

...from Andy Miller

Lads to Leaders– Lads registration is now open online at www.southernhills.net, youth, forms. If you would like a hotel room, they are available on a first come first serve basis and you must text, email or speak with Jennifer Miller to reserve a room. Folders are available with information on the Lads to Leaders program and with cost information as well. This is a great training program for our youth as well as a great time to fellowship and grow as a congregation. The convention is held at Opryland Hotel in Nashville on March 24-26, 2016. It is for ages Pre-K and up. There is a little something for everyone including art, speech, puppets, debate, song leading, scrapbooking, storyline and much, much more.

Information folders are available containing information on upcoming youth activities such as Equip, Family Ski Retreat and Lads to Leaders. Please see Andy Miller or Cody Lovett to get your information folder.

Equip-January 1-2, 2016–Our annual Equip program is set for Friday evening January 1 through Saturday evening, January 2. We will spend the night at the building on Friday so plan accordingly. This will be a great start to our year as we Equip ourselves to take light into darkness.

Youth

Jan. 4-Service Activity at NHC
Jan. 9-Special Ladies Service Project
Jan 15-18, 2016 - Ski Retreat
March 13-Kite Day
March 24-25, 2016-Lads to Leaders
June 5-10, 2016—WCBC Bible Camp

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Dec. 14-Caroling & Service Project
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ELDERS:

David Broome
John Bufford
Dan Cottrell
John Cottrell
Jerald Hill
Ken Hardison
Jeff Rhodes
Stoney Warren

DEACONS:

Dale Alden - Education
Jimmy Campbell- Youth, Security, Day School
David Cost - Benevolence
Jimmy Davis-Youth
Chris Doughtie - Youth
Matt Ensor– Benevolence, New Member
Chris Graham - Finance, Day School, Office Admin.
Ryan Haedge– New Member, Advertising
Dewayne Johnston–Building, Youth
Herb Jones - Building, Worship, Senior Ministry
Mike Kinnard– Edu. & Edification
Phillip McCullough—Education
Len McKnatt - Day School
Michael Meade - Tech., Youth
Alex Melton-Worship
Mike Mizer - Education
Clint Oppermann—Finance, Office Admin.
Matt Potts- Building
John Pratt- Missions
Cullen Rodgers– Advertising, Tech., Website
Dave Sweeney-Worship, Day School, Senior Ministry
Thomas Waggoner-Missions
Daniel Winkler– Education

MINISTER:

Dan Cottrell

FAMILY LIFE MINISTER:

Andy Miller

YOUTH MINISTER:

Cody Lovett

SECRETARY:

Pam Cost

BAPTISM

One of the most controversial areas in Christian thought is baptism. Is it necessary to be baptized to be saved? Who should be baptized? How should they be baptized? What is the purpose of baptism? We will try to address those questions in the lesson this morning. We will address it in this article as best we can.

Baptism in the New Testament was always by immersion. The one who is baptized must be a believer. The purpose of baptism is “for the remission of sins” (Acts 2: 38), which actually means in order to receive the remission of sins. That being the case, baptism is essential to salvation.

The year 2015 is swiftly drawing to a close. We have spent the last several Sundays discussing the plan of salvation in our Sunday morning sermons. We began by analyzing the problem, which is sin. We saw that the solution to the problem is Jesus Christ. We discussed the place of faith, repentance and confession in the place of salvation. Today we discuss the place of baptism. Next week Brad Harrub will preach at all services. Then, on the last Sunday of 2015, we will discuss the new life in Christ that results from obedience to the gospel.

We have preached these sermons because there are some in the audience who have not obeyed the gospel. We want to give you every opportunity to do that. These sermons have been preached to both inform and encourage you to become a Christian.

~Dan Cottrell

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON

“Baptism”
(John 3: 1-5)

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON:

“The Way of Wisdom”
(James 3: 13-18)

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SICK/PRAYER LIST

Anne Harris is recovering from a fall at home.

Keep Garrett Moore in your prayers. He was feeling well enough to be out to services last week.

Gary Robinett: 6600 Center Ridge Rd., Newburgh, IN 47630-20741

Marie Holman is back in Room #122 at Belvedere Commons: 303 S. Royal Oaks Blvd., Franklin 37064.

Melissa Crumley's father, William Dill, is back in the hospital with kidney failure.

Sammy Pratt is scheduled to have back surgery tomorrow morning. Keep him in your prayers.

Continue to Remember: Joe Brooks, Sam Pratt, Sr., Marie Holman, Nellie Smithson, Jimmy Smithson, Geneva Richardson, Dean Billops, Rachel Haffner, Gail Krech, Jody Krech, Marguerite Steele, Stoney Warren, Bobbie Wilhoite, Bobby Richardson, Ken Cooley, Marcia Spillers, Nancy Mullens

Our Shut-ins: Jane Davis, Nancilynn Dunn, Wilma Gower, Jean Henderson, Ruth Miller, Lawrence & Janet Cash

GREETERS For December

The Meade Family

Pick Up Member/Visitors Cards

TODAY: Slade Pratt & Quent Mizer

Dec. 20: Noah Oppermann & Justus Doughtie

The elders are asking that you consider helping the Moore family as their medical bills grow. We have set up a GoFundMe fundraising campaign to make helping easy. Go to:

www.GoFundMe.com/GarrettMoore

If you would prefer to give funds directly to the church for the Moore family give any help you can to the elders.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Linda Cottrell on the passing of her aunt, Mary Matt Altman, who lived in Milan, TN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Bible Class will meet Wednesday morning at 10am, after which we will have our yearly luncheon.

The December issue of the Gospel Advocate is available in the foyer.

Health and Wellness Ministry meeting will be on Tuesday the 15th here at the building from 7-8pm.

Last Days to Sign Up

We have several sign-up sheets out today for the work of the church in 2016. They are:

- NURSERY WORKERS
- COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS
- FOOD GROUPS
- PREPARE COMMUNION
- KITCHEN CLEAN UP
- GREETERS
- YOUNG MEN TO PICK UP CARDS
- CHILDRENS BIBLE HOUR
- COMMUNION TO SICK/SHUT-INS

Please sign up for any or all works. And we need at least two a week to pick up cups, so feel free to sign up more than once! If you have any questions, call the church office or see Pam.

PLEASE SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 20th.

Thank You . . .

We want to thank everyone for the flowers, food, visits and prayers during my surgery and recovery. They were much appreciated. Sam & Lois Pratt

Dear Members: I firmly believe that all of the prayers that were said by your congregation and others on my behalf were a definite help in my recovery. Although I am not cured, my cancer is showing great signs of remission and my doctors are thrilled with my progress. If you can find it in your hearts to again ask the Lord for his help on my behalf, my family, friends and myself would be so thankful!

Sincerely, Gary Robinett
Tracey McKnight's father

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cookbooks are available to be picked up today. They are \$6.00 each. Please make your check payable to Southern Hills.

WOMEN OF HOPE CONFERENCE

Overflowing Hope

March 4-5, 2016

Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro, TN

See Linda Cottrell for more information.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The tubs are out in the fellowship hall for your cards. For the new members, we do this every year. If you would like to give any of our members a Christmas card, just put their name on the envelope and put it in the correct container. **The last day to drop off your cards is Wednesday, December 16th. They will be sorted and available for you to pick up the following Sunday.**

Remember the special contribution on Sunday, December 27th to benefit Mission efforts.

CHILDRENS BIBLE HOUR

We are in need of teachers for the 3-Pre-K age group for the month of January. Please sign up on the back board-your help is appreciated.

CHILDRENS' BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS FOR

December:

3 years-Pre-K: Karla Hardison
K-2nd Grade: Rachel Potts

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY- SUNDAY, Dec. 13, 2015

USHERS: David Cost, Matt Ensor
Cody Eaton, John Wood

Preside at Lord's Table: Will Harrub

Serve the Lord's Supper: Jimmy Campbell,
Cody Lovett, Mike Mizer, Bob Poston

Reader: Aidan Broome

Opening Prayer: Randy Hunt

Closing Prayer: John Cottrell

TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper: Clint/Noah Oppermann

P.M. Reader: Aidan Broome

Opening Prayer: Andy Miller

Closing Prayer: John Dees

THIS WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16, 2015

Opening Prayer: Bob Terry

Closing Prayer: Clint Oppermann

Song Leader: John Rhodes

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (12/6/15)	Morning Worship	278
	Sunday School	216
	PM Worship	149
Wednesday Night (12/9)		157

Contribution Last Sunday:	\$ 12,545.00
Contribution YTD	491,690.00
Contribution Goal YTD	492,483.00

NURSERY TODAY—Dec. 13, 2015

AM: Sharon & Katherine Broome

PM: Mary Anne Hall & Peggy Hill

NURSERY-NEXT SUNDAY—Dec. 20, 2015

AM: Alaina McCullough & Carrie Alden

PM: Patti Elliott & Beth Lincoln

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS—December

LaNelle Bufford & Vi Waldrep

BUILDING LOCK-UP—December

Dwayne Johnston & Herb Jones

FOOD GROUP LEADERS—December

Linda Cottrell—377-6160

Vi Waldrep—615/472-1333

Quarterly Elder Chairman (Oct.-Dec.)

John Cottrell

