

November 2013

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3 <i>Daylight Savings begins</i> <i>All Saints & Commitment Sunday</i>	4	5 <i>His Way</i>	6 <i>Supper 5:30 p & Activities</i>	7	8	9
10 <i>SPRC 3:30 pm</i> <i>Administrative Board 4:30 pm</i>	11	12 <i>His Way</i>	13 <i>Supper 5:30 p & Activities</i>	14	15	16
17 <i>Santana's Bridal Shower 2 pm</i>	18	19 <i>His Way</i>	20 <i>Supper 5:30 p & Activities</i>	21	22	23
24 <i>Community Thanksgiving Service 6 pm @ Three Rivers Assembly</i>	25	26	27 <i>No Service or Activities</i>	28 <i>Turkey Day</i>	29	30



Community of Hope has been extremely busy the past few months, especially the month of September. We were honored to host a team of 35 volunteer workers from Florida and Georgia for a week. The team consisted of members of a small Baptist church in Lake City, Florida and two Methodist churches in Georgia. Their team motto is *"It's not about the work; it's all about the Word!"*

This team, along with five of our regular Community of Hope volunteers, worked long hours Monday through Friday on a variety of projects, including installing two roofs, repairing water damage, and removing and replacing damaged flooring.

Here is an overview of their accomplishments:

- Removed the old roofing on two homes and repair decking and install new underlayment and shingles. As often is the case it turned out that that week was a very warm week and the temperatures reached 100 degrees on the roof. The heat slowed the team down but it did not stop them and two homes in Jackson County have new roofs today because of the work.
- Rebuilt the inside of a home damaged by water during Hurricane Isaac and replaced windows and walls damaged by termites. The home now has new living room windows and newly insulated and dry-walled rooms.
- Removed and replaced floors in three homes that were damaged by severe rain events in the area over the past few months. The homes now have new tile floors and the home owners are able to move back into the homes.
- Replaced a subfloor in a home with water damage and added cement board siding on the second story of a home in Pascagoula as well as adding some roof venting to the home.
- Repaired an electrical system in one of the homes.

During this week the Community of Hope team contributed over 1,600 hours of labor and donated over \$8,753.00 of materials. We also utilized materials that we had on hand or were donated to the project by other churches or agencies such as United Way.

The team made a wonderful, lasting impression with our clients. The volunteers spent time with them and broke bread with them as some of the homeowners prepared meals for them on the days they worked.

The crew was very appreciative of CSUMC for allowing them to stay here for the week, and they have already asked to come back to work with us again next year. Check out the T-shirt the team members signed hanging in the hallway to the kitchen. We also expect the NOMADS to arrive in January and stay with us for about six week helping us to continue the work on our outreach ministries. We are truly blessed to have the assistance of these amazing volunteer teams.

Community of Hope extends a special **Thank You** to Caswell Springs United Methodist Church for helping us house our volunteers and raise funds to help those folks in need in Jackson and George Counties. Your generous support is having a direct impact on our community!

There is much more work to do, and we plan to keep working as long as we can to show our clients God's love through our actions.

God bless,
COH Team

HIS WAY MINISTRY

At this time of the year we all begin to think about getting together with family and friends for the holidays. Those of us who are physically able also plan to cook and serve large meals, shop for presents and coordinate get-togethers. It is a busy and fun time for many.

However, it can be a stressful and even sad time for some. For those without family and friends, those who have lost loved ones, those who have serious health problems or those who do not have the financial wherewithal, this can be a depressing and trying time. I think we all know someone who fits in that category.

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Hebrews 13:16

We often put too much emphasis on “doing” and “getting” rather than just truly celebrating the joy of the season. While getting together with friends and family is not a bad thing, it may cause us to forget those who are in need. Their needs can be more than financial. It can be the need of a friend, a call or a visit. We could probably really stretch ourselves and invite someone in need to our gatherings.

Through His Way deliveries we meet many who fall into the category of those that find the holiday season without joy. We ask that each of you PRAY for those less fortunate than us and to guide His Way to reach out to those who are in need and those who are lost and do not know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

His Way challenges you to find someone who doesn't have family or friends and invite them to share Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day with you and your family. We believe this will be more of a blessing to you than those you invite.

FAIR COMMITTEE

THANKS to all who worked diligently to make the fair a success. It takes everyone working together to succeed as this effort did. There were many who made pies, cakes, potato salad. There were those who dipped and cut each day. There were those who made daily runs from the Church to the fair and back again. There were those who cooked and cleaned at the fair, waited on the crowds at the win-

dows and generally just made this a success.

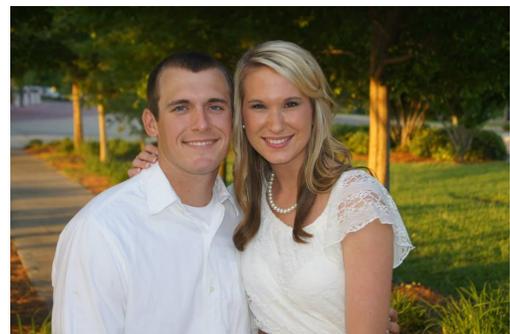
Wouldn't it be wonderful if we came together in all things for the glory of GOD as we did for the fair? The recent study “Treasures of the Transformed Life” teach us to be totally committed to all things for the service of GOD. We at

Caswell Springs can unleash that awesome power to do just that. Let it be so.



Bridal Shower

There will be a bridal shower honoring Santana Adams on Sunday, November 17th at 2:00 pm in the church dining room



Music and Creative Arts

An Attitude of Gratitude

One of the most rewarding things in life is receiving a thank you card. One of the other most rewarding things in life is *sending* a thank you card. Gratitude is a powerful two-way street, and one that I try not to neglect in my professional or personal life. As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to express my thanks to everyone in the church who helps our music and creative arts ministry to thrive. Thank you to choir members of all ages who give up countless hours each week to lead our congregation's song. Thank you to my fellow staff members who help me to see the "big picture" of the overall ministry here at Caswell Springs. Thank you to the incredibly dedicated volunteers in our Wednesday and Sunday programs who plant the seeds of discipleship in our children and youth. Thank you to those in our congregation who express their passion for worship on Sunday mornings through singing, prayer, and responding to God's call at the conclusion of the service. I also thank my wife, Claire, for a wonderful first two years of marriage, and for being supportive of my ministry. Most importantly, I thank God for many things, including bringing me to Mississippi to serve Christ's Church with the amazing people at Caswell Springs.

With much gratitude,
Daniel Banke

Matching Game!

A few months ago, all of our Music and Creative Arts groups took on new names. However, I got the sense during our Children's Sabbath last month that not everyone knows who's who, so here's a matching game to make sure you are keeping up! The answers to the game can be found on the birthdays/anniversaries page.

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| _____ | 1. Sonshine Choir | A. adult choir |
| _____ | 2. Christians in Action (C.I.A.) | B. upper elementary choir |
| _____ | 3. Joyful Noise! | C. puppet team |
| _____ | 4. Sanctuary Choir | D. youth drama team |
| _____ | 5. Cloth Crusaders | E. lower elementary choir |
| _____ | 6. Rejoice Choir | F. preschool/kindergarten music |

Do You Know What I Know?

Believe it or not, Christmas is right around the corner. And you know what that means – a big, inspiring, potentially over-the-top Christmas program! This year's program is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, December 15th, and will involve all of the groups listed in the matching game above and more! It will be called Do You Know What I Know? (for reasons that will become clear that evening). In addition to the music, drama, and visual art, be prepared to enjoy a fantastic reception at the conclusion of the program. All participants in the program should also reserve the morning of Saturday, December 14th for the dress rehearsal, as it will be essential to coordinate all of the moving parts together.

Missions and Evangelism Feature



Our featured person for the month of November is Mrs. Mary Magalenie Johnson Cumbest. If you don't recognize this name maybe you will "Mrs. Ommie" as she is better known. Mrs. Ommie, as I will call her in this article, was born at home in the Wade Community on April 26, 1930, along with a twin brother named Marius (Buddy) Johnson to the proud parents of Capp and Irene Johnson. In addition to Buddy, she had three other brothers: Julian, Guy and A.G. and one sister, Bernice (Ernest) Goff. Mrs. Ommie never wandered far from the Wade Community as she found her husband close to home also.

Mrs. Ommie married Mr. Hillard Cumbest (a good ole home boy) on January 21, 1951. God blessed their union with two sons: Don Julian and Roy Dempsey and three daughters: Ondrea (Skipper) Smith and twin girls who died at birth, so Mrs. Ommie and Mr. Hillard experienced God's uplifting Spirit early in their lives in face of this trauma. Throughout her life, Mrs. Ommie was a homemaker and held her position in high regard, although today some people diminish its value. With the marriage of their children, their family increased by five grand children: Wendy (Starks) Hathcock, Craig (Tara) Smith, Micha Cumbest, Candi (Nathon) Ford, and Kyle Cumbest. As most of us older folks do when our grandchildren come and bring our great grands to visit, Mrs. Ommie lights up at the sight of Hillary, Kaleigh, Jathon, Jolie, Mason and Branson. She also has a very special niece, Wanda Johnson, whom she treasures.

Mrs. Ommie has been a member of Caswell Springs for many years and was very active until she began to have health problems. She served both as President of WSCS, now known as UMW, and as Treasurer for many years. In addition, she taught 7th and 8th grade Sunday School for over thirty (30) years quite an accomplishment in my book! Every year there would be a special time that would roll around in Mrs. Ommie's eyes "Fair Time". She enjoyed the fellowship of the other women as they prepared the roux as well as the fellowship she experienced at the booth itself.

Mrs. Jean Bearden was one of the ladies Mrs. Ommie worked with closely at the Fair and shares that Mrs. Ommie was willing to do whatever needed to be done. Mrs. Jean tells me that they usually stayed until 12:30 - 1:00 a.m. and closed the booth down each morning. She also remembers the fun they had working together with others.

Mrs. Billie Smith, who is a childhood friend of Ondrea's feels like Mrs. Ommie is her second mom and recalls the good eats she always had waiting on them when they came home from school. Sunday dinner was always something special at the Cumbest house and Mrs. Billie credits being able to share in this experience as the reason she always cooks Sunday dinner for her family. Several years back the UMW members had secret pals and Mrs. Billie wondered who would be so caring and giving to her, only to find out that it was Mrs. Ommie. According to Mrs. Billie, it would be hard to find a sweeter, more caring person than Mrs. Ommie in our community.

Mrs. Nell Kennedy remembers Mrs. Ommie as a strong, vibrant active member who was full of passion and energy. One who for many years cooked ALL the rice for the Fair at her home and her support for the youth whether it was transportation (by driving or the loan of her car) or by assuring the adults that "it's going to be a good night, everything is going to be fine" when they were unsure of enough hamburgers for the Perkinston choir when they came to perform at CSUMC Christmas 1971.

In spite of her health problems, Mrs. Ommie continues to do for and encourage others as she can, whether it's sending cards or calling to check on others. Most days you can find Mrs. Ommie at home (if she's not in the doctor's office) where she gets enjoyment by watching and feeding the birds and squirrels in her yard. She always welcomes those who want to stop by for a visit. Mrs. Ommie, you are missed. You are loved. You are not forgotten!

Missions and Evangelism

The Living Water Ministry and the Vessel Ministry are taking a furlough until April, 2014, for several reasons and we extend our gratitude to those members who gave of their time and effort to serve in some capacity to make these successful in planting seeds for the Lord. We pray that when these Ministries start back in April that you will want to be a part of them. In their place we are concentrating our efforts on a church-wide ministry and certainly hope that you will make or have made a commitment to participate as a family. You should have received a letter explaining this new ministry along with a commitment card to be signed, but if you haven't, please inform Lori Cupit or Nona Knight and we will see that you receive one. Great things are continually happening at our church. We have always been a church with a heart for serving, but we can always do more. In God's work, there is no unimportant or little thing. It takes all of us doing something! The Five in Jerusalem Ministry will concentrate on our neighborhoods where we live probably homes we pass every day, but filled with people we don't stop to meet or greet. Several years back, we knew our neighbors and did things as neighbors. Today I think about how people still gather at Mr. Bob and Mrs. Nell Kennedy's house for the rending of the juice from the cane to make syrup and how when I was growing up if someone had a hog to kill all the neighbors came to help and enjoyed a day of work, fun and fellowship. The next week everybody was at another neighbor's house (if the weather was cold enough) doing the same thing. It was a community thing. Most of us today do not experience this neighborly togetherness. Hopefully, the Five in Jerusalem Ministry will bring folks together and most of all give us an opportunity to share the most important thing we have to share with others – God and the plan of salvation as well as an opportunity to come and fellowship with us at church.

If you missed hearing the Bishop preach at Salem Camp Meeting on October 6, you missed the opportunity to feel the Holy Spirit in your soul. He brought out the point of how we can get so excited about a ball game and talk about it with anyone who will listen, but when we have the most important possession in the universe to share with others, that most of us show no joy, no excitement, nor willingness to do so. Let's change that. Let's be a light on the hill for our Lord and Savior. It can not only change the life of the person with whom you share, but you will see a change in your own life.

Birthdays

1 Mary Cumbest	11 Lettie Goff	20 Frank Ingram
1 Elizabeth Brockway	11 Garret Webb	21 Brad Triplett
1 Buddy Davis	12 Keisha Porter	21 Anna Kathryn Fairley
2 Sandy Goff	13 Megen Carr	22 Ryne Long
3 Daniel Sims	14 Ronald Adkison	22 Robert Freeman
4 James Gerrish	15 Debbie Trusler	25 Kay Stephenson
4 Adam Cumbest	15 Brantley Goff	26 Rev. Chris Cumbest
4 Tylor Parker	16 Landon Stennett	26 Emily Hamilton
5 Ellen Griffin	16 Kelly Goff	26 Max Goldman
5 Robbie Slater	18 Katie Freeman	26 Carlie Blackledge
5 Nickolas Krebs	18 Jake Goff	26 Hunter Tallent
6 Garrett Shouse	18 Eric Saksa	27 Katie Jones
7 Norma Craigmiles	18 Melinda Goff	28 Rowan Cupit
8 Darby Cupit	18 Gabe Krebs	29 Sue Lyda
8 Jimmy Coulson	19 Odean Cumbest	29 Colt McCarra
10 Samuel Goff	19 Joanne Pedersen	29 Christy McKinion
10 Mandy Goff	20 Harmon Hall	30 Mary Carpenter
10 Don Glamann	20 Skipper Smith	30 Nancy Jones
10 Rena Smith	20 Larry Murphy	

Anniversaries

7 Tommy & Joan Smith	19 Deryke & Deanne Cumbest	30 Leon & Joyce Hammond
11 Howard & Donna Davis	21 Carroll & Annell Rockwell	
12 Daniel & Claire Banke	23 Chester & Barbara Hutchens	

<u>Matching Game Answer Key</u>	3F
(see page 4)	4A
1E	5C
2D	6B