to not merely believe in Jesus, but to become J-Di's (Jesus Disciples). Serving Jesus in all of their thoughts, words and actions, these J-Di's will become a Scar Force, serving our scarred Master and standing for His Truth and justice.

EPISODE I: THE GREATEST MENACE
EPISODE II: A NEW NATION
EPISODE III: THE FALL OF ISRAEL
EPISODE IV: THE ONLY HOPE
EPISODE V: RETURN OF THE KING

Youth Ministry

July is going to be a busy month. We will leave for our youth trip to Lake Junaluska on July 11th. With a great big thank you to all of our church family who has supported us throughout all the fundraising ventures. I'm sure this trip will be a great experience for us all. We are inviting the upcoming 7th grade to come join us for Sunday night activities starting June 30. Look for announcements in the bulletin for some of the fun things we will be doing.

On July 21, we will be starting a new curriculum in our youth studies on Sunday and Wednesday nights. This will be a study about worship: what it means to worship God, and what all is involved in preparing a worship service. In addition to studying about these topics, we are building toward the goal of creating a youth-led worship service on Sunday evenings. Our target date for beginning this service is October. We will need strong support from both parents and mentors for this project to be a success. We look forward to this exciting time for our youth and our church.



Birthdays

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| 01 Jennie Goff | 07 Jade Porter | 16 Adrian Rawls | 23 Anna Grace Holder |
| 01 Casey Pedersen | 07 Michael Jones | 16 Mike Carr | 24 Tammy Adams |
| 02 Doug Crump | 08 Brooks Kyser Smith | 17 Larry Carter | 24 Tim Fairley |
| 02 Karah Cumbest | 10 Ranzi Jackson | 17 Kristi Burge | 25 Penny Dearman |
| 02 Gail Lassitter | 10 Tyler Grantham | 18 Joseph Schambeau | 25 Lauren Davis |
| 03 Candi Cumbest | 10 Angela Allemand | 18 Mary Murphy | 25 Deanna Pugh |
| 03 Reagan Holder | 10 Merle Cumbest | 19 Don Wierson | 26 Nancy Walker |
| 04 Jesse Cumbest | 11 Fonda Garriga | 19 Wayne Rawls | 27 Stacy Smith |
| 04 Elton Parker | 11 Timothy Rawls | 19 Levonda Hamilton | 27 Charity Scott |
| 04 Selena Smith | 11 Jeremy Jones | 19 Jordan Shotts | 28 Tammy Grantham |
| 04 Grace Allgood | 12 Aden Goff | 20 Robin Depperschmidt | 28 Lee Goff |
| 05 Emily Fisher | 13 Ethan Scott | 21 Neva Dryden | 29 Seth Dearman |
| 05 Rachel Cumbest | 14 Nicholas Taylor | 21 Xinia Poore | 29 C.T. White |
| 05 Kenny Wade | 14 Avery Sward | 21 Betty Jones | 30 Kim Adkison |
| 06 Ryan Dueitt | 15 Savie Goff | 22 Sandra Rose Jowers | 31 Kate Wright |
| 06 Tabithe Pierce | 15 Jacob Jones | 23 Dustin Hamrick | |
| 07 Jimmy Howell | 15 Laura Smith | 23 Ashley Cumbest | |

Anniversaries

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| 02 Benny & Mary Ann Goff | 10 Jimmy & Connie Coulson | 29 Jerald & Ann Goff |
| 05 W.A. & Ginger Shouse | 21 Joseph & Jackie White | 31 Kip & Tammy Grantham |
| 08 Terry & Beverly Adkison | 24 Casey & Melinda Goff | |
| 09 Sanford & Sue Lyda | 25 T.J. & Donna Golson | |
| 10 Paul & Claire Balcer | 26 Glenn & Michelle Dickerson | |

HYMNOLOGY

“Yet if, when I come to the throne, I remodel the theology of the priesthood, remove the golden sun from the temple in On, (Egypt) slay the sacred bull Apis, and banish the idols from all the thousand temples of the two Egypts, with what shall I replace the religion I depose?” Rev. J H Ingraham, *The Pillar Of Fire*

We sit on the throne of self-hood and have thousands of temples in our lives. Depose means to remove from a position of power. Dethrone is defined as removing a ruler from power.

How much have we deposed and dethroned our God?

Are we so thoroughly infused with the worldly? Does God have a place in our world of shiny acquirements and updated gadgetry? We cry, “This is mine”! Dethroned! Deposed! God is replaced with us. We are on the throne. God is deposed by our golden idols. With what shall we replace the God we have deposed? In thousands of years man hasn’t changed. God is the indisputable or unquestionable KING. He must be on the thrones of our hearts.

Ernest Warburton Shurtleff, 1862-1917 gifted us with the fortifying words of “Lead On O King Eternal.” He was a Congregational minister, studying at Harvard University, New Church Theological Seminary, and Andover Theological Seminary. Organized the American Church in Frankfurt, Germany, directed Academy Vitti in Paris.

The Pillar of Fire was the guiding light for the nation of Israel. Nothing has changed. We need that illumination for today’s living.

**Lead on, O King Eternal,
‘Til sin’s fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper,
The sweet amen of Peace.
For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy
The heavenly kingdom comes.**

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It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

July at a glance

- July 3 - Patriotic Cookout & Sing-a-long
- July 3 - Women's Ministry Planning Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
- July 8-12 - Music Camp
- July 12 - 6:30 p.m. Parablelooz! Performance
- July 14 - 4:30 pm -Administrative Board
- July 18-23 - Youth Trip
- July 19 - God's Super Hero Party
- July 21 - Youth Worship Study Begins
- July 26 - 27 - Choir Retreat at Seashore Assembly
- July 28 - Promotion Sunday
- July 28 - Creative Arts Team Meeting 4:15 pm

