

THE WATERING CAN



**Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?"
I said, "Here I am. Send me."**

Isaiah 6:1-8 I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Attending him were mighty seraphim... They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!" Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven." Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

In this moving passage, Isaiah records his call to be a prophet of God. Let's take a brief look and see how he became one of the greatest prophets.

Isaiah's part in the story:

Isaiah seeks God in the Temple

Isaiah finds God

Isaiah takes an honest look at himself and repents of his sins

Isaiah receives forgiveness and holiness

Isaiah listens to God

Isaiah obeys God's call on his life

Israel and the world are utterly and profoundly changed by Isaiah's ministry.

When we put ourselves in the place where we can listen to God, God will reveal Himself to us. If we will respond to the revelation, it will bring revolution to our lives. Our lives will become significant and transcendent because the world will be changed. God's revelation will bring revolution if we allow it.

In this new year, it is my desire that we all spend more time searching for God both at church in worship and small groups, as well as in personal prayer, scripture, and devotional time. The more time we spend with God and God's people, the more God will reveal Himself to us. Do you want to make your life better? Then spend more time with God. Do you want to make our church better? Then spend more time alone with God.

Because people have been seeking God, we have so many wonderful things going on around here for people of all ages. Every week I hear testimonies of how people's lives are being changed by what they experience through the ministries of Caswell Springs.

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In the past month, Jr. Porter testified in worship how he and his family have received healing because of the prayers of this church. In the past week, one person committed to making a marriage a better marriage based on our time together. Just today, Community of Hope testified to helping four families have a Christmas when they could not afford Christmas. As I am writing this we received the following email:

“Happy Monday! Sharon, we are so happy that we've gotten the news that my niece who's on the Prayer List has gotten a clean PET scan report from her oncologist. She's been doing chemo and radiation until this Friday and now will be on a maintenance program with check ups. I can't thank you and Caswell Springs prayer groups enough, who've since beginning of August, has been praying for her. Thank you Thank you Thank you. God has truly answered all our prayers with this miracle of healing. It's been a long road for her but her positive attitude, Christian upbringing and the Grace of God got her through this I am sure! Love and Peace, Carol and Stephen (Messer).”

These are great, but there is always room for more of the revolution that comes from God’s revelation. Keep seeking God’s face in all you do.

Seeking God’s Revelation for my Revolution:

Brian

2014 COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP REPORT

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

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The Youth are starting the New Year off with a blast! We had another great Youth-Led worship service. They are learning more and more about being a Disciple for God.

BRING ON 2014!

We are also planning our youth mission trip this summer to Daytona, FL. This will be a full mission-based trip for our youth where they will be working with children, homeless, and elderly. My hope is that it will open our eyes to the needs of the communities around us. We are very excited to start our

fundraising efforts and want to thank everyone for their support.

We will have our Valentine Steak Dinner fundraiser February 15, 2014. You can get tickets from any of the youth.

In God's Love,
Gabe and Brandi

SAFE SANCTUARY

The Education Committee has spent much time and prayer drafting a Safe Sanctuary Policy for our congregation. This policy was approved by the Administrative Board in November. We are making copies of this policy available to you via e-mail, and hard copies are available upon request. It is our wish at CSUMC that by having this policy in place, we can deter any potential problems with anyone harming our children. Thank you so much for your support and understanding through this process. Please bring any concerns and/or suggestions to the Education Committee.

In His Name, Chris Watkins,
Ed. Committee Chairman

As we progress into the procedures of our Safe Sanctuary policy we will launch our electronic check in system for *all children and youth* on February 16. Prior to the launch date it is important that you create your family's account. Please go to <http://go.kidcheck.com>. Select "I am a parent and want to create a free account". Follow the link to "set up your free login account." This takes a few short minutes. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we all learn the new system. If you have any questions please contact Wendy Hadley, Crystal Long, Brandi Krebs, or Chris Watkins.

For a complete step by step guide follow this link. http://www.kidcheck.com/documents/Prima-Guardian_Guide.pdf





Come join us for Wednesday night children's worship

Come join us for Wednesday night children's worship service. This new program is put in place so that 1st through 6th graders can learn to develop a personal relationship with God through worship activities such as: praise songs, skits, object lessons, and prayer.

We have just completed our Duck Kingdom series where the children learned to see others through God's eyes and to use their words to build others up, not tear them down.

They learned that spending time with God helps them face temptation, and that if they want to walk like Jesus, they must show love with their actions. Our next series will be Winter Games. We will be learning how to trust God through hard times. We will also learn that we make mistakes, but with God's forgiveness we get back up and start over. We need perseverance and preparation to go for the gold, but we also need a good coach: The Holy Spirit.

Children ages 3yrs through kindergarten are also provided an opportunity to experience God with a more hands on approach. The children are taught a Bible story and then provided manipulatives to use to reinforce what they have learned.



Children are not born empty vessels waiting to be filled, but vessels of infinite love and wisdom ready to be expressed- Vince Gowman



HIS WAY

Happy Birthday to HIS WAY MINISTRY. This month marks the 7th year of preparing food and delivering to those in need. Through the end of 2013, His Way has delivered 30,120 meals! This is only possible by the generosity of our Church, and we at His Way thank each of you.

Please continue to pray for this ministry. Most (not all) involved with this ministry are more "senior" and don't have the energy we once did. So if you are energetic, have free time on Tuesday's and want a rewarding way to give back, this is the place for you. We welcome all help.

Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Proverbs 19:17

Whoever is generous to the poor, lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

Missions and Evangelism

Dear Disciples,

On behalf of the Missions and Evangelism Team, "thank you" for all you did to help with the "Love Overflowing Weekend". Hopefully the fruits of our labors will grow through God's blessings. At first, my heart was saddened that we did not have more response or participation in our efforts, but then remembered that just one is an accomplishment in God's eyes; so attitude and heart changed. Praise the Lord for the people we have who feel led to serve our Savior in any way.

Working together was an enjoyable experience and hopefully you feel the same way. We are all working for the Lord to serve people in need, but mu- primary purpose is to win souls for His Kingdom. For those that attended Saturday's meeting, Rev. William Montgomery and Rev. Dr. Brian Miller provided tools for us to use in being witnesses and becoming a mission minded church. They both brought words of wisdom for us to ponder and to use to advance God's Kingdom. Our "thanks" go out to them for their participation and their messages. If you were fortunate enough to be able to attend Saturday's meetings and Sunday's worship services, God's Spirit was moving. Could you feel it? Rev. Dale Hathome could feel God's Spirit and shared with us His moving in and among us. What we need to do is to apply to our lives what Rev. Dale taught and to follow the Holy Spirit's leading. Bro. Brian has been leading us in this direction for quite sometime and we are grateful for and appreciative of his pastoral leading

Again, we appreciate all that each of you did to help with our "Love Overflowing Weekend". Whatever your part, thank you for your time spent in preparation and for the time you spent at whatever task that needed to be done for these two days.

Also, a very special "thanks" to Darlene Treece, Mary Fisher, and Myrna Shepherd for their toil in preparing and serving our food for both days. It was delicious. Sometimes we think what we do doesn't count or is not important, but without all of us working together, things would not be complete. Thank you for your fellowship while accomplishing our task and for the many prayers that went up for this weekend and the mission of our church. May God's blessings be on you, yours and your individual Ministry as we try to be God's light and His peculiar people.

In Christ's love,

On behalf of Caswell Springs United Methodist Church Missions and
Evangelism Team

Missions and Evangelism Feature



On December 19, 2013, one of Caswell Springs United Methodist Church's members, Mrs. Juanita Ballinger, was called home to be with our Lord and Savior. I had planned for Mrs. Juanita to be our featured member in January, but the Lord saw the big picture and wanted her to be in His heavenly host, This is a February memorial article instead.

Juanita was born on October 27, 1928, to Ray and Thelma Havens. She later welcomed her only sibling, a sister, Winifred (Winnie) and through the years they became very, very close. Like siblings do, Mrs. Juanita being older enjoyed playing tricks on her younger sister. Winnie remembers with fondness that Juanita would always make her ask their Dad for permission to go places. If Winnie refused to ask; then Juanita would say, "If you don't ask, then we just won't go." Of course, Winnie would ask because they wanted to go! Mrs. Winnie also recalls the time Mrs. Juanita chased her with a live snake, and although Mrs. Juanita had been told the snake was not poisonous; it turned out that the snake was poisonous! Thankfully, no one was bitten. Juanita and Winnie grew up in Vancleave, Mississippi, and graduated from Vancleave Consolidated High School. Other than living in Jackson, Mississippi, for a short while, Juanita lived in Jackson County.

Mrs. Juanita was first married to Tub Goff and Winnie became Mrs. Clarence Rhodon Ganison and currently lives in Gulfport. Mrs. Juanita and Mr. Tub had two children, Douglas Goff, who is deceased and Brenda Goff who is married to Ricky Grafton. Ricky and Brenda are in the process of building a new house in Natchez, Mississippi, and had planned for Mrs. Juanita to move in with them once it was finished.

Mrs. Juanita later married James Lavelle Ballinger (who she called the love of her life) and added two bonus children to her family, Barbara (Watson) and Ronnie Ballinger. Mrs. Juanita was a proud grandmother to three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In November, 2009, Mrs. Juanita lost the love of her life, Mr. James, as God called him home and as many of us do; had to learn to live without him. Winnie also experienced widowhood. In talking with Mrs. Juanita, she often expressed her abundant love for all her family and how much they had done for her through the years, especially Winnie, Brenda and Barbara.

Mrs. Sylvia Goff believes Mrs. Juanita reflected the character of someone who loved Caswell Springs United Methodist Church, Through the years she had seen Mrs. Juanita always be supportive of the leaders and ministers of our church and she had displayed a deep love for our Lord and Savior. In her eyes Mrs. Juanita was, "an exemplary Christian lady". According to Mrs. Sylvia, "she began attending Caswell Springs because of the influence of her second grade grandson and Mrs. Juanita"

Mrs. Sylvia and Mrs. Juanita worked together at the hospital from which they both retired. To quote Mrs. Sylvia, "Juanita showed a great work ethic that she carried throughout her life." "She is my work friend, my church friend, and my friend friend and my life is richer, as well as the life of others, because of her and how she lived her life". "Mrs. Juanita was always willing to "go" and enjoyed many ladies day out with her friends and her sister, Winnie."

Mrs. Gail Lassitter and Mrs. Juanita were friends for many, many years. She was privileged to work with Mrs. Juanita at the Jackson County Courthouse for Mr. Vertis Ramsay, Circuit Clerk, for fifteen or more years. Mrs. Gail found Mrs. Juanita to be a loyal friend through the years. There was a standing impression at work according to Mrs. Gail (and she remembers that Mrs. Juanita was kidded) that Juanita sat in a chair all night because she always came to work each day her hair and dress just perfect; as if she had stepped out of a magazine. (By the way, to those of us who knew her, she still looked that way, except the hospital hair she had to suffer through, but who hasn't if you have ever been in the hospital for any length of time!)

Mrs. Gail recalled (as many of us do) that one of Mrs. Juanita's favorite hobbies was making cakes, pies, and candy for her friends and she was always willing to share these with her church family as well. And of course, her famous Banana Pudding that everyone looked forward to at our church dinners will not be forgotten. Through the years Mrs. Juanita made many of those items for the fair, especially her pies and they were always enjoyed by everyone who had the good fortune to have a bite. Mrs. Juanita expressed to me that she prayed that the person eating any of her baked goods would know that it was baked and served with God's unconditional love.

Although she worked outside the home and cared for her family, she still used her talents to glorify her Lord and Savior at church, at home, and at work. Mrs. Juanita told me many times that she chose to trust God with all her circumstances and her life was a reflection of her words. We give thanks to the Lord for allowing our paths to cross and for making our lives richer because of her and her humble, caring and loving spirit. Mrs. Juanita, you are missed. You are loved. You will not be forgotten!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will be celebrating **Valentine's Day** on February 16 during the Sunday school hour. We will be sharing sweet treats while we learn about the ultimate gift of love.

If you would like to help with treats or setup and clean up please contact Wendy Hadley.



For God so loVed the world
that He gAve
His onLy
begottEn
soN
That whosoever
believeth In him
Shall Not perish
But have Everlasting life.

John 3:16

COH Welcomes NOMADS to Kick Off 2014



With a successful 2013 in our rear view, the COH team looks forward to a great 2014. We kicked off the year by welcoming NOMADS. Please say hello to Paul and Shirley Hope, Don and Lillian Thomson, and John and Ruth Briggs if you see them in the halls of CSUMC. We are so grateful for their hard work and dedication to the mission to helping those in need.

COH is still repairing homes from the flooding last year, and our backlog of work grows every week with folks needing a variety of assistance types. Please pray for our team and our clients as we work together to help those in our area. As always, thanks to this great church family for your support.

Music & Creative Arts



How Can I Keep from Singing?

One of the Sanctuary Choir's favorite songs these days is "How Can I Keep from Singing" – a wonderful choral arrangement of a Quaker hymn from the 1800s. One line particularly stands out:

*The peace from Love makes fresh my heart; a song of hope is springing.
All things are mine since Truth I've found. How can I keep from singing!*

Life always gives us many things to sing about. This is especially noticeable when one of our favorite songs comes on the radio or is sung in worship on Sunday morning. The *Truth* that the Quaker hymn refers to should always be at the top of our list of things to sing about. In Christ, God has given us a gift to share with others through our singing, regardless of our ever-changing moods or tough situations. Here's a glimpse into how our choirs are singing about that *Truth* this spring...

Joyful Noise!

Our Preschool and Kindergarten musicians are often doing many things besides singing – such as playing instruments, dancing, and using their imagination to make musical stories come alive – but singing is always at the heart of what we do. No matter what's "trending" in the music world, we will continue to sing about things that *every* church member should know for a lifetime: Jesus Loves Me, The B-I-B-L-E, Zacchaeus, and many other important lessons found in these songs. Your child is welcome to make a joyful noise with us on Wednesdays at 5:00!

Sonshine Choir

Our children in grades 1-3 are learning how to *praise* God, *thank* God, and *love* God through their singing this spring. They will also be a big part of our Palm Sunday service this year, singing a special song about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. And if you ask any member of Sonshine Choir, they will be sure to tell you about all of the fun musical games that we play each week! Your child is welcome to be a part of the fun – while learning about the light of the *Son* – on Wednesdays at 6:10.

Rejoice Choir

Our children in grades 4-6 are singing the ever-popular "Days of Elijah" this spring, and learning about the important Bible characters found in the song (Elijah, Moses, Ezekiel, and David). When we begin the season of Lent, Rejoice Choir will offer a musical prayer called "Guide Us, Lord" that will encourage each of us to *know* God more clearly, *love* God more dearly, and *follow* God more nearly every day of our lives. Also, you'll be excited to hear what they have in store for Homecoming Sunday! Toward the end of the spring, we'll begin preparing for our awesome cruise along the Nile river (aka Music Camp) that is scheduled for July 7-11. Come join us on Wednesdays at 5:30!

Sanctuary Choir

Do you know that your redeemer lives? You will *certainly* know by the end of the 10:50 service on February 2 when the Sanctuary Choir sings about the power of that statement! This is just one of the many things that our adult choir is excited about this spring. We are also beginning special projects for both the women and men of the choir. As such, if you have ever considered joining us, now is a great time to do so. Please contact Daniel through the church office if you have prayerfully considered using your gifts through this thriving ministry. One of our new year's resolutions is to be on the lookout for people that not only have a voice with which to sing, but also the heart with which to be a servant leader. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:20.

Birthdays

1 Ramsay McCarra	11 Jamie Buxton	21 Kelly Goff
1 Wesleigh Watkins	11 Carroll Rockwell	22 Kip Grantham
1 Wyatt Watkins	11 Chris Watkins	22 Alma Stewart
1 Loni Fagan	11 Jessie Lacy	23 Myrlene Shemper
2 Isaiah Scott	11 Nancy Lowe	23 Stephanie Crump
2 Lisa Holder	12 Jason Pugh	23 Myrl Goff
3 Elaine Parker	13 Roy Goff	24 Lorri Freeman
4 Bryce Jackson	13 Marie Ingram	24 Maria Stockman
5 Bobby Goldman	15 Noah Goff	24 Dobin Parker
5 Jeff Davis	15 Vince Smith	24 Kirk Miles
5 Josh Shouse	15 Sara Carter	24 Brian Yancey
6 Heather Seymour	16 Patricia Goff	25 Gracie Mae Seymour
6 E.J. Hamrick	16 Larry Pierce	26 Paula Goff
6 Heather Webb	18 Jerald Goff	26 Callie Sims
6 Erin Fagan	19 Trey Gerrish	26 Marinell Cumbest
7 Terry Adkison	19 Norilyn Cumbest	27 Madison Holder
10 Pam Sward	20 Jason Sims	28 Jordan Buxton
10 Wendy Hathcock	20 Gary Allgood	
10 Nell Holder	21 Heather White	

Anniversaries

1 Harry & Marcia Goff	11 Don & Betty Glamann	19 Jamie & Elaine Webb
4 Scott & Barbara Stephenson	16 Gary & Cheryl Ann Allgood	24 Anthony & Glenda Stewart
5 Shannon & Mandy Goff	17 Jessie & Peggy Davis	
6 Rustin & Keisha Porter	18 Roy & Mandy Goff	

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Men's BB
2 Worship Com. Mtg. 4p	3	4 His Way	5 Supper & Activities	6 6 p Trustees Mtg.	7	8 Men's BB
9 Ad. Board 4:30 pm	10 Ed. Com Mtg. 5:45p	11 His Way	12 Supper & Activities	13	14  Valentine's	15 5p Youth Steak Dinner
16 Staff Mtg. 4p	17	18 His Way	19 Supper & Activities	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21	22 Men's BB
23 12 p UMW retreat	24	25 His Way	26 Supper & Activities	27	28	



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