

## ...From Andy Miller

**Adult Mentoring Program Kickoff-Sunday Sept 15 -** In an effort to promote interaction between our youth and our senior members, we will be starting a mentoring program. We would like to have as many of our youth and senior members participate as possible. On Sunday afternoon we will have a kickoff reception where our youth will meet their adult mentor and have a chance to get to know one another better. We are asking that our youth and their parents bring finger foods for a snack.

**Tonight-Our 9th grade** and up are invited to dinner and bowling after the evening service.

**Wednesday Night-September 4 Annual Adult Bible Bowl Challenge.** On Wednesday evening our youth would like to challenge our adults to the annual Adult Bible Bowl Challenge. Brush up on 1 Corinthians and Galatians and plan to join us for this evening.

**KFC Service Project -** Our 6th grade and up group will finish our care packages for the Ronald McDonald House and deliver them. We will stop at Chik-Fil-A for supper. We will meet at the building at 6pm and return at 8:45pm. **Please note that due to Bible Bowl this activity will be postponed to a later date in September.**

**Oct. 5 - Fall Festival -** Our annual fall festival and hayride will be at the Miller's farm on Oct. 5th. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. More information to come.

**PRACTICE TODAY at 3:30pm.**

**Bible Bowl 2013 -** Bible Bowl is held in Cookeville at the Hooper Eblen Center Saturday, September 7th. If you have any questions, please see Andy or Jennifer Miller. Bible Bowl begins promptly at 8am on Saturday morning, which means if you are driving up to Cookeville on Saturday, you need to plan to arrive at the Hooper Eblen Center no later than 7:30am to meet our group and get seated. Traffic can be bad and the area around the center can be congested-please allow plenty of time. We will have lunch on the lawn at the Southern Hills Tent-our menu is barbecue. A huge thank you to the Vanderpools and McKnights for being our chefs for the weekend! There will be a team meeting at the hotel on Friday night where we will announce teams and hand out t-shirts. **If your child needs transportation to and from Bible Bowl, please let Andy Miller know as soon as possible.**

**Oct. 4 - Lock-in** with Concord Road at A-Game. We will meet at the building at 10:30pm or drop off at A-Game at 11pm. We will return to the building at 7am Saturday morning.

*KFC*

TBA - KFC Service Project  
Oct. 5-Fall Festival  
Oct. 27-Trunk or Treat

*Youth*

Sept. 7-Bible Bowl  
Oct. 4-Lock-in w/Concord Rd. at A-Game  
Oct. 5-Fall Festival  
Oct. 12-Devo/Bonfire at the Grahams  
Oct. 25-27-Fall Retreat  
Oct. 27-Trunk or Treat

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### ELDERS:

John Bufford  
Dan Cottrell  
John Cottrell  
Jerald Hill  
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### 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

# THE LOVE OF GOD

The most important theme in the Bible is the love of God (Jn. 3:16). There are many important themes in God's word. These include God's grace (Eph. 2:8) and His mercy (Eph. 2:4). But even these two themes are the result of the love of God. Because God loves us He extends His grace and mercy to us. "But God who is rich in mercy." Why? "Because of His great love with which He loved us" (Eph. 2: 4). God's grace and mercy are the result of God's love.

John writes a great passage on God's love for us in his first letter. "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 Jn. 4: 9-10).

John adds, "We love Him because He first loved us" (1 Jn. 4: 19). God first loved us. Because He loved us He sent His Son to die for us. Paul writes of "Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Rom. 4: 24-25 ESV).

There is no greater theme in the Bible than God's love for us. That is why we are dealing with it today. Next Sunday we will discuss our love for God.

--Dan Cottrell

### SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

"The Love of God"  
(John 3: 16-17)

### SUNDAY EVENING SERMON:

SINGING 

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**SICK/PRAYER LIST**

**Ramelle Patterson** fell and broke her hip. She had successful surgery and was taken back to the nursing home. She is Chris Smith's mother.

**Amber Sheppard** was to have a heart cath on Thursday at Vanderbilt Hospital. She is the teenage daughter of David & Debra Sheppard, former members at Southern Hills.

**Beverly Smithson** has been undergoing some tests. Doctors are trying to determine her problem and treatment. Keep her in your prayers.

**Continue to Remember:** Jody Krech, Carnell Schmittou, Ken Cooley, Janella Gaston, William Dill, Marguerite Steele, Walter Eaves, Jane Woodroof, Bobbie Wilhoite, Bob Bufford, Joe Russell, Stoney Warren, Mildred Nelms, Sierra Turner, Lawrence & Janet Cash, Neil Headden.

**Our shut-ins:** Evelyn Billings, Mary Allen, Jane Davis, Richard Marlin, Ruth Miller, Ramelle Patterson & Odessa Barnhill.

**GREETERS for September:**  
Jim & Sandy Campbell

**Pick up Member/Visitor Cards:**  
**TODAY :** Mason McKnatt & Curt Graham  
**Sept. 8 :** Caleb Sumerel & Ben Meade

**~ Ladies Day ~**

Ladies' Day will be Saturday, October 5 from 9am-12pm. Charlotte Justice from Atlanta, GA will be our speaker. Her topic will be "I'm Nobody! Who Are You?" A brunch will be served. We encourage ladies of all ages to attend. Also invite your friends and neighbors to attend. Sign up sheets are out. Contact Linda Cottrell if you have any questions.

The **Diana Singing** is September 13 and 14th. Their newsletter with additional information is on the small board in the back hallway.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tonight is our first Sunday night of the month singing. Please be here at 6pm.

The church office will be closed tomorrow due to the holiday.

The **Ladies Bible Class and Men's Prayer Group** will resume Wednesday, September 4th. If you will need a babysitter, please let Judy Pritchett know.

The **Tennessee Children's Home** is in need of some school items. A list of those items is on the table in the foyer. Please help if you can.

The September issue of the *Gospel Advocate* is available in the foyer.

Today is **promotion Sunday**. Once we are dismissed to classes, adults may wish to walk their children to their new classes and meet their new teachers. To accommodate this, adult classes may start a few minutes later than normal.

**~ Response ~**

Rachel Haffner & Susan McMillan responded to the invitation last Sunday, asking for the prayers of the congregation.

The **Annual Tennessee Children's Home Benefit Dinner** will be at 6:30pm on Thursday, September 26th at the West 7th Street Church of Christ, located at 405 West 7th St., Columbia, TN 38401. Sign-up sheets are available. Contact Stoney Warren if you have questions.

**Thank you . . .**

Dear Church Family: Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, food, visits and beautiful flowers during my recent surgery. Your many expressions of caring and concern have been a daily encouragement to me as I recuperate.  
With Sincere Appreciation, Jean Sweeney

**There will be no Children's Bible Hour for the month of September.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

**On Wednesday  
September 4 ~ 5:45 pm**

**On The Menu:**

**Ham, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli,  
Rolls, Banana Pudding,  
Tea, Lemonade & Coffee**



**Sign Up by tonight**

**~ EEM Dinner ~**

The Eastern European Mission Benefit Dinner will be held on September 19th at 7pm at the Cool Springs Marriott Hotel at 700 Cool Springs Blvd. Sign up sheets are out.

**Tenn. Children's Home  
Food & Supply Drive**

It's time for the TCH Fall Food & Supply Drive. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please give to one of the Elders (**checks payable to TCH**). Items needed:

- ~100% Bottled Apple, Grape, and Orange Juice
- ~Sweetened Cereal
- ~Sugar-Granulated
- ~Sloppy Joe Sauce
- ~Little Debbie Snack Cakes
- ~Kool-Aid (canisters)
- ~Vegetable Oil
- ~Rotel Tomatoes
- ~Velveeta Cheese
- ~ Paper Towels
- ~Liquid Laundry Detergent
- ~Toilet Paper
- ~Mayonnaise
- ~Mustard
- ~Ketchup
- ~Bleach
- ~Shout Stain Remover



Our yearly **FISH FRY** is set for Saturday, September 28th, beginning at 5pm. If you plan to attend, please sign up. Herb or Barbara Jones can answer your questions.

**THOSE TO SERVE**

**TODAY ~ SUNDAY, Sept. 1, 2013**

**Ushers:** Calvin Davis, Ben Meade,  
Dewayne Moore  
**Preside at Lord's Table:** Clint Oppermann  
Bob Alexander, Matt Ensor, Chris Graham and  
Jeff Rhodes  
**Reader:** Cody Lovett  
**Opening Prayer:** Dale Alden  
**Closing Prayer:** Will Harrub

**TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:**

**P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper:** Len McKnatt  
**P.M. Reader:** SINGING  
**Opening Prayer:** Michael Meade  
**Closing Prayer:** Chris Graham

**THIS WEDNESDAY, Sept. 4, 2013**

**Opening Prayer:** Randy Hunt  
**Closing Prayer:** Phillip McCullough  
**Song Leader:** Cody Davis

**THE RECORD**

<b>Last Sunday (8/25)</b>	Morning Worship	<b>303</b>
	Sun. School	<b>226</b>
	PM Worship	<b>176</b>
<b>Wed. Night (8/28)</b>	Bible Study	<b>133</b>
<b>Contribution Last Sunday</b>		<b>\$ 8,484.00</b>
<b>Contribution YTD</b>		<b>328,451.00</b>
<b>Contribution Goal YTD</b>		<b>325,598.00</b>

**NURSERY - TODAY: Sept. 1, 2013**

**AM:** Sonia Rhodes & Mary Lee Caldwell  
**PM:** Ashley & Ellie Pratt



**NURSERY - NEXT Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013**

**AM:** Julie Cottrell & Sandy Campbell  
**PM:** Karla, McKenna & Kendell Hardison

**COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - September**

Vi Waldrep - Cost Family

**BUILDING LOCK-UP - September**

P. McCullough, J. Rhodes & T. Waggoner

**FOOD GROUP LEADERS - September**

Carol Terry - 595-0184  
Pat Poston - 931/489-5813

**QUARTERLY ELDER CHAIRMAN (July-Sept.)**

Jerald Hill