

transformed living

Are you satisfied with your life?

Really satisfied?

It's often said that Christians have every reason in the world to be optimistic. We know that God is on our side, after all, and according to Romans 8:28, he's promised to work all things for our good because we love him.

And yet, if we were really honest about it, we'd admit that life can still be a challenge. Days can still seem ho-hum, rather than the awesome adventure we secretly long for.

Ever been there? Ever thirsted for more?

If so, here's the exciting news you've been waiting for: Our church family is about to embark on a forty-day study that can literally



change the way you feel about prayer, church attendance, acts of service, and even financial giving. By the time it's all said and done, you'll be able to see your relationship with God in a whole new way, confidently understanding how to "live all the days of your life," per the well-known Irish blessing.

So where do you come in? First of all, know that the church-wide study will involve more than just a series of Sunday-morning ser-

mons. You'll also read a book called *Treasures of the Transformed Life*, with forty days of lessons and insights that can help you define just what it is you're really thirsty for—and how to go about satisfying that thirst. You'll be given the opportunity to openly discuss what you're learning during weekly Sunday school/small group meetings, and you'll hear inspired messages each week to tie it all together.

We'll end the study together on Commit-

ment Sunday, when you'll have a chance to put your faith into action.

Please don't miss this church-wide opportunity to grow in faith and stretch your spirit. Make plans now to pick up your copy of *Treasures of the Transformed Life* Sunday, September 22, 2013, and know that the transformed life that results could be your very own!

We will be
changed into
His likeness.

2 Corinthians 3:18



HIS WAY MINISTRY

Our summer vacation is over and His Way workers are rested and ready to start delivering food to shut-ins. Once again we thank everyone who has had a part in this Ministry. Without the donations of our congregation, we could not continue. A special thanks to the Vacation Bible School children for their generous donation. If you wish to work in this Ministry or know of someone who needs meals, please contact



Joyce O'Brien or Avis Cumbest.

When this Ministry began, the founders had the idea, but weren't sure how it would sustain itself. Bob Pearson, Avis Cumbest and Nelda Miles all said if this was a Ministry blessed by God, then there would be a way to move forward. After seven (7) years, this Ministry is going strong. It's pretty obvious God has blessed this Ministry. Thanks be to God for his faithfulness.

The Missions and Evangelism team

We're moving into a very busy time of year for our church and our community. We have football and soccer, the fair and the fall festival just to name a few. We are also provided with many opportunities for mission work. I'd like to mention a few of those. One in particular is an opportunity to work with Community of Hope. We (the church) will host a large mission team consisting of 40-50 people who will work with CoH for the week of September 22-29. This is a great chance to work along side others who are serving as the hands and feet of Jesus. See Marley Walker if you are interested in joining his team for a few hours or few days. Financial support is greatly appreciated and much needed to fund the numerous applications for help that CoH receives. There is always something we can do to help.

We also have several ministry and evangelism areas that are just getting started. Two of them involve our day-care. We have the pleasure of reading a story or leading a brief chapel with our little ones. Many of these children spend more time within the walls of Caswell Springs than they do at home. Let's share our love for Jesus and get to know them better. See Nona Knight for the chapel schedule or Ginny Gerrish for story time. Our Living Water ministry is busy and productive.

Our pantry needs attention. Thanks to those who have brought items for restocking. We are in need of SPAGHETTI NOODLES AND SAUCE, PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED MEATS OR RAVIOLI TYPE MEALS AND BREAKFAST ITEMS (POP TARTS, GRITS, OATMEAL, ETC.) Thank you for always making sure that we have something to offer when people come to us for help.

I also want to thank Wayne Hoggard, Dusty Watts, Kip Grantham and Bro Brian Scott for their mission work in Guatemala. Thanks, guys, for sharing your adventure with us.

God Bless,

The Missions and Evangelism team



Mrs. Emma Jean Smith Bearden is our feature for September. Jean was born in Mount Olive, MS, on September 6, 1926 to Verdue Kennedy and Henry Oliver (Red) Smith. Her childhood years were spent in Mount Olive, Mendenhall and Magee (all in Mississippi) where she was big sister to Joann. During Jean's senior year in high school, the family moved to Enterprise, MS where she met the love of her life, Mr. Oland Bearden. After graduation she attended Co-Lin Jr. College in Wesson, MS. When Mr. Oland returned from the Army in November 1946, he would visit Jean on campus escorted by his Aunt Nancy who served as chaperon to the couple.



Jean and Oland were married on September 3, 1947 and through the years were blessed with three children: Jan, Steve and Cindy. Mr. Oland was called to be a minister and as a minister's wife, Jean served the Lord along side him at the Desoto Circuit (6 churches- Jan and Steve born), Collinsville (3 churches-Cindy born), Carterville, Georgia (while Bro. Oland attended seminary), Walnut Grove (3 churches), CASWELL SPRINGS, (1963-1969) Van Winkle (Jackson), Long Beach, and Moss Point where they lived until his death in 1983. During the seminary years, Mrs. Jean was an "Avon lady" and provided child care in the home to help support the family.

The Bearden's found Caswell Springs and the area were a wonderful place to serve and to live. Jan and Steve graduated from East Central High School and Cindy began elementary school while they were here. With many lifelong friends and cherished memories of Caswell Springs, Mrs. Jean and Bro. Oland decided it would be their retirement destination when that time came. They purchased property in Wade in anticipation of retirement in the future. Later when Bro. Oland was diagnosed with cancer and it was obvious that healing would occur in heaven and not on earth; friends, church family, and pastors from around the state joined together to physically build a home for Bro. Oland and Mrs. Jean. According to her family, thanks to the generosity of the wonderful people, Bro. Oland was able to spend one night in the home that love built; the one that Mrs. Jean has lived in ever since.

Mrs. Jean's family has increased by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and they are her treasures. Brian Shannon and Rachael Shannon Myrick (Jan's); Emily (deceased) and Laurie Bearden (Steve's) and Perry and Erin May (Cindy's). Seven year old twins, Wesley and Matt Shannon always bring a smile to Jean's face. Sassy (Jean's dog) keeps her company and they enjoy sitting on the front porch because she and Sassy really like the outdoors.

Mrs. Ommie Cumbest worked side by side with Mrs. Jean in the kitchen many times through the years. She remembers, with a chuckle, a time Mrs. Jean and she were working at the fair and a mishap happened. Mrs. Ommie had purchased a pie to take home to Mr. Hillard and had placed it on the front seat of her car. Mrs. Jean was to ride home with her and when Mrs. Jean got in, she sat right in the middle of the pie. (Oops! There was no pie for Mr. Hillard!)

Mrs. Lavelle Goff, Mrs. Jean's neighbor and friend, reports that Mrs. Jean enjoys talking on the phone with family and friends (a call would be nice), and she likes to keep up with the news as well as watch "oldies" like the Walton's on TV. Along with Mrs. Ommie and Mrs. Lavelle, Mrs. Ida Mae Cumbest recalls Jean as a sweet and loving person and fondly remembers Mrs. Jean and Bro. Bearden's time at Caswell Springs.

Through the years Mrs. Jean has been a faithful member, but because of being less agile; she is no longer able to attend, but still cherishes the memory of friends, current and past, and what the church has meant to her family and to her. Thanks, Mrs. Jean. You are loved. You are not forgotten.



Music and Creative Arts

Recharging the Spiritual Batteries

In late July, the Sanctuary Choir enjoyed a weekend retreat at Seashore Assembly. During our time there, the tangible results were: 1) learning the better part of five new, difficult choral anthems, 2) gaining familiarity with our new hymnal supplement, and 3) refining several important choral skills. Yet no *retreat* can ever be measured by the amount of *work* accomplished! The more important goal of a retreat is to recharge the batteries, particularly the spiritual ones. If you have noticed a certain vigor about the choir's singing lately, perhaps that's the "overflowing" effect from the weekend we spent "filling up" with Christ's love through music and worship. We also had a lot of fun, and returned home with a renewed spirit.

Are you finding ways to recharge your spiritual batteries these days? Or have church activities – particularly worship – become so second nature that your batteries are almost out of life? I encourage you to seek out new opportunities at our church this fall. If you are interested in joining a ministry related to music or worship, I would be happy to help you discern your spiritual gifts. There are more ways than ever for you and your children to become involved, and several of them are listed in the Creative Arts Schedule on this page. I leave you with Psalm 51:12, which can always serve as a helpful source of inspiration: "Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit."

Daniel Banke
Director of Music and Creative Arts



New Creative Arts Schedule

Sundays:

Christians in Action 5:00 – 6:00
Cloth Crusaders 6:00 – 6:45

Wednesdays:

Joyful Noise! 5:00 – 5:30
Rejoice Choir 5:30 – 6:05
Sonshine Choir 6:10 – 6:40
Sanctuary Choir 7:15 – 8:30

Christians in Action

The Drama Team (aka "Christians in Action") will begin meeting again on Sunday, September 8th at 5:00. This group is open to anyone in 5th grade through college. Anyone interested in participating should attend. We have several dates on the calendar and will be looking at new material. If you have any questions, please contact Deanna Smith (218-0978) or Crystal Long (218-6302).

Springing up Children in the Way they should go!

"Every morning he wakes me. He teaches me to listen like a student. The Lord God helps me learn..."

Isaiah 50:4-5

Prayer can be a hard topic to explain or teach your kids. They cannot see to whom they are praying, and exactly what do they talk about? Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer to go by, but he did not give specific instructions on how long to pray for each person, thing, etc. Most kids want specific rules. Try teaching your child that God is just like us parents when it comes to wanting to hear about our child's day. Eli, my son, said the other day, "I did not pray today because I really did not have anything to say or tell." Well, on those days just take some time to be still and just listen. As a child would ask, "How long should I be still and listen." As long as you feel is needed. As our relationships with God grows, so does the depth of our prayer life. Even Jesus made time to be alone in prayer with the Father.

Reviews from *Children's Ministry Magazine*

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (Movie)

The original film was a buffet of action and laughs, and the second helping looks to be just as filling with kid-friendly themes and tone. The first movie was rated PG for brief, mild language. Expect similar rating for this film. If you can look past a few saucy words, this promises to be a great film for **preteens**.



Disney Infinity (Video Game)

Players can purchase real-world action figures and use them in the game world using an included peripheral device. The game will launch with figurines from movies such as *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *The Incredibles*, and *Monsters, Inc.* Toy Box mode allows players to mix and match different figures and scenes from popular Disney franchises into a custom adventure. We love that this lets kids be wildly creative, despite the heavy nod to consumerism.



Upcoming Events

- September 1- No Sunday Night Children's Activities
- September 4- Regular Wednesday Night Activities Resume (Each child will be split into classes for Bible study)
- September 29- 5th Sunday Sing at Hurley UMC
- October 27- Fall Festival at Wayne and Lane Hoggard's Home 4-6pm (More info will be in October's newsletter)

Amy French

Children's Ministry Director

Birthdays

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Jeffrey Hamilton | 10 Macee Rawls | 19 Alex Anderson | 25 Ross Fletcher |
| 1 Colby Smith | 10 Betty Glamann | 19 David Usry | 25 Sarah Depperschmidt |
| 1 Winona Turk | 10 Christian Balcer | 20 Mary Meghan Dickerson | 26 Hayden Parker |
| 1 Jamison Goff | 10 Megan E. Goff | 21 Pam Cumbest | 26 Daniel Banke |
| 1 Valeria Richard | 11 Bengie Goff | 21 Ethan & Sarah Paetz | 26 Rachel Pugh |
| 1 Rayleigh Watts | 12 Mattie Grace Sims | 22 Jacob Buxton | 26 Benny Lassitter |
| 2 Josh Moore | 12 Draven Davis | 22 Steve Stewart | 27 Ryan Stockman |
| 2 Cynthia Dueitt | 13 Jason Holder | 22 Burton Stewart | 27 Kerri Watts |
| 3 Jamey Wachsman | 14 Carla Porter | 23 Zack Webb | 27 Gene Almond |
| 3 Carley Jones | 14 Cyndi Richardson | 23 Bowie Cupit | 28 Barbara Kirkwood |
| 4 Jadelynn Rudolf | 15 Calvin Pierce | 23 Vicki Parker | 28 Ian Whitfield |
| 4 Kyler Paul Seymour | 15 Roger Puhr | 23 Paula Yancey | 29 Ginny Gerrish |
| 6 Jean Bearden | 15 Catherine Alyssa Tidmore | 23 Abby Krebs | 29 Fay Sullivan |
| 6 Christopher Goff | 15 Brandy Hoffman | 24 Nell Kennedy | 29 Drew Depperschmidt |
| 7 Darlene Treece | 17 Diane Trammell | 24 Rhonda Parker | 30 Eddie Anderson |
| 8 Brenda Cumbest | 18 Brad Jones | 24 Will Coulson | 30 Ricky Brockway |
| 8 Emily Brindza | 18 Mark Cumbest | 24 Chester Hutchens | |
| 9 Matthew Greenough | 18 Kent Goff | 25 Joyce O'Brien | |
| 9 Dion Holder | 18 Willa Dean Triplett | 25 Corey Ellzey | |

Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Shorty & Joyce O'Brien | 16 Mike & Renee McGhee | 28 Bobby & Sandy Goff |
| 8 Benny & Gail Lassitter | 17 H.L. & Delores Porter | 28 Bobby D. & Nell Kennedy |
| 9 Frank & Lavern Balcer | 23 Guy & Ellen Griffin | 30 Doug & Billie Smith |
| 15 Alan & Pam Sward | 27 Bobby & Tina Goldman | |

*****Correction for last month's newsletter**

Rev. Roy Barlow passed away on 7/24/2013

SEPTEMBER 2013

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 Labor Day Office Closed | 3 His Way | 4 5-8 p Activities 5:30 p supper 6:30 p prayer Mtg. | 5 Men's Group 5:30 a Trustees Mtg. 6:00 p | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Children's Bible Presentation 10:50 a SPRC3:30p Administrative Board 4:30 p | 9 | 10 His Way | 11 5-8 p Activities 5:30 p supper 6:30 p prayer Mtg. | 12 Men's Group 5:30 a | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Community of Hope Luncheon Fundraiser | 16 | 17 His Way | 18 5-8 p Activities 5:30 p supper 6:30 p prayer Mtg. | 19 Men's Group 5:30 a | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 His Way | 25 5-8 p Activities 5:30 p supper 6:30 p prayer Mtg. | 26 Men's Group 5:30 a | 27 | 28 Ministry Planning Day |
| 29 Fifth Sunday Sing @ Hurley UMC | 30 | | | | | |

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Filling up and overflowing with Christ's Love.

Childcare Chapel Time

Mondays –

9:15 a.m.

Length 10 minutes

Speaking to 3 & 4 year olds

Our 2014 schedule is open for sign up, so contact Nona Knight



Child Care Story Time

Wednesdays –

10:00 a.m.

Two separate groups

3 year olds and 4 year olds

Read Time: Approximately 10 minutes

Our 2014 schedule is open for sign up contact Nona Knight

