

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 Steve Keylon | 9 Linda Booker | 21 Kathy Greene |
| 1 Helen Kincannon | 10 Leon Hicks | 21 Watt McBrayer |
| 1 Angela Moffett | 11 Jerrie Patton | 22 Ashton Hoffman |
| 1 Richard Stair | 12 Nash Garrison | 24 Donna Mullins |
| 3 Pat Douglas | 12 Jeremy Moffett | 25 Cathy Barnes |
| 3 Beth Keylon | 15 Sylvia Baldwin | 26 Bryan Massengale |
| 4 Diane Yonke | 15 Beth Casady | 27 Constance Garrison |
| 5 Ralph Root | 16 Chris Haerr | 28 Mary Drinkard |
| 5 Kevin Rose | 18 Casey Cash | 29 Linda Mathis |
| 7 Ann Winterberger | 19 Alex Thurman | 29 Katie Rose |
| 8 Jennings Smith | 20 Roy Phillips | 29 Kayla Gilliam |
| 8 Lois Walling | 21 Gary Gilmore | 31 Angie Rose |



May



Faithful Workers

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| 5/7 | 5/14 | 5/21 | 5/28 |
| <u>Acolyte</u>
Olivia Garrison | <u>Acolyte</u>
Sophie Grant | <u>Acolyte</u>
Olivia Garrison | <u>Acolyte</u>
Sophie Grant |
| <u>Nursery</u>
C: Bobbie G.
SS: Beth C.
T: Bobbie G. | <u>Nursery</u>
C: Angie R.
SS: Barbara R.
T: Meaghan M. | <u>Nursery</u>
C: Wanda M.
SS: Barbara R.
T: Constance G. | <u>Nursery</u>
C: Susan M.
SS: Barbara R.
T: Sandy M. |
| <u>Ushers</u>
Group 1 | <u>Ushers</u>
Group 1 | <u>Ushers</u>
Group 1 | <u>Ushers</u>
Group 1 |
| <u>Altar Guild</u>
Jerrie Patton | <u>Altar Guild</u>
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Happy Anniversary!

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| 5/5
Don & Naomi Hinely | 5/10
Jacob & Laura Moffett | 5/14
Josh & Kim Wheat | 5/26
Scott & Laura Messimer |
| 5/7
Tommy & Loretta Hale | 5/13
Bill & Sue Speaker | 5/22
Don & Dina Hess | 5/27
Tom & Kathy Heimeil |
| 5/7
Billy Ray & Jerrie Patton | 5/14
Joel & Betty Barnes | 5/22
Garry & Sandy Morgan | |

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 TLC	2 8:30 MDO 11:00 Women's Service Club-FH 6:00 Circle of Love	3 10:00 Bible Study-FH 11:30 Prayer Gathering 5:00 KidSpring 6:00 Choir Practice	4 8:30 MDO	5	6 FLC Reserved
7 First Sunday-First Dollar 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service 6:00 The Spring Youth-FLC 8:00 AA-FH	8 10:00 TLC	9 8:30 MDO	10 11:30 Prayer Gathering 5:00 KidSpring 6:00 Choir Practice	11 8:30 MDO	12	13
14 Happy Mother's Day! 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service 6:00 The Spring Youth-FLC 8:00 AA-FH	15 10:00 TLC 6:00 Church Council Meeting	16 8:30 MDO	17 11:30 Prayer Gathering 5:00 KidSpring 6:00 Choir Practice	18 8:30 MDO 6:00 Girl Scouts-FH	19	20
21 Graduate Sunday 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service 6:00 The Spring Youth-FLC 8:00 AA-FH	22 10:00 TLC	23	24 11:30 Prayer Gathering 6:00 Choir Practice	25 6:00 VBS/Safe Sanctuaries Training-FLC	26	27
28 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service 8:00 AA-FH	29 Office Closed for Memorial Day 	30	31 11:30 Prayer Gathering 6:00 Choir Practice			



The Global Methodist Church is passionately committed to worshipping and praising the Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is eager to winsomely proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to all the world. And it is joyfully dedicated to making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

About the logo:

The logo marries the distinctive representation of the cross with the idea of the Trinity, visualized by the three interlocking circles that also make reference to the shape of the globe.

About the tagline *Worshiping in Spirit & Truth*:

The tagline for the Global Methodist Church comes from the most important elements of our message found in John 4:23-24. "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

To the left of this column you will find some information about the Global Methodist Church. The logo will be seen most often in this format, using the GMC's predominate colors Ebony (black) and Lapis (blue). A brief explanation of what the logo represents and what the tagline *Worshiping in Spirit & Truth* means is included along with the short description of the GMC. This information was taken from their brand book which can be found, along with other information, at www.globalmethodist.org.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	3/26	4/2	4/9	4/16
Contemporary Worship	20	27	—	25
Sunday School	35	37	35	21
Traditional Worship	70	65	125	44
Traditional Live Stream	22	31	39	21

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

	3/26	4/2	4/9	4/16
General Budget	4,323.00	10,004.90	4,770.00	3,867.00
FFF	770.00	1,320.00	420.00	1,070.00
MDO	440.00	140.00	2,400.00	480.00
Other	1,245.00	463.00	0.00	928.00
Total	6,778.00	11,927.90	7,590.00	6,345.00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Gary Gilmore	Nancy Gilliam	Ken Hasting	Sandy Morgan
Daryl Watson	June Tallent	Sandra Bartizal	Carol Price
Pat Douglas	Naomi Hinely	Shari Norris	Liz Stair
Bob Distad	T.C. Cash	Manuel Christi	

Bob Distad Spring City Care & Rehab, #205 331 Hinch St.
June & Karen Tallent Spring City Care & Rehab, 331 Hinch St.
Kathleen Reece Spring City Care & Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.
Imogene Robbins Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City

Marie Haynes

(sister of Joe Lisa)

Bill Winterberger

(son of Gina Winterberger)

Peggy Estrada

(friend of Peggy Bowman)

Jan Baker Pitts

(friend of Peggy Bowman)

Missy Dowker Green

(friend of Norman & Peggy Bowman)

Carla Bean

(friend of Connie Roberts)

Phil Burroughs

(son of Susie Strunk)

Donna Austin

(friend of Walt & Linda Morse)

Lance Ward

(friend of Richard DeCroce)

Barbara West

(friend of Susan Maddux)

Tammy Pritchett

(friend of Connie Roberts)

Doug Houck

(son-in-law of Diane Yonke)

Patti Pritchett

(cousin of Connie Roberts)

Kay Madewell

(friend of Connie Roberts)

Toni Scoggins

(niece of Felix & Emmaly Fisher)

Alesia McNeley

(friend of Jerry & Rayna Henley)

Rita Ellison

(sister of Rayna Henley)

Chris Stanek

(friend of Connie Roberts)

Mexico Medical Mission Team

Mark Cumnock

Luke Bolton

(grandson of Wanda McCarter)

Ilene Bryan

Kathy Morse

(daughter of Walt & Linda Morse)

Kathy Ray Shoopman

(daughter of Stella Ray)

Running the Race

Rev. Dave Grant, Pastor

I write this article with mixed emotions. I reflect back on my life and the baptism I received at St. Elmo Methodist Church. It was at the time of transition in the merging of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren. I don't remember those days as I was too young, but do have fond memories of visiting St. Elmo with my grandmother. I have vivid memories growing up United Methodist at White Oak. My work in United Methodist camping and my time at the United Methodist Wesley Foundation at Tennessee Tech were both times of ministry that help me discern my call to full-time ministry. Just as Bobbie and I were starting our family and looking at moving our church home to Ringgold, GA, I heard the call to stay at White Oak and serve the youth there. That became a time of great transformation as I also during that time began online studies in seminary. And I reflect back on 12 years of full-time ministry in Holston Conference, and realize these have all been good years.

During a Called Special Session of the Holston Annual Conference on April 22, Spring City's decision to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church was ratified, and I surrendered my United Methodist credentials all to become effective May 29. I'm not going to mince words here: this has been the most difficult season of my life as I have sought to discern and walk by faith. I know the same is true for each one of you, my beloved. Yet I am excited for our future in a new expression of the Wesleyan movement. God has great plans for us if we will listen and follow God in faith. It is a joy to serve as your pastor, and I look forward to what God is going to do in us and through us in the coming years.

I know that some of you are happy, some are neutral, and some of you are hurting. For those of you who are hurting, yes, I do hurt with you. I want to address some of that concern and offer

the love of Jesus Christ as a balm for the hurt. I need to also provide what you can expect in this month of May, and the expectations of membership in the future.

As the Annual Conference met to worship and share communion together, we acknowledged during communion that "Although we will part from this table on different paths, we all arrive here and will leave here as God's beloved children." This annual conference was about love, grace, and blessing, and for that I am grateful for the way the Holston Conference and Bishop Wallace-Padgett handled everything. We go forward with no animosity, but with the holy love of Jesus Christ for those choosing new paths forward and for those remaining United Methodist.

In the coming weeks, you will notice changes in our church as we begin replacing signs and using our new name **Spring City Methodist Church**. We will also have a new website and email addresses. We will post on our Facebook page, in the bulletins, and coming newsletter what those will be when they are active.

On Monday, May 29, Spring City Methodist Church will officially become a part of the Global Methodist Church. On that same day I will become an ordained elder in the Global Methodist Church and each of Spring City's professing members will become members of the Global Methodist Church. Those on the baptized roll will remain on the baptized roll. On Sunday, June 4, we will worship with a Wesleyan Covenant renewal service and have time to remember our baptisms and membership vows, and celebrate Holy Communion.

If you wish to remain a member of the United Methodist Church (UMC), I understand and support your decision. While I am saddened that you may choose to no longer be a part of this church family, I know that you can fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ as a United Methodist, and I want to help you move to the place you feel called. If you know of another UMC that you wish to join, please let me know and I will coordinate with that church's pastor on your transfer. If you do

not yet know of a church, feel free to talk to me about ideas. Another option while you discern is to transfer your membership to the Hiwassee District of the UMC until you make a decision on a local church. If that is your desire, please let me know, and I will get you that transfer form. I pray God's richest blessings in your life and that you experience God's love and grace in a myriad of ways.

Ephesians 4:4-6

⁴For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

⁵There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

As we seek **to join God in a journey of bringing new life, reconciliation, and the presence of Christ to all people, and to helping each person reflect the character of Christ** (Global Methodist Vision), in the coming months, we will continue looking at how Paul sought to offer Christ to the church in Rome. I encourage you to be present as much as possible as we move forward as a church. We anticipate holding one another accountable to our membership vows to serve God and participate in God's holy Church.

We will be picking up our discussions from our Moving Forward campaign from last fall and will be looking at how we focus our ministry and our outward missions. We will be expecting every member in ministry and mission as we go forward **to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly (Global Methodist Mission)**.

Expectantly,
Dave

Spring City Methodist Church

**GET READY FUR
A GRRRRREAT VBS!**

June 12th -14th

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Family Vacation Bible School

We will offer classes for all ages.

Dinner will be served at 5.



**PETS
UNLEASHED**
WHERE JESUS
CARES FUR YOU

**IT'S GONNA BE A
HOWLIN' GOOD TIME!**



Church family we need your help! Please contact Angie Rose or Constance Garrison to sign up for opportunities to serve, lead, and most of all have fun as we learn how Jesus cares "FUR" us!

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2023 Easter Festival



On Palm Sunday, our church had its annual Easter Festival. We counted 50 children and around 17 volunteers present. Thank you to everyone who helped make this festival possible for the kids in our community! Fun was had by all, but most importantly, the love of Jesus was shared.

On March 29, several women from our church, along with Pastor Dave, had the pleasure of providing desserts and drinks for a lunch-time party for the Best Buddies chapter at Rhea County High School. Everyone attending, including our church members, had a wonderful time! Best Buddies International is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical, and economic isolation of the 200 million people globally who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. One of the most effective ways to do this is by helping young people form meaningful friendships with their peers. Although the RCHS Best Buddies chapter is just in its second year, more than 120 students have become involved. They communicate with their Buddy weekly and participate in special activities monthly. Buddies have repeatedly expressed the feeling that they have more friends, and peer buddies have a changed perspective on disability. Some have even been motivated to choose Special Education as a career. The group at RCHS is in consideration for Chapter of the Year, which includes clubs in schools around the world. A representative of Best Buddies from Nashville indicated that the involvement displayed by our church would be a positive point for RCHS's chapter in this competition.

Through the years our women's group has provided assistance for the special needs students at the high school, and administrators, teachers, parents, and students are extremely appreciative. Our church is blessed to be able to be involved in such a worthwhile cause!



WE KINDLY INVITE OUR FRIENDS AND
FAMILY TO JOIN US FOR A

Wedding Shower

TO CELEBRATE THE MARRIAGE OF

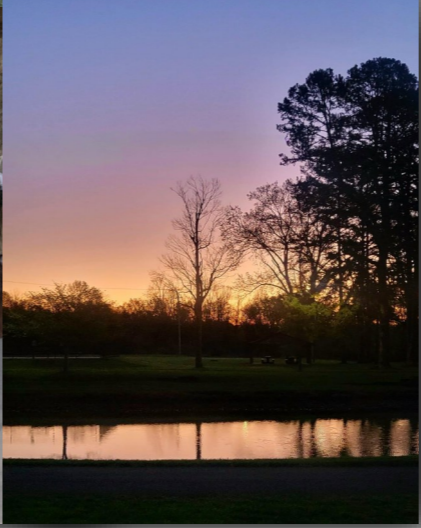
Neil & Karley Garrison

SPRING CITY METHODIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2-4 P.M.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIFT THE COUPLE,
A MONEY TREE WILL BE PROVIDED OR
HOME DEPOT CARDS WOULD BE USEFUL AS
THEY BEGIN A REMODELING PROJECT



2023 Easter Sunrise Service at Veterans Park



Rev. David Grant
Pastor

OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri.: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

6:00 p.m. The Spring Student Ministries

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