

**SICK/PRAYER LIST**

Linda Haedge is in Room #1401-B at NHC in Cool Springs.

Donna Warren is improving, but the doctor wants her to continue therapy until after the holidays.

Wilma Gower has returned to NHC in Cool Springs. She is in Room 2103-A.

Donnaveene Holt has returned home from NHC and has already been out to services!

Deloras Lucas, Mary Bawcom's mother, is in Williamson Medical Center, Room #444.

Our expectant Mom: Alaina McCullough

Becca Melton says so many people are asking about her sister's twins that were born prematurely that she wants us to have her sister & brother-in-law's blog information. That way people can check themselves.

[www.bensbabyjournal.blogspot.com](http://www.bensbabyjournal.blogspot.com) (for babyBen) and [www.rorysbabyjournal.blogspot.com](http://www.rorysbabyjournal.blogspot.com) (for baby Rory) Parents are Mark and Jessica Kerins. The babies are still in the hospital.

**Continue to remember:** Andrew McRady, Andrew Bottrell, Don Newhouse, Lawrence Cash, Patti Cremer, Dorothy Eaves, Joyce Liggett, Carnell Schmittou, Mason McKnatt, Bobbie Wilhoite, Paul Sparks, Stoney Warren, Joe Russell, Bob Bufford, Madelyn Gregg, John & Ruth Daines, Nell Buttrey, Odessa Barnhill, Charlotte Haffner, Ramelle Patterson, & Kim Compton.

**Continue to remember our shut-ins:**

- Evelyn Billings
- Marie Oakley
- Mary Allen (Azalea Court in Smyrna)

**GREETERS for December:**

The Doughtie Family  
Barbara Jones

**Pick up Member/Visitor Cards:**

**TODAY:** John Rhodes & Cy Warren  
**Dec. 25:** Luke Johnston & Mason McKnatt

**~ Brad Harrub's Schedule ~**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 3-5	Origins Seminar	Albuquerque, NM
Feb. 9-11	Focus Press Marriage Retreat	Frisco, TX

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brad Harrub will be preaching for us tonight. Remember our service starts at 5pm.

There will be no evening service next Sunday, December 25th.

Our new directories are in! Please pick yours up as soon as you can! Your name will be on the back of the book. **ELDERS & DEACONS-your directory is in your mailbox.**

Our guest speaker for Wednesday night will be **Steve Hilton**. He will be talking about his trip to Guyana in November.

**~ Sign-Up Sheets ~**

We have a variety of *sign up sheets* out for our work in 2012. Even if you have signed up in the past, please do so again. Sheets include:

- To Prepare Communion for 1 month
- Kitchen Cleanup
- Collect Communion Cups for 1 month
- Greeters on Sunday Mornings
- Drivers for Church Van
- Nursery Volunteers
- Teachers for Children's Bible Hour
- To Go On Ski Trip in January
- Young Men to Pick up Visitors Cards

**\*\*Parents:** If your son would like to pick up cards on Sunday mornings, please sign them up. If you have any questions, see Alex Melton or call the office.

**SIGN UP BY TONIGHT!**

We found out a few weeks ago that Marie Oakley has been moved from the nursing facility where she had been for quite a while. However, we have not been able to find where she is now. If anyone knows anything, please call the church office.

Bob & Beverly Moseley, Lucy Helm's daughter and son-in-law, have given Southern Hills a donation in memory of her mother. They are grateful for the help and the love the congregation showed her.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION  
December 25, 2011**

**All money collected beyond the weekly budget will be used to pay down the mortgage.**

**~ Holiday Cards ~**

The Holiday Cards are ready to be picked up! They are on tables in the fellowship hall. If you plan to visit any of our shut-ins, please pick up their cards and deliver them, too! Also, remember that you need not have given cards in order to have received them!

It's been decided to continue our every Wednesday night meals. Beginning on Wednesday evening, January 4th at 5:45pm Wesley and his kitchen crew will again be serving us some great meals! As last time, sign up sheets will be out, one for the current week and one for the following week. Please pay close attention to the date on the top of the sheet you sign. There was some confusion last time. And again, please remember that if you sign up, please show up!

**Menu For January 4**

**Sausage, Bacon, Eggs, Grits, Biscuits, Jelly, Pancakes, Juice, Milk**

**~ Children's Bible Hour ~**

There is a sign up sheet for 2012 teachers for our Children's Bible Hour on Sunday nights. Please sign up as soon as you can. Your help is appreciated.

**~ Day School Clarification ~**

Due to the resignation of Becky Tucker as the Assistant Director, the Advisory Committee of the Sunshine Day School has appointed Linda Cottrell and Judy Pritchett as co-Directors. Linda will work with the Monday/Wednesday classes and Judy with the Tuesday/Thursday classes.

**THOSE TO SERVE**

**TODAY ~ SUNDAY, December 18, 2011**

**Ushers:** David Broome, Ken Cooley, Sam Pratt  
**Preside at Lord's Table:** Trey Pratt  
**Serve the Lord's Supper:** Jim Campbell, Bill Davis, Carl Haedge, Jeff Rhodes  
**Reader:** John Rhodes  
**Opening Prayer:** Wes Head  
**Closing Prayer:** Ryan Haedge

**TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:**

**P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper:** Chris Graham  
**P.M. Reader:** John Rhodes  
**Opening Prayer:** Donald Smith  
**Closing Prayer:** Mike Meade

**THIS WEDNESDAY, December 21, 2011**

**Opening Prayer:** Bob Terry  
**Closing Prayer:** David Broome  
**Song Leader:** John Rhodes

**THE RECORD**

**Last Sunday (12/11)** Morning Worship 261  
Sun. School 223  
PM Worship 356  
**Wed. Night (12/14)** Bible Study 164

**Contribution Last Sunday** \$ 9,817.00  
**Contribution YTD** 482,208.00  
**Contribution Goal YTD** 487,382.00

**NURSERY - TODAY: December 18, 2011**

**AM:** Peggy Hill & Vi Waldrep  
**PM:** Cherie & Mary Grace Warren



**NURSERY - NEXT Sunday, December 25, 2011**

**AM:** Pat Marsh & Sandy Campbell  
**PM:** Shana & Claire Graham

**COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - December**

McCullough Family & Trey Pratt Family

**BUILDING LOCK-UP - December**

Ken Cooley & Jeff Rhodes

**KITCHEN CLEAN-UP - December**

Wilma Cooley, Lesa Kupchik, Rose Bufford

**FOOD GROUP LEADERS - December**

Linda Cottrell - 615/377-6160

Vi Waldrep - 615/472-1333

**QUARTERLY ELDER CHAIRMAN (Oct.-Dec.)**

Dan Cottrell

...From Andy Miller

**Lads to Leaders** - If you have not turned in your Lads to Leaders forms it is not too late, but we need them as soon as possible. We are getting ready for an exciting year with our Lads to Leaders program, and we want everyone to be involved. Please turn your forms in to the Broomes or the Millers. Also, if you want a hotel room or if your child is staying with a chaperone, please give this information to Jennifer Miller at 615-390-6674 or email at [mvalleyhaven@aol.com](mailto:mvalleyhaven@aol.com).

**Youth Group Holiday Caroling-Tuesday, December 20, 2011.** Our Youth and Young Professionals Group will be caroling to our local subdivisions in an effort to raise canned foods for families in need this holiday season. This will be an excellent opportunity to let our closest neighbors see the love and caring that this congregation has for one another and others. Afterwards we will go to the home of Ken and Wilma Cooley for snacks and hot chocolate-yummy! Bring your friends and plan to come out for a fun evening. We will meet at the building at 6 :30pm and return at 8:45pm.

**Equip** - December 28-29. We would like to invite all of our youth 6th grade and up to participate in a very special program called Equip. The purpose of Equip is to better prepare our youth to serve as leaders in the Church. We will stay at the building overnight on Wednesday the 28th following Bible class. They will have the opportunity to hear guest speakers and participate in a series of activities geared toward helping them use their talents for the Lord. The girls' program will conclude at 4pm on Thursday. The guys will return to the building at 7:30pm on Thursday. If you have questions about this event or want more information on what is planned, please see Andy or Jennifer Miller.

**KFC Holiday Caroling**-Monday, Dec. 19. 1st grade - 5th grade. We will meet at the building at 6pm and return by 7:30pm. This group will be caroling to some of our members- so watch out-you never know who might stopping by!

### Youth Calendar

Dec. 19	KFC Caroling
Dec. 20	Youth Caroling
Dec. 28-29	Equip
Jan. 6	Monthly KFC Activity
Jan. 7	Inspirational Ladies Brunch
Jan. 13-16	Family Ski Retreat

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Sunday, December 18, 2011

**ELDERS:**

Dan Cottrell  
John Cottrell  
Jerald Hill  
Joe Russell  
Stoney Warren

**DEACONS:**

Dale Alden-*Education*  
David Broome-*Technology*  
John Bufford-*Building & Grounds*  
Ken Cooley-*Senior Activities*  
David Cost-*Benevolence*  
Chris Doughtie-*Education*  
Chris Graham-*Office Admin.*  
Herb Jones-*Building & Grounds*  
Len McKnatt-*Family Assistance*  
Michael Meade-*Education*  
Jerry Pritchett-*Edification Groups*  
Jeff Rhodes-*Missions*  
Mark Sullivan-*Family Life*  
Dave Sweeney-*Worship*

**MINISTER:**

Dan Cottrell

**YOUTH MINISTER:**

Andy Miller

**SECRETARY:**

Pam Cost

## “The Grace of Giving”

The Bible has a great deal to say about giving. It must be an important subject. What does the Bible say about it? This morning we will look at God's Promise, Plan and Procedure for giving.

What is God's promise for our giving? That is found in Luke 6:38. What is His plan for our giving? We will see that in 1 Corinthians 16:2, where God answers the questions when, who, what and how.

What is the procedure for our giving? That is described in 2 Corinthians 8:1 - 9:15. We will see the priority that drives our giving. We are to first give ourselves to the Lord (2 Cor. 8:5). Our model for giving is “our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Cor. 8:9).

Finally, we will consider several points about our giving (2 Cor. 8 and 9). We are to give liberally or generously (8:2), as well as willingly and even sacrificially (8:3). We are to give abundantly (8:7). And we are to give readily (8:11-12).

We are to give bountifully (9:5-6). (See Luke 6:38). We are also to give purposefully (9:7). (See 1 Corinthians 16:2). And we are to give cheerfully (9:7).

When we follow these guidelines for giving, we will be giving according to God's will. The Lord's church will prosper and our lives will be blessed. Please give according to these guidelines, not only next Sunday, but every Lord's Day.

~ Dan Cottrell

**SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:**

“The Grace of Giving”  
(1 Corinthians 16: 1-2)

**SUNDAY EVENING SERMON:**

“Alone On An Island”  
(Romans 12: 1-2)

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