

In Touch

Sharing the Faith Story of Ooltewah United Methodist Church



Pastor's Letter

Pastor David Graves

Are We There Yet?

This question will be asked frequently during the summer months, as people travel. Everywhere I go, people ask when is the new building going to be finished. People from all over have kept up with the new building's progress, as they have passed by these past 12 months. We held our ground breaking service last May 27th; and are scheduled to hold our first worship service in the new building on Sunday, June 1, with one combined service that morning at 10:30 a.m.

However, the journey really began two and a half years ago, when we addressed our space needs. Along the way, we have talked about adding transepts (or wings as some would call it) to our present Sanctuary and even a Sprung Building. We shared a Bodacious Vision to pay off old building debt; and in a few days we will begin sharing worship in the new building.

Are we there yet? We give God all the glory and praise. As I walk through the new building, that has a great worship area, new classrooms, restrooms, and connects the entire campus by new connecting hallways, I think back over all the meetings, discussions, more meetings, church votes, and more meetings. Friends, these new facilities are totally a God thing!

Back to the question, Are we there yet? The answer is NO! Sunday, June 1, is just another step in the 138 year history of Ooltewah United Methodist church. A new chapter will be written and the journey continues until we all get to Heaven; and along the way, we are called to make disciples in Ooltewah and to the ends of the earth. It is only then that we have arrived.

Please read carefully all the wonderful opportunities that await us. You will not want to miss being a part of this journey in OUMC's history!

I give God thanks for you and it is with great honor that I share with you that I am projected to return on July 1 as Senior Pastor, to begin my eleventh year of ministry with you; and Amy Nutt will return for her third year (6th on staff) as Associate Pastor.

Just think, the best is yet to come!

In Christ,

David

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May 4
United Methodist Women's Sunday
Message by Lisa Harper
Music by Kim Hill

May 11
"Mother's Day"
Message by David and Nancy Graves

May 18
New Message Series begins
"Identity Theft"

"Robbed by Relationships"
Holy Communion at both services

May 25
"Mugged by the Mirror"

June 1
First Sunday in new Worship Center
One morning service at 10:30 a.m.

"Stolen by Success"
Holy Communion

June 8
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services in new Worship Center
"Pick Pocketed by the Past"

**Ministry Team
Leaders**

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Tomlinson

Education
Team Leader
Janice Miller

Evangelism
Team Leader
Ty Cooper

Missions Team
Leader
Bob & Becky
Lockaby

Worship
Team Leader
Robbie & Shawn
Dunn

Music

Rehearsal Times:

Wednesdays

6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

Thursdays

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Celebration Choir,
Praise Team
and Praise Band

Pastor's Letter continued...

Friends, I want to thank you for your faithfulness in your financial giving to God's ministry during April. We closed the deficit gap significantly in April and I am pleased to report that all financial and missional obligations have been met through the first four months of 2008. Yet, there is remaining work to be done and everyone's faithfulness in giving a tithe, (10% of your income) to the church's ministry will not only bless others, but you will be wonderfully blessed, as well.

At the April 21, **Church Council** meeting, the Council passed the following:

- 1) A new 91 space parking lot will be added in front of the present sanctuary and will extend to the Interstate sign. This, along with 11 spaces that are included in the new building project behind the Christian Life Center, will add an additional 100+ parking spaces to our church campus. This will greatly help the present parking situation and give us room for the many new people that will soon join us.
- 2) Asked the Lay Leadership Committee to provide: A Security Team, Recreation Task Force and a Health Team.
- 3) The Ministry Planning Team was charged with looking at each group, organization, and present ministry that utilizes our facilities and grounds, to be evaluated and determine future use, as we seek to be good stewards of building usage.
- 4) Heard many exciting and transformational ministries that are taking place within our Faith Community and outside our walls.

June is going to be a Grand Month!

Friends, you will not want to miss a Sunday in June, as we have our Grand Opening month of events. You will want to plan your travels and activities around these dates:

- June 1** - There will be one service at 10:30 a.m. in the new Worship Center. This will be an historic event in the life of OUMC and you will want to be here as a part of history for the Kingdom.
- June 8** - 9:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship in the new Worship Center
11:00 a.m. - Contemporary Worship in the new Worship Center
- June 15** - Public Grand Opening of all our new facilities that includes renovations to the present Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. - Contemporary Worship in the New Worship Center with worship leader, Steve Fee and band
7:00 p.m. - Concert in the New Worship Center with Steve Fee and band
- Saturday, June 21** - "All Around the Throne" - A night of worship with Susan Ashton, Ashley Cleveland and Kim Hill
- Sunday, June 22** - Kim Hill will lead worship at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, June 29** - Kidz Blitz Event - 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Worship Center for children and their parents

Other Grand Opening Celebrations

- June 18** - New Playground Grand Opening with "Truck Touch"
- July 6** - Summer cookout starting at 5:00 p.m. with a Consecration Service of our new facilities @ 6:30 p.m.
- July 14-18** - SonHarvest County Fair VBS

Again, put these dates on your summer calendar NOW! You will not want to miss what God is going to do in our midst these days of opening our wonderful new facilities.

Announcements...

2008 Women's Conference

You are invited to the 2008 Women's Conference "Every Woman's Hope", with Lisa Harper and Kim Hill, at the Ooltewah United Methodist Church, this Saturday, May 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Lisa has a new topic this year, "Stumbling Toward Sacred", based on her upcoming book to be released in fall of '08.

You don't want to miss this wonderful day of blessings with Lisa Harper speaking on "Living and Loving in Light of the Psalms". Kim Hill's music will bless you and it will be refreshing day of fun and fellowship. Tickets are \$20 and you may register (please register in advance) by calling the church office at 238-9216 or online at www.ooltewahumc.org. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

UMW NEWS Alpha Circle

Alpha Circle UMW will meet on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., in the Conference Room of the Hundley Administration Building. Judy Turner will present the program and Esther Taj will have the devotions. All women are invited to join us for the meeting and for fellowship afterward at a local restaurant.

Notice: Collection of items for the Violence Shelter is temporarily suspended. They have informed us that they have no room for more donations and have no volunteers to sort the items. We will keep in touch with the Partnership for Families, Children and Adults and let you know if they resume this program. Ginny Gleason, Alpha Circle

Holston Conference United Methodist Women 2008 Spiritual Enrichment Experience

34th Annual Retreat

May 16-17, 2008

May 17-18, 2008

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Cleveland District UMW Mission Fair 2008

Saturday, August 9, 2008

Allen Memorial UMC, Athens, TN

Instead of traveling to only one mission opportunity, we are bringing many missions to you! This is your chance to meet and talk to representatives from 10 different missions your UMW helps support!

Unity Center

St. Andrews Center

Bethlehem Center
St. Elmo/Alto Park

Wesley House
Community Center

Empowerment Ministry
Big Stone Gap

Holston Conference
Native American Ministries

Community & Renewal
Wesley Center at UTC

Holston Conference
Sudan Action Team

Sing for Joy

There will be no Sing for Joy in the month of May due to the date falling on Mother's Day.

The Apostle's Creed

The Apostle's Creed is a living link that takes us over centuries to the Early Church. It's a bond that unites believers today from diverse cultures and traditions. It's a concise summary of Biblical faith taught to new believers in the Early Church prior to their being baptized. It is still used today by almost all Christian churches. If you would like to learn more about this historic confession of the Christian faith, a six-week study of the Apostle's Creed will start on Sunday, May 4, 2008. The class will be a combination of video and discussion. The series will trace the origin of the Apostle's Creed, placing it in its historical context. Each phrase of the Creed will be discussed, emphasizing its relevance and application to our lives today. The study will be during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School period, in Room 304 of the CLC and will be hosted by the Prodigal SS class.

News From India!

Many of you have heard OUMC India Teams talk about visiting the "Alpha Schools" that our missionary, Peter Pereira, and his Hope for Today (HFT) ministry operates. In 2007, HFT provided free education up to the primary level for over 250 children, using eight dedicated teachers. Just before Easter, the Krishna Nagar Alpha School was destroyed by fire. This is the fourth time the school has been destroyed by people who do not want a Christian presence in their community, and who do not want to see poor "untouchable" children educated. The slum and street children who attend this school walk nearly a mile and a half every day to learn. They are between the ages of 4 and 12 with two-thirds of the children being girls. Ninety-eight percent of these children are non-Christians and their family income doesn't exceed a dollar a day. This facility, and another like it, provide the children an opportunity to become exposed to the Christian way of life and faith, and to receive an education - an opportunity they get no where else. Despite the opposition in the area, the Alpha school *will be* rebuilt. If you would like to support this ministry, or would like to hear more about Christian persecution in India and elsewhere, please contact Ralph Brock, 479-1056, edwinb2756@bellsouth.net. In John 16:33, Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." By taking heart, the school will be rebuilt, the doors will reopen, and the children will return.

Zimbabwe Food Buckets

The 2008 Holston Conference Hands-On Mission Project for OUMC this year is Food Buckets for Zimbabwe. We are putting together buckets with 11 food items to send to our missionary, Maria Humbane, in Zimbabwe to distribute. Please help us out by picking up a card (or cards) for specific items. These cards will be in the narthex before or after church for the next two Sundays. Then bring the items back to the church by this Sunday, May 4 (either the narthex or CLC). These buckets will then go to Holston Conference to be commissioned for Africa in June. Thank you for getting involved in this global mission project!

In helping to provide a holistic approach to a healing ministry, the Congregational Care Team would like to offer the following ministries, and community agencies as resources to you, your family and for those whose life you touch and minister to. This is not a complete list, nor do we exclusively support these agencies, rather for convenience sake, would like to provide you with some of the agencies that we have developed trusted relationships with:

If you need additional information please contact Amy Nutt at 238-9216

AAA Women's Services
892-0803

Alzheimer's Association
265-3600

Bradley Cleveland
Community Services
479-4111

Chattanooga Cares
267-2273

Children's Advocacy
Center 266-6918

Contact of Chattanooga
266-8228
(hotline &
crisis response)

First Call for Help
265-8000 or 211

First Things First
267-5383

MS Society
634-1754

Partnership for Families,
Children & Adults
755-2822

Respond
499-2300
(hotline &
crisis response)

Samaritan Center
238-7777

S.E. Area Agency on
Aging & Disability
424-4256

I pray that Christ will live in your hearts by faith and that your life will be strong in love and be built on love. And I pray that you and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love—how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is. Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray that you will be able to know that love. Then you can be filled with the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:17-19

(New Century Version)

Children's Ministry News

Annette Smith, Director of Children's Ministries



THIS MONTH IN 252 BASICS

(School-age small group Bible study, Sunday mornings @9:30) In May, 252 Basics is about patience - waiting until later for what you want now. This month we're camping out on the Promised Land: the 40-year wait; trying to take the Promised Land when God said wait; Rahab and the spies; and the fall of Jericho.

Here's where we're going with it:
Week 1: Don't get tired of doing the right thing. (Joshua and Caleb had to wait 40 years, even though they did the right thing.)

Week 2: If you don't wait, it could cost you. (The Israelites try to take the promised land after God said not to.)

Week 3: If you don't wait, it could hurt others. (Rahab and the spies' patience yielded good things for them and others.)

Week 4: Don't miss out because you think you can't wait. (Jericho fell because the Israelites waited patiently on God.)

THIS MONTH IN MY FIRST LOOK



(Preschool small group Bible study, Sunday Morning at 9:30)

During May, we'll be focusing on the wonderful way God made us. God made us special, He made our bodies, He made us to do many things, and He made us to praise Him. It should be a fun month of celebrating who God made us to be.

Mark your calendar for VBS

July 16-20

SONHARVEST

growing the Fruit of the Spirit

Save the Date!!!! Grand opening family events

June 18th --- Truck Touch

June 29th --- KidzBlitz

July 14-18 --- SonHarvest VBS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR MAY 31ST

CHILDREN'S DAY AT

CAMP LOOKOUT

CONTACT ANNETTE @ 238-9216

OR CHILDRENSMINISTRY@OOLTEWAHUMC.ORG TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Mother's Day Out At OUMC (opening August 2008)

Now taking applications for teachers & registering children

We are excited to announce that we plan to open a 2 day Mother's Day Out program. The program will operate Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We are currently accepting applications for teachers. It is also time to register your children, ages 6 months to 4 years. Registration forms available at the nursery check-in desk. Teacher applications available from Annette at the church office. Need more information....contact Annette Smith @ 238-9316 or Childrensministry@ooltewahumc.org.

Special thank you to Rhonda Mathis for the beautiful posters she designed that will soon be in our Children's hallway!

Student Ministry News...

by Pam Wells, Director of Student Ministries

OSM in May

Sunday School, every Sunday 9:30-10:30

We have co-ed classes for both Middle and High school students. These classes meet in the Christian Life Center and are led by a great group of adult volunteers who love investing in the lives of your students.

242 SMALL GROUPS

"THE BELIEVERS STUDIED WHAT THE APOSTLES TAUGHT. THEY SHARED LIFE TOGETHER. THEY BROKE BREAD AND ATE TOGETHER. AND THEY PRAYED." ACTS 2:42

242 GROUPS PROVIDE A TIME FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR LEADERS TO ENGAGE TOGETHER ABOUT DEEPER MATTERS OF LIFE AND FAITH. THESE GROUPS ARE CO-ED BUT OFTEN BREAK INTO SMALLER, GENDER SPECIFIC GROUPS DURING THEIR TIME TOGETHER. 242 GROUPS MEET ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30-7:30 IN THE OSM ROOMS IN THE CLC.

MEETINGS ON: 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28

The Mix

(6th-12th grade students)

Sunday nights 5:30-7:30

Meetings on: 5/4, 5/18, 5/25

(no mix on 5/11-Happy Mother's Day)

The Mix-Dinner Schedule

See the OUMC website for current dinner schedule assignments.

www.oeltewahumc.org

Click on the student ministry link.

Jubilee Project-Mission Trip

Final Payment due May 18

Parent meeting will be on May 25 immediately following the 11 service. We will meet in the CLC. All paperwork is due on that date.

Coming Soon...

OSM's Summer Mission Trip
June 8-14, 2008

Steve Fee
June 15th Leading worship at
11am
Concert at 7pm

OUMC Has Pod Cast

OUMC is officially getting with the times! We have recently set up a Podcast so each week's message will automatically be downloaded straight to your computer. If you have iTunes or a similar program to "catch" Podcasts then this is for you! Catch it at www.oumc.mypodcast.

Congregational Care

Amy Nutt, Associate Pastor

The Joys & Pains of Mother's Day

Congregational Care
Team Leader
Pauline Tomlinson

Prime Timers
JoAnn Wrinkle

Memorial Cards
Patsy Holland

Welcome Bags
Brent Self

OUMC Care Cards
Barbara Graham

The memorial now known as Mothers Day was founded by Anna Jarvis in tribute to her mother, Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis. The first fully organized Mothers Day program was held at the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, Taylor County, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908. The honored mother had already laid the foundation for such a day in the last fifty years of her life.

For the first official celebration of Mothers Day, Anna Jarvis sent 500 white carnations to the church for each person to wear in honor of their mother. Ms. Jarvis was quoted in declaring, "The white carnation is preferred because it may be thought to typify some of the virtues of motherhood; ... whiteness stands for purity; its lasting qualities, faithfulness; its fragrance, love; its wide field of growth, charity; its form, beauty..."

Almost a hundred years and thousands of carnations later, we still are celebrating and honoring our mothers on the annual holiday of Mother's Day. Admittedly it can be a difficult day evoking a range of emotions and reactions based upon the type of relationship one has had with their mother and especially after the death of one's mother. So as a body of believers how do we celebrate and honor mothers while honoring and respecting relationships of both natures of positive affirmative and hurtful neglect? Once again we turn to scripture for truth and comfort.

God instituted the union of family and parenting from the beginning with Adam and Eve. And just to remind us of the importance of our parents, He included the commandment to *honor thy Father and Mother* in the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20:12. As Pastor David has pointed out the Commandments were given to us not as rules or conditions of our relationship with God and others but rather as a confirmation of a relationship. We can conclude that God intended for us to honor our parents as He intended for our parents to raise their children in a loving nurturing manner and to have relationships with their children.

We are ultimately held accountable for our actions and reactions and upholding the Commandments, in other words we are not responsible for how we were or are treated, yet we are responsible for how we treat others. The comfort and promise is always given from our Lord as we read from Romans 8:14-17 "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, "Abba, Father."

For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are His children, we are His heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering."

No matter our past, both good and bad we are covered by the Spirit of the Lord and we have been adopted by God! We are his children; we are heirs to the Kingdom. As heirs to the Royal Kingdom, let us honor our Fathers and Mothers by acknowledging life came from our Mothers, chosen for us just as assuredly as Mary was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus. Nothing about God's plans are a mistake. *For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."* Jeremiah 29:11



I am pleased to announce that I have received my appointment to serve Ooltewah United Methodist as your Associate Pastor for another year! This June begins my 6th year on staff with OUMC and my third year as Associate Pastor. I still find myself in awe of God's amazing grace and humbled by the fact that I am allowed to share ministry with such an outstanding staff and serve this incredible faith community. I pray each day of my ministry is spent sharing the good news of the love and hope that our Savior Jesus Christ so freely gives us!

Blessings,
Your Associate Pastor
Amy Nutt

Alzheimer's Ministry Faith Connections

Worship Service at The Lantern on Apison Pike
by Life Care of America at 11:00 a.m.,
Sunday, May 18

Alzheimer's Support Group

This group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Greebriar Cove Community Center at 11:30 a.m.

Alzheimer's Ministry Volunteer opportunity at the Lantern, as they are seeking individuals to play music or any type of ministry activity for the residents. For more information call Dawn Dunn at 396-4700.

Our Stewardship

Vital Signs through April

Sunday School/Small Group Attendance.....244
Average Worship Attendance in March..... 557

Our Gifts

Ministry, Program and New Building Budget
\$1,373,231.00

Received to date \$395,051.94

Mission Outreach

Giving to Date..... \$24,913.00

Upcoming Meetings

- *Called Staff Parish - Monday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.
- *Homeless Task Force - Monday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.
- *Mission GO Team - Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.
- *Staff Parish - Monday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.
- *Trustees - Monday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Breakfast

The United Methodist Men will be sponsor a free breakfast, served in honor of Mother's Day, on May 11th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and will continue until 10:30 a.m., in the Christian Life Center.

Christian Sympathy

We express our Christian Sympathy to the family of Gladys Chambers, who died on Wednesday, April 9th.

We express our Christian Sympathy to Linda and Bobby Green, in the death of Linda's brother, Doyle Smith, on April 10th.

We express our Christian Sympathy to the family of Venice and Ken Light in the death of her mother, Gwendolyn Bush, on April 15th. Venice and Ken are the parents of Eric Light, Director of Connectional Ministries at OUMC.

We express our Christian Sympathy to Steve and Kim Tipton, in the death of his father, Arthur Tipton on Saturday, April 19th, in Tracy City, TN.

We express our Christian Sympathy to the family of Carrie and Adam Dysart in the death of her father, James Lea, on April 21st.

We express our Christian Sympathy to Elbert and Joyce Jackson in the death of his brother, Joe B. Jackson in Murfreesboro, TN, on April 22.

We express our Christian Sympathy to Danielle and Todd Hibbard, in the death of Danielle's grandmother, Ethel Fiedler on Thursday, April 24th, in Detroit, Michigan.

Thank You

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us" ... 2 Corinthians 9:11. On behalf of my family, I want to extend my sincere thanks for every act of kindness during the illness and passing of my father.

Sarah Roach

On behalf of the family of Pauline Brock, I would like to thank everyone for all the expressions of sympathy, cards, and memorials. *Ralph Brock*

Congratulations

Congratulations to proud grandparents, Bill and Julia Westerfield on the birth of their granddaughter, Adeline Elizabeth Smith, born April 16th to Jackie and Jeff Smith.

Prayer Concerns...

- Titus Bates at home recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Carolyn and David Bryant. Please keep both of them in your prayers as they journey through her illness of cancer and as David goes through physical therapy
- Ginger Kemp at home recovering from surgery on 4/28, awaiting biopsy report
- Jim Miller in Atlanta for extensive cancer treatment
- Shawn Dunn awaiting test results
- Linda Green recovering from throat surgery
- Bret Cook, at home recovering from foot surgery
- Charles Cooper needing prayer for restored health
- Kim Kailing upcoming carpal tunnel surgery
- Allan McClellan at home recovering from surgery on 4/29 to repair a muscle in his upper arm
- Andra Moberg, at home recovering from emergency appendectomy
- Randy Murdock upcoming surgery on May 6th
- Stacy Smith, recovering from back surgery on March 27th
- Upcoming Women's Conference on May 3rd
- Our military personnel serving around the world.
- The Building Committee and church leadership as they give leadership in completing the new building construction and safety for the construction workers as they complete our new building project.

Church Staff

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Eric Light..... Director of Connectional Ministries
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Pam Wells..... Director of Student Ministries
Annette Smith..... Director of Children's Ministries
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Prayer focus for the
Month of May
~Outreach~

Week of the 4th
United Methodist
Women's Sunday

Week of the 11th
Mother's Day

Week of the 18th
Graduating Seniors

Week of the 25th
Children's Day at
Camp Lookout

"I will be loyal
to the United
Methodist
Church and do
all in my power
to strengthen its
ministries by my
prayers, my
presence, my
gifts, and my
service."

Purpose Statement

To bring people to Jesus, develop them to Christ-like maturity, equip them for their ministry in the church and their life mission in the world, in order to magnify God.

Pastor's Letter continued...

Pastor's Wish List

Thanks goes out to those who stepped up and have given to help purchase the Tri-Color LED Electronic sign extension to our present Interstate Sign. We have had donated approximately half of the \$8,000 given to purchase this much needed sign. During May, will you help me obtain the remaining \$4,000?

Concerning the Digital Baby Grand Piano for the new Worship Center, we have received a gift of \$1,000 toward this \$8,000 purchase. If you would like to give toward this project, please let me know.

Plans are in the works for getting the lower field into a usable recreation field over the summer months. I give thanks for those who are working on this and it will be a great benefit to our recreational and outreach ministry.

Evangelism Corner...

Ty Cooper, Evangelism Team Leader

I am still pretty much a newlywed. My wife and I have almost been married two years now. I can remember when we were dating she was about all I could talk about. My mind and my thoughts were consumed with her. I can also remember when my children were born. What a joy it was when my son was born. I was so happy the day my daughter came into this world...my little girl. I couldn't keep my mouth shut about her. She was and is so precious to me that I told everyone that would listen to me about my little daughter. My point is this...The things in life that you love you talk about. I love my wife, so I talk about her (just good stuff). I love my children so I talk about them too. If you love Jesus you will talk about Him. How much time do we spend talking to others about our jobs, homes, cars, and hobbies? But do we ever take time to talk to others about our Savior? Again, if you love Jesus, talk about Him. Further the kingdom and tell someone of the risen King today!!

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