

...from Andy Miller

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

Important Note - The actual date for Bible Bowl is **September 12, 2015**. The date listed on their website is not correct, so please make a note of the change. **We are in need of individuals to write questions.** If you are willing to do this - please let Andy or Jennifer know.

We want to congratulate **Katherine Broome** for being inducted into the National Honor Society. Also to **Perry Rodgers** on placing 2nd in the 4-H County Demonstration Competition & to **Gracie Comer** for placing 1st.

YOUTH

TODAY-Deadline for Camp
May 17-Camp/Staff Meeting at the Building
May 17-Graduates Reception
May 31-June 3-VBS
June 7-12-Camp
Sept. 12-Bible Bowl

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May 17, 2015 - Graduates Reception - We are so proud of all of our college and high school graduates. Each year we put aside a special night to honor their accomplishments. We have a large group of seniors graduating this year who have accomplished so much. Most importantly, this group has a heart for the Lord. They have provided leadership in our youth program for years. We are most proud of the Christian lives that they are leading. **We want to make sure and honor all of our graduates - if you have an individual that is graduating from high school or college - please email Andy or Jennifer Miller at mvalleyhaven@aol.com.** College graduates as of now: Cara Messmer, Ryan Moore, Amelia Bufford, Maddie Alden. High School Graduates as of now: Paige Crumley, Calvin Davis, Cody Davis, Bruce Doughtie, Kenzie Gaidos, Danny Goodrich, McKenna Hardison, Kelli Messmer, and Erin Neal. **Again, we want to honor everyone - so please make sure to let us know if we are missing your graduate!!!**

We want to commend **Perry Rodgers** on her decision to follow Christ.

June 7-12, 2015 - WCBC - Bible Camp - "Convicted" - Camp brochures and information are now available. See Andy Miller or check the office for the brochures. Sign-ups will be online at www.southernhills.net under youth and forms. There are applications for both campers and staff. We are in need of counselors and staff members - so please sign up as soon as possible. **The cost of camp is \$110 per camper and the deadline to sign-up and turn in money is May 3, 2015.** You can still sign up after this time but the cost increases to \$140.00 per camper. Please feel free to invite friends. This will be a great week full of fun and intense study into our being convicted in our beliefs.

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Sunday, May 3, 2015

GIFTS

Everyone likes to get gifts. What is a gift? It is "something voluntarily transferred by one person to another without compensation" (Webster). It is "an expression of honor," something given freely (Vine).

The Bible teaches that God gives gifts (Js. 1: 16-17). James 1: 17 uses two different words for gifts. The first refers to the act of giving and the second to the result of giving (Roberts, Woods). The word good indicates that all giving is good, and the word perfect "emphasizes the fullness, the completeness of that which is given" (Woods). These gifts come "down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

Today we will discuss three gifts given to us by God. The first is the gift of Christ Himself (Jn. 3: 16-17). The second is the gift of His inspired word, the Bible (2 Tim. 3: 16-17). The third is the gift of salvation (Lk. 19: 10). The third gift, salvation, comes to us through Christ and His word.

Paul closes 2 Corinthians 9 by exclaiming, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" Other translations have "His unspeakable gift," while the ESV has "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" The word refers to someone or something that is so wonderful that it is almost impossible to completely declare or relate. Vine suggests that "it seems most suitable to view it as the gift of His Son." God has given us His Son, who is described in God's word. That brings salvation.

~Dan Cottrell

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MINISTER:

Dan Cottrell

YOUTH MINISTER:

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SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

"The Gifts of God"
(James 1: 16-17)

SUNDAY EVENING

SINGING

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SICK/PRAYER LIST

Jean Henderson is in NHC on Fairground St. in Franklin after falling and breaking her arm and shoulder..

Gary French had rotator cuff surgery. It was a little more extensive than what was originally thought but everything went well. He was able to be at church Wednesday night.

Melba Sims is at home following foot surgery She is taking antibiotics through an IV . She is improving.

Pam Cost's mother, **Ruth Daines**, is scheduled to have a heart procedure tomorrow. Prayers and cards appreciated: 22 Virginia Manor Dr. West, Wellsburg, WV 26070.

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

Continue to Remember: Helen Cothran, Sue Crisman, Gayle Pratt Cost, Gary Robinett, Layne Melton, Jimmy Smithson, Bob Poston, Harrison Warren, Geneva Richardson, Dean Billops, William Dill, Rachel Haffner, Gail Krech, Jody Krech, Paul Krech, Marguerite Steele, Stoney Warren, Bobbie Wilhoite, Marjorie Perry, Pitts Hinson, David Amrozowicz, Teresa Fridenstine

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

GREETERS For May:

Pick Up Member/Visitors Cards

TODAY: Justus Doughtie & Carson Haedge

May 10 : Gabriel Oppermann & Sam Johnson

Elder Nominations

We have elder nomination forms on the table in the foyer. Please pick one up, read it, fill it out and give it to any of the elders by Wednesday, May 13.

We are accepting applications for the position of **Director of the Sunshine School**. Please see Laura Meade or Mindy Doughtie for an application.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Tonight is our first Sunday night of the month singing. Be here at 6pm!

Scotland/Ireland Mission Trip

There will be a meeting TONIGHT after our evening service for everyone who will be going on the mission trip. All travelers need to be there for this informative meeting. We have 36 people signed up to go! See John Cottrell if you have any questions.

Congratulations to **Perry Rodgers** and her family! Perry was baptized last Sunday night by her dad, Cullen. We wish her a long life of service to the Lord.

Ron Turner responded to the invitation on Wednesday asking for the prayers of the church. Ron is Sonia Rhodes' brother and lives in Texas.

SOUTHERN HILLS COOKBOOK

Preparations are being made for a new Southern Hills cookbook. We need your help! Start searching for the recipes that you want to be a part of this new cookbook. To make it easier for everyone involved, we need your email on our website. Register today at: southernhills.net.

If you haven't registered on the website, 1) go to: southernhills.net. 2) Click on MEMBERS at the top of the page, and 3) type your first and last name and email. You will receive a user name and password and then you can access all of the features of our website.

CHILDRENS' BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS FOR May:

3-Pre-K: McCullough Family
K-2nd Grade: Susan McMillan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Meal

On Wednesday

May 6 ~ 5:45 pm

On The Menu:

Chicken Crisпитos, Chips & Salsa

Salad, Cookies, Ice Cream

Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

SIGN UP BY TONIGHT

Vacation Bible School

Our VBS is May 31-June 3. Please sign up on the sheets out in the foyer and on the bulletin board near the office, if you are willing to help. See Cody or Nikki Lovett if you have questions.

You can register for VBS on our website! Go to Bible Study-then VBS to the right of the picture. This will bring up the form. Fill it out and then submit when finished. If you have any questions, please talk to Cody or Nikki Lovett.

THANK YOU

Thanks so much for the many acts of kindness shown to me and my family since my hip replacement surgery. I am very grateful for my surgery's success and blessed to be a part of Southern Hills. Wilma Cooley

We want to thank everyone for the cards and prayers, also the food that has been sent during this trying time. Thanks again. Doug, Nellie & Jimmy Smithson

Dear Friends at Southern Hills: Each spring & fall we send out a request for help to fill the pantries at our four Tennessee Children's Home Campuses. Thank you for your loyal support. The children in our care have basic needs & your caring behind the gift is truly a blessing. Your contribution of food & supplies to the Food & Supply Drive will provide healthy meals. We need more people like you that help make a difference.

Sincerely, Brian L. King, President,
TN Children's Home

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY- SUNDAY, May 3, 2015

USHERS: Chris Graham, Len McKnatt, Andy Miller & John Wood

Preside at Lord's Table: Mike Kinnard

Serve the Lord's Supper: David Cost, Bruce Doughtie, Tony Tucker, James Vanderpool

Reader: Michael Meade

Opening Prayer: David Broome

Closing Prayer: Calvin Davis

TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper: Bob Terry

P.M. Reader: SINGING

Opening Prayer: Mike Mizer

Closing Prayer: John Dees

THIS WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2015

Opening Prayer: Daniel Winkler

Closing Prayer: Matt Ensor

Song Leader: Will Harrub

THE RECORD

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| Last Sunday (4/26/15) | Morning Worship | 283 |
| | Sunday School | 230 |
| | PM Worship | 161 |
| Wednesday Night (4/22) | | 182 |

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| Contribution Last Sunday: | \$ | 10,532.00 |
| Contribution YTD | | 168,921.00 |
| Contribution Goal YTD | | 174,283.00 |

NURSERY TODAY—May 3, 2015

AM: Wilma Cooley & Carolyn Pratt

PM: Barbara Jones & Sonia Rhodes

NURSERY-NEXT SUNDAY—May 10, 2015

AM: Becca Melton & Paige Crumley

PM: Jennifer Ensor & Judy Pritchett

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS—May

Lovett Family & Meade Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP—May

Dale Alden & Michael Meade

FOOD GROUP LEADERS—May

Cherie Warren—791-8813

Judy Russell—595-0639

Quarterly Elder Chairman (April-June)

Dan Cottrell