

The Watering Can

Caswell Springs UMC

July 2014

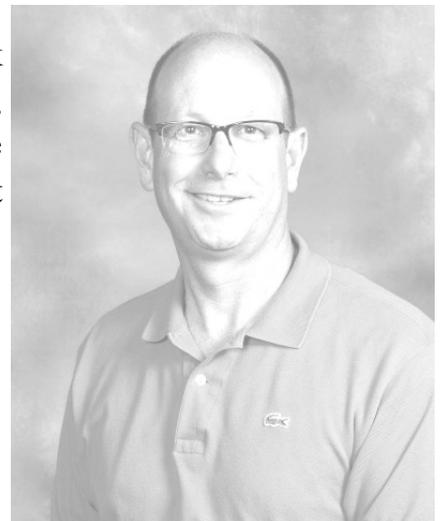
“If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:1-11)

I was excited to see that the theme for Vacation Bible School this year is *Athens: Paul’s Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth*. I will tell you, I love Paul’s writings. Perhaps the thing that I love most is that they are so relevant for our lives and living today. I say that because at the very core of Paul’s letters we find him helping those churches to whom he wrote come to understand what it means to be the church; we find him helping those individuals who made up the church understand what discipleship means, even in the midst of their busy lives and competing interest. I don’t know about you, but my life sometimes gets a bit busy and there are so many things that vie for my attention. Indeed, how relevant Paul’s words written so long ago are for our lives and living today.

In that spirit, we will be hearing from Paul in a short, four week series which will begin Sunday, June 29 and conclude Sunday, July 20. I look forward to seeing you in worship as we too share Paul’s journey to share the truth and come to understand that truth in our lives.

Grace and Peace,

Kevin



DID YOU??

DID you see the article in June's Newsletter about the upcoming "fun"draiser in August? DID you read the part about the request for volunteers? DID you ask yourself "what can I do?"

Just as a reminder, this fundraiser will benefit three areas in the Church – His Way, Choir, and Youth. His Way will use the money to buy groceries for the upcoming year to feed shut-ins, the Choir intends to put the funds toward the purchase of new robes and chairs for the choir loft, and the Youth will use theirs for their yearly trip. For the next two years, the Youth are taking mission- oriented trips. The fundraiser will attempt to raise money in three ways - a love offering at the door the night of the event, selling votes for the best talent, and selling fish dinners both for delivery at lunch and dine-in for the evening meal at the Church.

While we don't all have the kind of talent needed for the talent show, there are other things you can do. Someone will be contacting you to donate potato salad, baked beans and/or dessert. If you feel you cannot do this, you can donate toward the purchase of the fish, oil, etc. Another important area where help is needed is to get large numbers of orders from people you know or work with that will be delivered at lunch. You can also volunteer to deliver lunches, or better yet, help cook, clean, and package the meals. If you or someone you know has a talent they wish to share, please contact the Talent Committee names listed below.

Your presence at the event and your inviting others to join us is another way you can help. This is an opportunity for us as Christians to reach out to the Community.

Here are the areas you can volunteer and the person to contact.

Gym Set Up/Clean Up	- Gabe & Brandi Krebs
Kitchen Cooking	- Jessie Davis/Ricky Dearman/Dobbin Parker
Kitchen Packaging	- Mary Fisher
Delivery	- Rhonda Parker
Talent	- Daniel Banke /Ellie Wierson / Rhonda Parker
Decorations	- Mary Murphy/Lavelle Goff / Barbara Hutchens / Nancy Jones
Advertising	- Norman Cupit / Nona Knight / Lynn Wilson/ Lori Freeman

Included in this Newsletter is a form to use for obtaining large orders. We will deliver to outside areas by 11 a.m. on August 1. The evening meal will be served at the Church from 5-7 p.m. The meal will consist of fish, baked beans, potato salad, hush puppies, and dessert. The cost of meal is \$10 per plate. Please turn in this form to the Church Office no later than July 28.

The theme for last year's event was Elvis and the 50's. Our theme this year will be a "Salute to the Military". We hope to have attendees that have been on the Honor Flight (WWII Veterans). Do you know a Vet? If so, please invite them.

Please come and join us for some fun Christian fellowship.

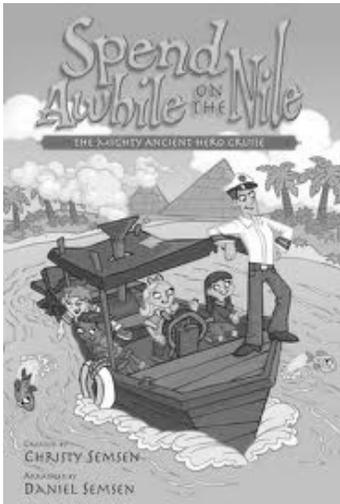
Music and Worship Arts

Patriotic Cookout and Sing-a-long

Due to the tremendous success of last year's patriotic cookout and sing-a-long in celebration of Independence Day, we are doing it again this year on Wednesday, July 2! We will have a cookout at 5:30, followed by a sing-a-long at 6:30 with all your USA-themed favorites. The community is invited to join us, particularly service men and women, as each branch of the military will be recognized. So if you're proud to be an American, where at least you know you're free, we'll see you there in your red, white, and blue. Speaking of red, white, and blue, be sure to bring your favorite dessert that features those colors!



Spend Awhile on the Nile



You have been hearing a lot about our 2nd annual Music Camp for months now, and the time for camp is finally here. Regardless of whether you have a child involved in the camp, the performance of this fun musical on the evening of Friday, July 11 at 6:30 is something that you will not want to miss! Between Captain "Jack" Cruise's outrageous show tunes, the Pharaoh singing the blues, and the passengers from Caswell Springs setting the record straight about well-known Old Testament stories that took place by the Nile River, it will be an unforgettable evening of entertainment and ministry. This year's cast is unbelievably talented, so expect to leave with lots of songs and dramatic scenes that will stay with you for years!

Sanctuary Choir Workshop

Have you ever thought about sharing your gifts with our church by singing in the Sanctuary Choir? If so, please consider joining us for our choir workshop on August 9. The choir will begin preparing music for the fall, take part in voice training exercises, and grow spiritually through times of group devotion and worship. We'll cap off the day with a fun evening of food and fellowship. It promises to be a great experience for all involved, and if you are interested in joining this ministry, this is a great time to get started. Please contact Daniel Banke through the church office at some point during the month of July (while the choir is on break) for more details.



2014 VBS was a success! The children traveled to Athens to learn of Paul's dangerous journey of spreading the life-changing truth of God's Love. We would like to thank everyone for donating items, giving their time, and prayers to make this a successful ministry not only to our children here at Caswell Springs, but also to the children in our community.

Crystal and Wendy



Rotation Sunday School

We are finishing up our Good Samaritan unit. The children have been learning what it means to be a good neighbor. We have been good neighbors to a local family by collecting groceries, gift cards, and helping with gas for their travel to Oschner's with their baby. Please help us pray for baby "A". Our prayer is that the doctors will be able to diagnose and treat her so that she will feel relief.

What is Evangelism?

According to the dictionary, evangelism is the preaching of or earnest effort to spread the Gospel. As we begin a new step in the life of our church, let's all make an earnest effort to spread God's Word to others.

There are many ways to accomplish the spreading of God's love; and therefore, the Gospel. The most obvious is to use our mouth to tell others that God has a plan for each of us and that Jesus died on the cross as payment for our sins. Our salvation is known only by God and each of us because He looks in the heart.

We as sinners must accept (have faith), repent, and confess our sins; and then, we will want to be baptized following Christ's example. God, in His wisdom, knew that we would need guidance here on earth and gave us the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit to help us. After that as a Christian, we are commanded to obey and do God's work on earth, not for our salvation, but for the act of obedience to Him. It is through Christ that we as Christians have hope; the hope of one day being able to go to the glorious place that God has prepared for us. But along with that hope, we must have endurance. Endurance to continue spreading His Word no matter what obstacles we might face; even the threat of death for our beliefs. All these are the basis for our Christian faith.

There is another way to spread God's love. It can be done by our example; whether by our actions or deeds, but first we must make sure that we are God's child. That is the only way for us, as Christians, to spread His Gospel. His Word tells us that many will say that they did things in His name, but He will say, "I know you not".

In the narthex of the church, there is information sheets describing each of the ministries that we, as a church, are striving to use to spread the Gospel and love of God during 2014. If you have not chosen to participate in one or more of these, please select one or more and become a part.

Let's make Evangelism (the spreading of the Gospel) a priority in our lives. No matter our age, there are things we can do to spread His love and His Gospel to others. Missions and Evangelism

Missions and Evangelism Feature

The month of July Feature is Mrs. Carl Odean Scarbrough Cumbest (Mrs. Odean was named after her grandmother, and yes Carl is the correct spelling), who is a life-long member of Caswell Springs United Methodist Church. Mrs. Odean is a true native of Wade, Mississippi, having been born at the home of her parents, George and Dora Scarbrough on November 19, 1930. She comes from a large family of four girls and three boys which was not so unusual then, but is not the norm now. The Scarbrough boys: George better known as Buddy (Nelda), Linwood (Anna Leigh), and Denvil (Abby) have all passed away as well as one of her sisters, Yvonne called Bonnie who was married to Mr. Charles Goff. Remaining are her sisters, Jo Ann (Roy) Jenkins and Nancy (Alan) Kalifeh.



Like many of the native people of the big metropolis of Wade, Mrs. Odean graduated from Wade School and later married Mr. Cleveland Cumbest (who always called her “Deanie”) on September 3, 1949. After 49 years of marriage, Mrs. Odean, lost her one and only in 1999. They have two children, Carla (Danford) Whittington and Doug (Shelia) Spencer. The following are proud to call Mrs. Odean, Grandmamma: Rustin (Keisha) Porter, Buffie (Gene) Dalrymple, Jason (Heidi) Porter, and Anna Spencer as well as eight great-grandchildren: John Rustin, Kylie, Jade, Hollis, and Haydn Porter, Bailey Clark, Tessa (Josh) Williamson, and Caitlin Dalrymple.

Mrs. Odean’s work experience consisted of working for the Jackson County Packing Company in Three Rivers which was owned by her brother, Buddy, for many years, but the majority of her time was spent caring for children-her own, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and a few others thrown in the mix. In 1988, she and Mr. Cleve retired and spent all of their time with each other and with their family as she continued to be the devoted Mother and Grandmamma.

There are others who felt Mrs. Odean’s mothering besides her family. Mrs. Janey Cumbest expressed her pleasure of knowing Mr. Cleve and Mrs. Odean since she married and moved to this community forty-two years ago. Mrs. Odean and Mr. Cleveland became a very important part of their family embracing her, Royce and their children, Jamey and Gray. Mrs. Odean’s eldest grandson, Rustin, became Gray’s steadfast friend and this bond caused Mr. Odean to become another “Grandmama” to Gray. Janey stated and I quote, “And what a wonderful Grandmama she has always been! She could wake up at midnight with 10 year old boys wreaking havoc in her kitchen without batting an eye. She fed them, washed their ball uniforms, rounded them up to get to ball practice, and fed them once again, and blessed them with her constant love all the while keeping Cleveland “calm” (or trying to) and making sure that Rustin, Gray, and Jason didn’t injure Buffie, their sister, or that Buffie didn’t kill one of them. (Typical family isn’t it!)”

Another quote from Janey concerning Mrs. Odean, “I know that God has blessed us all by letting us be a part of her life. Her calm, quiet, Christian example is one we should all strive to achieve. She and Cleveland were such a big part of the foundation of our church. They, and friends like them, have been the building blocks that make Caswell Springs what it is today and we should never forget the wonderful Christian models they have given us to emulate.”

Although, many of us have forgotten that “mothering” is more than a job or responsibility, Mrs. Odean didn’t and hasn’t. It has been her “Ministry”. Mrs. Odean, we thank you for your example. You are in our prayers and never forget that you are loved!

Birthdays

1 Jennie Goff	7 Jimmy Howell	15 Jacob Jones	23 Anna Grace Holder
1 Casey Pedersen	7 Jade Porter	16 Adrian Rawls	24 Tammy Adams
2 Doug Crump	7 Michael Jones	16 Mike Carr	24 Tim Fairley
2 Karah Cumbest	8 Brooks Kyser Smith	17 Kristi Burge	25 Penny Dearman
2 Gail Lassitter	10 Ranzi Jackson	18 Joseph Schambeau	25 Lauren Davis
3 Candi Cumbest	10 Tyler Grantham	18 Mary Murphy	25Deanna Pugh
3 Reagan Holder	10 Angela Allemand	19 Don Wierson	26 Nancy Walker
4 Jesse Cumbest	10 Merle Cumbest	19 Wayne Rawls	27 Stacy Smith
4 Elton Parker	11 Fonda Garriga	19 Levonda Hamilton	28 Tammy Grantham
4 Selena Smith	11 Timothy Rawls	20 Robin Depperschmidt	29 Seth Dearman
4 Grace Allgood	11 Jeremy Jones	21 Neva Dryden	29 C.T. White
5 Emily Fisher	12 Aden Goff	21 Xinia Poore	30 Kim Adkison
5 Rachel Cumbest	13 Jay Weston	21 Betty Jones	31 Kate Wright
5Kenny Wade	14 Nicholas Taylor	22 Sandra Rose Jowers	
6 Ryan Dueitt	14 Avery Sward	23 Dustin Hamrick	
6 Tabithe Pierce	15 Savie Goff	23 Ashley Cumbest	

Anniversaries

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

Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Dearman request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter
ASHTON PAIGE
to
BRIAN DAVID
son of
Mr. and Mrs. Loren Harris
July 26, 2014 at 5:00 PM, here at Caswell Springs
A reception to follow.

July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:30 pm Patriotic Cookout & Sing-a- -long	3 5:30 am Men's Prayer Group	4 Happy Fourth of July	5
6 4:30 pm Admin- istrative Board	7	8	9 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 Activities	10 5:30 am Men's Prayer Group Trustees Mtg. 6 pm	11 6:30 pm Spend Awhile on the Nile	12
Music Camp 7-11						
13	14	15	16 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 Activities	17 5:30 am Men's Prayer Group	18	19
20	21	22	23 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 Activities	24 5:30 am Men's Prayer Group	25	26 Ashton Dearman's Wed- ding 5 pm
27	28	29	30 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 Activities	31 5:30 am Men's Prayer Group	August 1 Church Fundraiser	

