

...from Andy Miller

March 22-Service Sunday-Our 6th grade and up group are invited to stay for lunch and singing at the NHC Nursing Home prior to Lads to Leaders Practice. Please bring \$10 for lunch.

March 27-Due to Spring Retreat and Lads to Leaders we have a special night for our KFC activity this month. We will head to Jump Street in Cool Springs, which is very similar to Sky High with indoor trampolines. The cost is \$15 per child. We will meet at 6pm and return at 8:30pm.

March 28-Kite Day-Mark your calendars for our annual kite day and Spring Fling. We will have lunch, an egg hunt, games, prizes, and a wonderful time to fellowship with your family and your church family. We will begin at 11am. Any donations of eggs or candy will be much appreciated. You can leave those in Andy Miller's office in the tub on the desk marked "Eggs".

We are so blessed to have a youth group that puts God first, and yet they still find time for involvement in their schools and community. Last weekend **Cody Davis** auditioned and was accepted into the choral program at Faulkner Univ. where he will attend in the fall. We want to congratulate **Mason McKnatt** and Grace Christian Academy for finishing second in their basketball conference Tournament, and especially Mason for being selected to the all tournament team. **Maclaine McKnatt's** basketball team won their conference tournament and she scored six points in the championship game. Both Mason and Maclaine are honor students at Grace Christian Academy.

Congratulations to **McKenna & Kendell Hardison** and the Columbia Academy Mock Trial team who have advanced to State and to Kendell for being selected best attorney!

Lads to Leaders—April 2-4 Practice today will begin at 3:30pm. Please be on time and bring any materials that you need with you, such as speeches, songs, Bible, scripts, etc. There are only two practices left before Convention. Wednesday evening, April 1, we will allow our young men and ladies to present their work during class time. If you are a participant, please plan to be here that evening and have your speeches and songs prepared at that time. All art work and scrapbooks are due by Wednesday, April 1.

Practices: TODAY and March 29

It is coming to the end of the school year. Please email us at mvalleyhaven@aol.com with your child's accomplishments.

YOUTH

TODAY-Service Sunday-Lads Practice 3:30
March 28-Kite Day
March 29-Lads Meeting & Practice 3:30
April 1-Present to the Congregation
April 2-4-Lads to Leaders Convention
April 12-Lads to Leaders Appreciation Night

KFC

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KINDNESS

What is kindness? Why is it important? Kindness is defined by Webster as "the quality or state of being kind." To be kind is to be of a sympathetic nature, to be helpful and encouraging. It is to have and show a gentle and considerate nature.

The Greek words so translated refer to goodness of heart shown by one's life, attitude and actions. It is to be loving toward others. It is to be good and gracious toward others.

What does the Bible say about being kind to others? First, God "is kind to the unthankful and evil" (Lk. 6:35). Christian love "is kind" (1 Cor. 13: 4). Christians are to "be kind to one another" (Eph. 4: 32).

What does the Bible say about kindness? The fruit of the Spirit includes kindness (Gal. 5: 22). God shows "the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2: 7). Christians are to exhibit the quality of kindness (Col. 3: 12). Paul wrote about "the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man" in Jesus Christ (Titus 3: 4). We are to add the quality of "brotherly kindness" to the other characteristics of our Christian lives (2 Pt. 1: 7).

So we know that being kind and showing kindness to others, in the church and not in the church, are to be characteristic of our lives. We should be kind to others at all times and in all ways. That is one way we glorify our Lord.

- Dan Cottrell

ELDERS

John Bufford
Dan Cottrell
John Cottrell
Jerald Hill
Stoney Warren

DEACONS:

Dale Alden - Education
David Broome - Technology
David Cost - Benevolence
Jimmy Davis—Fellowship, Youth
Chris Doughtie - Education
Chris Graham - Office Admin.
Ryan Haedge— Church Growth, Education, Advertising
Dewayne Johnston-Building & Grounds, Youth
Herb Jones - Building & Grounds
Phillip McCullough—Education
Len McKnatt - Family Assistance
Michael Meade - Youth
Alex Melton-Worship, Edu., VBS
Jerry Pritchett - Edification Groups
Jeff Rhodes - Missions
Dave Sweeney - Worship
Thomas Waggoner-Education

MINISTER:

Dan Cottrell

YOUTH MINISTER:

Andy Miller

SECRETARY:

Pam Cost

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

"Our Hope of Heaven"
(John 14: 1-3)

SUNDAY EVENING

"Music in Christian Worship (2)"
(Colossians 3: 16-17)

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SICK/PRAYER LIST

At NHC on Fairground St. in Franklin are **Odessa Barnhill** (Room #105-A) and **Richard Marlin** (Room #501).

Bob Poston is in Room #1208 at NHC in Cool Springs.

Rabbit & Beverly Smithson's friend, **Dennis Lott**, is doing better but still has a long way to go. The cards he received from Southern Hills meant so much to him and his wife Kathy. He wants to thank everyone and asks for our continued prayers.

Garrett Moore cut off a portion of the pad on his index finger but will not require surgery. Keep Garrett in your prayers.

Doug & Nellie Smithson's son, **Jimmy**, was diagnosed with nasal cancer. Prayers are requested for this family. He lives with Nellie and Doug.

Melanie White had a PET scan which revealed that tumors are not growing, but are not shrinking either. Prayers and cards would be appreciated. She is a friend and co-worker of Suzanne Sumerel. Her address is: **414 Lake Circle Dr., Columbia, TN 38401.**

Teri Moore's brother-in-law, **Doug Spillers**, had to have his bladder removed last week due to bladder cancer. The family asks for our prayers and cards. His address is **510 W. Kiowa Dr., Gainesville, TX 76240.**

Tracey McKnight's father, **Gary Robinett**, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Prayers are requested for him and his wife.

Expectant Moms: Lindsey Eaton (June) and Nikki Lovett (September)

Continue to Remember: Bobby Ezell, Diana Wood, Harrison Warren, Sam Pratt, Ruth Miller, Carol Terry, Layne Melton, Geneva Richardson, Joyce Gilbert, Dennis Wobensmith, Dean Billops, Nancilynn Dunn, William Dill, Rachel Haffner, Gail Krech, Jody Krech, Paul Krech, Marguerite Steele, Stoney Warren, Bobbie Wilhoite, David Workman, Melanie White, Marjorie Perry, Kathryn Cutler, Pitts Hinson, David Amrozowicz

Our Shut-ins: Evelyn Billings, Jane Davis, Nancilynn Dunn, Wilma Gower, Richard Marlin, Ruth Miller, Lawrence & Janet Cash & Odessa Barnhill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Bible Class and Men's Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday morning at 10am.

The March issue of the Gospel Advocate is available in the foyer. Feel free to pick one up.

Team 2, the **David Broome team**, will meet tonight after the evening service.

Please add **Sophia Haedge** to your March calendar. Her birthday is March 27, 2013. Sorry Sophia!

Marguerite Steele has moved. Her new information is:

1111 Gardner Drive
Franklin, TN 37064

Home Phone: 615-790-5391
Cell Phone: 615-308-4832

Please make this change in your directory.

Mark Your Calendars

Graduate Reception May 17
Vacation Bible School May 31—June 3

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Linda Cottrell and her family on the death of her cousin, Merrideth Dillard. Her funeral was on Wednesday in Milan, TN.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Evelyn Billings who passed away on Thursday afternoon. She will be buried in Memphis.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bob Bufford who passed away Thursday afternoon. His funeral arrangements include visitation here at the church building from 11am Monday, March 23rd with the funeral here at 1pm. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Nashville.

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY- SUNDAY, March 22, 2015

USHERS: Will Harrub, Mike Mizer, Connor Pratt, Bob Terry

Preside at Lord's Table: Jerald Hill

Serve the Lord's Supper: Elvis Caldwell, Ken Cooley, Cullen Rodgers, John Wood

Reader: Ben Meade

Opening Prayer: Cody Lovett

Closing Prayer: Jimmy Campbell

TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper: Jerry Pritchett

P.M. Reader: Ben Meade

Opening Prayer: Buddy Krech

Closing Prayer: Chris Graham

THIS WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2015

Opening Prayer: Jeff Rhodes

Closing Prayer: Ben Meade

Song Leader: Daniel Johnson

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (3/15/15)	Morning Worship	273
	Sunday School	192
	PM Worship	199
Wednesday Night (3/18)		136

Contribution Last Sunday:	\$	10,981.00
Contribution YTD		110,967.00
Contribution Goal YTD		113,083.00

NURSERY TODAY—March 22, 2015

AM: Cherie & Mary Grace Warren

PM: Sharon & Katherine Broome



NURSERY-NEXT SUNDAY—March 29, 2015

AM: Karla, McKenna & Kendell Hardison

PM: Beth Lincoln & Alaina McCullough

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS—April

Johnston Family and Eaton Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP—April

Dwayne Johnston & Herb Jones

FOOD GROUP LEADERS—April

Melinda Harrub—794-9595

Jeri Oppermann—715/650-1975

Quarterly Elder Chairman (Jan.-March)

Jerald Hill

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Vacation Bible School

VBS is right around the corner and your help is needed! There will be a short meeting after morning services next Sunday, March 29. Please plan to attend if you would like to volunteer to help. If you have any questions please see Cody or Nikki Lovett.

KITE DAY

Kite Day is Saturday, March 28th beginning at 11am. Any donations of eggs or candy would be appreciated. You can place them in Andy's office.

Children's Bible Hour is in need of a teacher for the 3 yr.-Pre-K Class for the month of April. We also need teachers for both classes for the month of May. Can you help?

Brad Harrub's Schedule

March 27-29	Spencer, WI
April 7-13	Bermuda
April 17-19	Pittsburg, KS
April 22-26	Mannford, OK

GREETERS For April:

Randy & Donnaveene Holt

Pick Up Member/Visitors Cards

TODAY: Quent Mizer & Noah Oppermann

March 29 : Justus Doughtie & Carson Haedge

CHILDRENS' BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS FOR March:

3—Pre-K: McCullough Family
K-2nd Grade: Kinnard Family