

...From Andy Miller

**TODAY: Caroling:** Tonight after our evening services our 6th grade and up group is invited to go caroling and deliver food baskets to families in need. We will head to Garrett Moore's house for hot chocolate and snacks. We should return to the building at 9:30pm. If you live in the Spring Hill area and wish to pick up your child at the Moore's home, please do so by 9pm.

**Equip - Jan. 3-4** Our Equip program strives to train our young people to be Christian leaders in unique ways. We will plan to meet at the building at 3pm on Friday and return by 2:30pm on Saturday. Online registration is available. Please see Andy or Jennifer if you have questions.

**Lads to Leaders-April 17-19** -Lads to Leaders is a training program open to all of our youth beginning with Pre-K and up. We offer training in areas such as speech, song leading, debate, art, puppets, making power point and bulletin board presentations, designing web sites, writing essays, skits, and service projects. If you have a talent we want to help you use it for the Lord while helping you discover other talents and develop skills that you might not have had before. The program culminates in a convention held at Opryland Hotel each year. Folders are available for more information. Online registration is available at [www.southernhills.net](http://www.southernhills.net). See the Millers or the Broomes if you have questions. **Please note that there are certain pre-convention events that are due in January such as essays, music and lyrics, mass media events, web design. If you would like to participate in any of these events, we need to get started now!**

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### Youth

Jan. 3-4-Equip  
Jan. 5-Film Storyline Video  
Jan. 10-11-Special Service Project-Girls Only  
Jan. 16-18-Family Ski Retreat  
March 1-3 Spring Retreat

### KFC

Jan. 10-KFC Activity (special date due to Equip)  
Jan 16-18-Family Ski Retreat  
April 17-19-Lads to Leaders

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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

## GIVING



In 2 Corinthians 8:7 Paul writes, "See that you abound in this grace also." What grace is that? The grace of giving. In the continuing study of our response to the love, grace and mercy of God we are studying worship. Today we are thinking about the grace of giving. What does the Bible teach about this important subject?

First, there is the PRINCIPLE in the words of Jesus as stated by Paul (Acts 20: 35). Then there is the PROMISE of our Lord (Acts 6: 38). This is followed by the PROCEDURE for giving (1 Cor. 16:2). There is the PRIORITY (2 Cor. 8:5), followed by the PERSON (2 Cor. 8:9), which is in turn followed by the PATTERN for our giving (2 Cor. 9:5-13). If a Christian follows these guidelines he or she will be giving according to the will of God.

This month our elders have taken turns reminding us each Sunday that December 29 is the day for our special contribution. That means that all of the money collected above the budget amount will be given to the mission works in which we are involved. Those include Fishers of Men (Ron Maynard), the Moores (China), the Galloways (Scotland), John Grubb (China), and Focus Press (Brad Harrub). Please remember these works in your giving on this special Sunday and all Sundays.

Giving is an act of worship by which we honor and glorify God. It is an act of worship commanded by Him. Please give according to God's will.

--Dan Cottrell

#### SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

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

#### SUNDAY EVENING SERMON:

"Our Citizenship in Heaven"  
(Philippians 3: 17-21)

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**SICK/PRAYER LIST**

**Russell Miller** is in Room #5004 at Vanderbilt Hospital (ICU). He had surgery on Tuesday. He may be in the hospital for several days.

**Hunter Garstin** suffered a spinal cord injury while on a wrestling trip in Alabama. He underwent surgery and is now at the Sheperd Center in rehab. He is a student at Independence High School.

**Richard Oxford**, a nephew of Linda Okerson, is having some health problems.

**Sonia Rhodes** will have surgery on December 23rd at Williamson Medical Center. She will be there overnight.

Our Expectant Mother: **Rachel Potts** (July)

**Continue to Remember:** Paul Krech, , Gail Krech, Jody Krech, Jane Bloodworth, Shirley Sumerel, William Dill, Marguerite Steele, Walter Eaves, Jane Woodroof, Bobbie Wilhoite, Bob Bufford, Stoney Warren, Sierra Turner, Lawrence & Janet Cash

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

**GREETERS for December:**

David & Pam Cost

**Pick up Member/Visitor Cards:**

**TODAY :** Mason McKnatt & Graham

**Dec. 27:** Caleb Sumerel & Ben Meade

**~Brad Harrub's Schedule~**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan. 10-12	Faith Building	Houston, TX
Jan. 20-31		Jamaica
Jan. 31-Feb. 2	Origins Seminar	Searcy, Arkansas

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Ladies Class and Mens Prayer Group will resume on January 8th.

Today is our monthly singing at NHC Nursing Home on Fairground St. in Franklin. Everyone is invited to be there at 1:15pm.

The fellowship meals will resume on Wednesday, January 8th.

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, the 25th due to the holiday.

We want to welcome back **Mickey and Carol Petty**. They have been members at Southern Hills in the past. Their address:

**112 Breckenridge Drive  
Franklin, TN 37067**

Cells: Mickey: 615-207-5905

Carol: 615-504-0918

Please add the Petty family to your directory.

**Special Contribution**

The Elders have asked for a special contribution on Sunday, December 29th. Any amount over the monthly budget will be divided among some of our mission work. Please consider this when giving on that day.

**~ Date Change ~**

Because Christmas falls on Wednesday, the 25th, our service will be moved to Thursday the 26th. The same for the following week due to the New Year holiday. We will meet on Thursday, Jan. 2nd. We will have singing only both of these nights- there will be no classes!

We are still in need of someone to take the Lord's supper to those who request it, please talk to one of the elders or call the church office.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**~ Holiday Cards ~**

The holiday cards are ready to be picked up. They are in the fellowship hall. Please get yours as soon as you can. And remember-you did not have to give cards to receive cards! Please check! If you plan to visit any of our shut-ins, please consider taking their cards to them!

**Mark Your Calendar!**

The Ladies Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, January 25th. It will be here in the fellowship hall this year. More information to follow!

**~ Last Day ~**

- Sunday Morning Greeters
- Prepare Communion
- Collect Communion Cups
- Clean the Kitchen
- Food Groups
- Nursery Workers
- Young Men to Pick Up Visitor Cards
- Children's Bible Hour
- The One-Day SHARE Retreat in March

Above is a list of sign-up sheets for 2014. Please sign up by today!

**Children's Bible Hour**

If you can help teach the Sunday evening Children's Bible Hour, please sign up on the board in the back hallway. We especially need a teacher for the K-7 year class for January!

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS FOR December:**

- 3-5 Years:** Hardison Family
- K-7 Years:** Susan McMillan

**THOSE TO SERVE**

**TODAY ~ SUNDAY, December 22, 2013**

**Ushers:** Herb Jones, Len McKnatt, Bob Poston

**Preside at Lord's Table:** Jeff Rhodes  
Gary French, Will Harrub, Andy Miller and Caleb Sumerel

**Reader:** Calvin Davis

**Opening Prayer:** Jim Campbell

**Closing Prayer:** John Bufford

**TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:**

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

**P.M. Reader:** Calvin Davis

**Opening Prayer:** John Dees

**Closing Prayer:** Desmond Sumerel

**THIS THURSDAY, December 26, 2013**

**Opening Prayer:** Brad Harrub

**Closing Prayer:** Jim Pence

**Song Leader:** Jimmy Davis

**THE RECORD**

Last Sunday (12/15)	Morning Worship	271
	Sun. School	234
	PM Worship	172
Wed. Night (12/18)	Bible Study	157

Contribution Last Sunday \$ 10,846.00

Contribution YTD 488,450.00

Contribution Goal YTD 477,598.00

**NURSERY - TODAY: December 22, 2013**

**AM:** Beth Lincoln & Jennifer Waggoner

**PM:** Cherie & Mary Grace Warren



**NURSERY - NEXT Sunday, Dec. 27, 2013**

**AM:** Peggy Hill & Vi Waldrep

**PM:** Ashley & Ellie Pratt

**COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - January**

Pence Family & R. Smithson Family

**BUILDING LOCK-UP - December**

D. Sweeney, D. Johnston, H. Jones

**FOOD GROUP LEADERS - January**

Cherie Warren - 791-8813

Wanda Ezell - 599-6779

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

John Cottrell