

THE CIRCUIT WRITER

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“IN PRAISE OF WORK AND WELCOME”

In preparing for carpet to be laid soon in the Sunday School classrooms, we need to move furniture and box up books from shelves. I was looking through some very old books, asking whether or not these dated tomes even needed saving, or whether it would be better just to give them away. Nobody ever uses them, after all. Newer, more timely books would better serve, and come to think of it, don't we now just Google information we want instead of turning to these old paper and board dinosaurs called books? Why even have a static library in these quickly changing times?

Then I came across a few old Children's Hymn and song books, published in the first half of the last century, 1929 - 1945, with happy titles like "Sing, Children Sing" or the sterner "Worship and Conduct Songs." Yes, Conduct Songs; sound antiquated? Do we still try to teach children good conduct? We certainly ought to. Proverbs 22 commends, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." These tunes were sung to, and by, kids who became we now call "The Greatest Generation," those who lived through world wars and great depressions and still looked forward with hope and zeal to build a better world for God and neighbor.

Each of these books had numerous songs heralding the nobility of laborers and the common work of those who provide our necessities each day. Singing Worship, by Edith Lovell Thomas, contains songs entitled, "Farmers," "The Lumbermen," and "The Bridgebuilders," each praising the dignity of workers at their trade. Such work is deemed holy, too, not below our own Lord, praised in songs like, "My Master was a Worker," "A Worker in a Village Home," and "O Master Workman."

The work of this generation was seen as accomplishing something as well. "The Bridgebuilders" chorus proclaims, "They are building into a future where terror and strife shall cease; and the span of the bridge is Honor, and the goal that it leads to - Peace."

It seems that labor is no longer observed with such dignity, honor, or purpose. We seem only to praise and reward the celebrity of Fame and Fortune, going viral and getting rich. Yesterday's news is ancient history. All that matters now is what's trending on Twitter and fresh on Instagram. Perhaps to restore our hope in the future, we need to retrieve a sense of holy, helpful labor from our past.

These songs and hymns also held up to the children of that era a world in which we could all live in peace and harmony with friends of every race and nation; Songs such as "All The World (Hymn of World Friendship)," "True Neighbors" and "Every Man a Friend," which declares, "This world was

made to grow a race of men in harmony with God, filled with His spirit and His grace, living in peace, at home, abroad." Songs like those are desperately needed in times like these. I don't think we will dispose of these old song books, but their words need to come off the shelves and lodge in our hearts. The question is; how will we re-instill their notions in our own and coming generations?

Keep singing the songs of peace,
tom

MONTHLY & WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULING

Pastor Tom's Scheduled Day off	Fridays
Rev. Connie's Scheduled Day off	Thursdays
Sunday School	Sundays at 10:00am
Staff Meeting	Mondays at 9:15am – 10:30am
Monterey Hilltop Chorale	Mondays at 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Cub Scouts #15	Mondays at 6:00pm
Civitan Club	3 rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
Standing Stone	4 th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
AGAPE Chapel	Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am
<i>(School will return on Wednesday, July 29th)</i>	
Girl Scouts #1581	1 st Wednesday each month at 6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Cub Scouts #15	Fridays at 6:00pm
Cottage Ministry	Fri., 9am-1pm & Sat., 9am-1pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

AGAPE on vacation	returns Wednesday, July 29 th
Annual Conference	June 7 th through June 10 th
Rev. Connie Hall's Ordination	June 8 th
FATHER'S DAY	June 21 st
God's Word Through Music Service	Sunday, June 28 th
Vacation Bible School	Wednesday, July 15 th – Friday, July 17 th from 5:30pm – 8:00pm

JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist	<i>if interested please see Marcy Milligan</i>
Ushers	Phillip & Sharon Choate
Acolytes	<i>if interested please see Rev. Connie</i>

A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS **MAY 24TH 2015**

By Our Gifts

2015 Budget income needed/week	\$3,057.75
2015 Budget income received last week	\$1,463.00
2015 Budget income this week (under)	\$1,594.75
2015 Budget income year to date (under)	\$9,401.73

MONTEREY'S JUNE BIRTHDAYS

In an effort to update our records and to include your information in the newsletter, please send the church your birthdays and anniversaries. *(Please list the name(s) and date(s) of all in your family who are connected to the church. Thank you!)*

Sandra Houston	(6/1)
Morris Stamps	(6/3)
Carol Johnson	(6/6)
Angela Mountain	(6/7)
Crystal Johnson	(6/10)
Ann Watson	(6/13)
Clarissa Webb	(6/14)
Len Durham	(6/17)
Bob Coe	(6/18)
Marian Ziebell	(6/19)
Bob Henley	(6/24)
Ken Walker	(6/24)
Wanda Balsley	(6/27)

MONTEREY'S JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Clayton & Penny Pepper	(6/5)
I.W. & Margaret Stephenson	(6/9)
W.T. & Franny Ray	(6/10)
Carson & Linda Goddard	(6/12)
Bill & Kay Wiggins	(6/13)
Ron & Debbie Sontag	(6/15)
Richard & Theresa Godsey	(6/28)
Blanche & Larry Hessel	(6/29)

YOUTH NEWS:

Frances and the Youth extend a big thank you to the people that have been contributing to our activity area. We now have a basketball goal, a corn hole game, a badminton set, some board games, a horseshoe game, and new paddles for the ping pong table. We still need a net for the goal and a basketball or two. We will probably have a workday to get all of this

set up. If you have time to work or want to donate to the cause it would be greatly appreciated.

We have had two Youth Group activities and even though we were blessed with only one Youth it has been special. There is a sign-up sheet available for those who would like to provide lunch for us.

Congratulations to Cody Dove and Matthew Webb who graduated from MHS and to Megan Moore who graduates from Wilson.

Please remember our Youth in prayer. They will have busy summers. Remember the Youth Workers as they make plans and serve our Youth.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES COMING YOUR WAY

With the Bible being central to knowing truth, and truth being such a rare commodity these days ... we seriously need to seek 'truth' as revealed in the Bible. This, however, is not a journey slated for one. We are encouraged to go it together as members of the 'body of Christ'.

Following up our studies of The Gospel of Mathew and the Daniel Plan the Discipleship Team offers the following:

Opportunities and Tentative Dates *(please note your calendars)*

➤ **Women of Faith:** Sally Eby will be teaching about the women of the Bible and you will experience and be inspired by other women such as: Corrie ten Bloom, Fanny Crosby, and Nancy Writebol.

Fridays: June 19th through July 17th

Time: 10am to Noon

Location: Sally Eby's home

directions will be made available

➤ **The Culture of Poverty** Marcy Milligan will aid you in gaining insights and the Christian response.

Thursdays: Sept. 3, through 24th

Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Location: Monterey United Methodist Church

Please register by August 25th

➤ **Methodism 101:** Pastor Tom will offer new and established Methodists an interesting background on the history of the Methodist movement and discussing Methodist theology, beliefs, and organization while reviewing both current and future challenges faced by the church.

Sundays: October 18th through Nov. 15

Time: 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Location: Monterey United Methodist Church

Please register by Oct. 11th

➤ **If You Want To Walk On Water You Have Got To Get Out of the Boat** Deacon Connie will share some of John Ortbergs humor, views and understanding of faith and how God gets us through the storms of life

Tuesdays: February 16th through March 15th

Time: Daytime classes: 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Evening classes: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Location: Monterey United Methodist Church

Please register by February 10th

It is our hope that your interest will move you out of the pews and into these sessions to engage in fun and fellowship while growing in Christ in community.

NOTE FOR THOUGHT

God is perfect...only man makes mistakes.

AGAPE NEWS

We have finally come to the end of the 2014-2015 school year! It certainly has been a roller coaster of highs and lows. However, with a lot of prayer, our difficulties have been overcome.

We had four graduates this year: Maggie Phillips, Joaquin Smith, Treston Walker and Saddle Bess Wessels. Each of these little angels are very special. We will miss them terribly but are comforted in knowing God will be with them in every step they take.

In other news, AGAPE will be OPEN again next year. Through the generosity of a few church members and left over operating monies from the school this year we will be able to keep the doors open and continue this mission.

Recently we have had some additional community help because of a story that appeared in the Cookeville Herald-Citizen. The article touched many people. Daily we receive calls from people letting us know they are praying for us. Last week I was even given some money from a student from Burks Elementary School. I was so moved by his generosity that I went and thanked him in person. Below is a follow up version of the story that appeared in the May 20th edition of the Cookeville Herald-Citizen:

Mrs. Rhonda Johnson has to be extremely proud of the students in her first grade class. They have demonstrated compassion, generosity and determination. Last week one of her students, Lydia Phillips, brought in an article from the Herald-Citizen about the AGAPE Preschool in Monterey being in danger of closing due to the lack of funding. Lydia asked Mrs. Johnson to read the article to the class. Mrs. Johnson replied that she would but it would have to be later due to the school wide testing. The next day Lydia and another classmate, Maya Anderson, reminded their teacher again that it was of great importance to share the article with the class. Both girls explained they had to save this school after all their sisters attended the AGAPE Preschool. The girls were determined in some way to raise funds for the AGAPE Preschool.

The next day, another classmate, Hayden Peters, approached the girls with a baggie of money. He told the girls that it was all he had but he wanted to save the school. He had emptied his piggy band and when counted the money totaled \$7.49. Maya took charge of delivery to the AGAPE Preschool.

Dr. Williamson said she was moved by their big hearts and willingness to help others. This was totally the students' idea and we are so blessed that they were motivated to help. It may only be \$7.49 to some people but to Hayden it was all he had. They truly are an insightful and passionate group of students. Dr. Williamson and Mrs. Johnson agreed that it might just take a first grade class to save a preschool. We have been blessed in many ways by these children.

Dr. Victoria Williamson



END OF THE YEAR FUN AT AGAPE PRESCHOOL

AGAPE SUMMER SHOPPING LIST

School is over for this year but will re-open on July 29th. This upcoming year it will be more important than ever for everyone to support the AGAPE Preschool Mission. I feel the school has done an excellent job being good stewards of our resources. Many of the items on the school list are also used by the church. This summer while you are at the store please pick up one or two items. Keep the list and use it for reference. We use the same products all year round. Thank you for your continued support.

Items needed are:

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| Paper towels | Toothbrushes (<i>plain, cheap small</i>) |
| Lysol Spray | Children's toothpaste |
| Lysol Liquid | Liquid hand soap |
| Vinyl gloves | Disposable gloves |
| 3oz. drinking cups | Sturdy Paper plates |
| Laminating Sheets | Small brown lunch bags |
| Dishwashing Tabs | Blue Dawn liquid soap |
| Laundry Soap | Tall kitchen plastic bags |
| Magic Markers | Fisher Price small cars |
| Paper Napkins | Elmer's Glue |



The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

(Taken from a church bulletin)

WE ALSO TAKE SINGERS!

COME JOIN THE CHOIR TODAY

AGAPE PRESCHOOL



State Certified Teachers

Faith Based Education

MONDAY – FRIDAY • 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Free Breakfast & Lunch

Served Daily

Children ages 2 ½ - 4 years

REGISTER TODAY

Information available in Methodist Church Office

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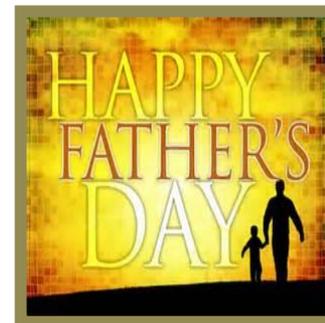
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Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1 (NIV)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	2 6:00p-Girl Scouts #1581	3 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	4 6:00p-Girl Scouts #15	5 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	6 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
Annual Conference 7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 19-23, 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 12:15p-Youth Group 3:00p-Hilltop Chorale Concert	22 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	23 6:00p-Standing Stone	24 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	25	26 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	27 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
28 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Music Worship Service 12:15p-Youth Group	29 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	30				

