



Through Cokesbury Windows

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This I Believe

By: Janet Cox Jacobs

I believe God gives us many blessings and one of the most precious is our sight. I was inspired to write this poem one beautiful November morning as I sat at the kitchen table looking out the bay window at the trees, grass, and flowers.

Images

The best things in life to me
 Are all the things that I can see
A decorated Christmas tree
 A tiny baby's dimpled knee
Puffy white clouds in a brilliant blue sky
 A brown cow grazing patiently til milking time in nigh.

Grass that is green
 A child that's not mean
A rose of pink
 A coat that's not mink
A tomato round and red
 A soft and billowy feather bed.

A house lit up at Christmas time
 FDR's profile on a dime
A pine tree tall and stately
 Easter time's dressed-up pretty ladies
A grandmother's praying hands
 The beach's clean shining sands.

Little girls in calico dresses
 With ribbons in their curly tresses
A brand new car
 A twinkling star
A freshly baked apple pie
 A fenced-in muddy pig sty.

I know that I'll never happier be
 Than when I, by chance, happen to see
A bluebird perched in a tree
 A black and yellow butterfly winging free
A comforting mother's loving hug
 An old fashioned red and yellow hooked rug.

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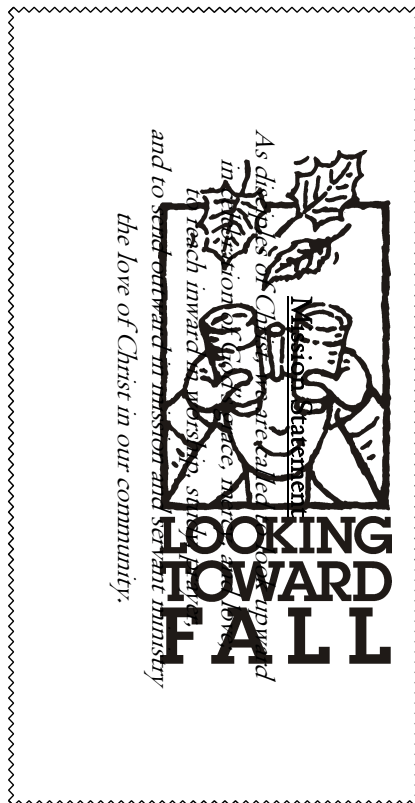
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A colorful antique quilt
A laughing Ferris wheel going full tilt
The red, white and blue flag
A loaded shopping bag
Little yellow chicks on a bright summer morn
Brown tassels in a field of corn.

Autumn leaves gold, bronze and red
A tattered hat on an old farmer's head
Queen Anne's white, showy lace
An old ticking clock's battered face
Summer morning's dewy grass
Orange juice in a goblet of glass.

A roaring hot fireplace
A little boy rounding third base
A wooden fence loaded with snow
A garden's green shoots starting to grow
A father's understanding smile
A cord of wood stacked in a pile.

All these things I love to see
But the very best of all to me
Is the Lord's Good Book
Helping me on His face to look
And looking, I gratefully see
He caused all these things to be.





Carlene Coggins and Jack & Irene Murphy gave gifts to the Habitat Fund in memory of **Mary Roberts**.

Wade & Julia Cox gave a gift to the UMAR fund in honor of the 50th anniversary of **James & Nancy Angel**.

Buddy & Etta Woodall gave a gift to the Habitat fund in memory of **Josephine Wike**.

Ann Benoit gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Byrd Sexton, Jr.**

Bill & Nancy Campbell, Jr. gave a gift to the Honorarium Fund in honor of the 50th anniversary of **James & Nancy Angel**.

Lindsay & Nancy Barnes & Family and G. L. & Jane Bouteiller gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Kathleen Butler**.

Walter & Janice Dulin gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Josephine Wike**.

Nancy Cottingham gave a gift to the Music Fund in memory of **Cindy Dyer**.

Bobbi Kinsey gave a gift to the Carolina Cross Connection in memory of **Cindy Dyer**.



Benton Ray Baumgardner was born September 8th to parents, *Jon & Krys Baumgardner* and grandparents, *Mike & Jane Baumgardner*.

General Fund

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Collections	\$13,835.76	\$251,818.01
Disbursements	\$33,875.73	\$247,748.29

– Submitted by Jim Atwater



Saturday, September 30
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Donation of: Adults - \$7, Ages 6-10 – \$5, Under 6 – eat free

Our prices have not changed in 5 years!

Proceeds will be used to support our Youth Programs here at Cokesbury.

Tickets are available from any Methodist Men's Member.



Annual Arts and Craft Sale
Epworth Place & Asbury Care Center
at Aldersgate
(formerly The Methodist Home)
November 3 and 4
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Charge Conference
will be held
Sunday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.



Up Close & Personal

Adam Springer is the newest member of the Middle High UMYF. He looks forward to being a part of it and especially looks forward to getting to know new people and hanging out with them. He already enjoys the Middle High Sunday School Class.

During the last school year, Adam was a fifth grade student at Greenway Park Elementary School where he attended Kindergarten through fifth grade. This school year, Adam is a sixth grader in the Magnet Program at Randolph Middle School. Adam enjoys being around people that he knows as well as meeting new people and he likes those aspects of middle school. His favorite subject is math. In addition to his core classes, he is taking PE and Spanish as electives during the first school semester and he will be taking Drama and Career Preparation during the second semester.

Adam is an avid coin collector and collects old coins and currency as well as foreign money and commemorative and limited edition collectible coins. For his birthday, Adam's granddad takes him to coin stores to buy coins for his collection. His parents also buy him coins and he enjoys receiving foreign coins and currency from his uncle who lives in England. One of Adam's favorite coins is a Limited Edition Neil Armstrong on the Moon collectible coin.

Another of Adam's hobbies is designing and drawing basketball shoes. He also enjoys playing and watching college and NBA basketball as well as Major League Baseball. His favorite college and NBA teams are the Duke Blue Devils and the New Jersey Nets. The Houston Astros is his number one baseball team and number two is the Baltimore Orioles.

Adam likes to play video games and likes to listen to music. He has a diverse taste in artists from his favorite hard rock band AC/DC to the heavy metal group Blue Oyster Cult. He used to enjoy rap music but has recently gotten into classic rock. His favorite movie is *The Neverending Story*.

Most of you know Adam's grandparents, long-time former members, Henry and Bonnie Springer. Adam is the son of Dan and Cindy Springer and he has a younger brother, Ryan. Adam also has a furry family member, a Golden Retriever named Andy.

Adam says that Andy is a beautiful dog. Adam loves Andy and they have a special friendship and bond. Because of his love for dogs and especially Andy, Adam aspires to be a veterinarian. And, if that doesn't work out, he would love to be an athletic shoe designer!

– Submitted by Donna Pharr

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