

...from Ken Reed

Attention Camp Counselors & Staff

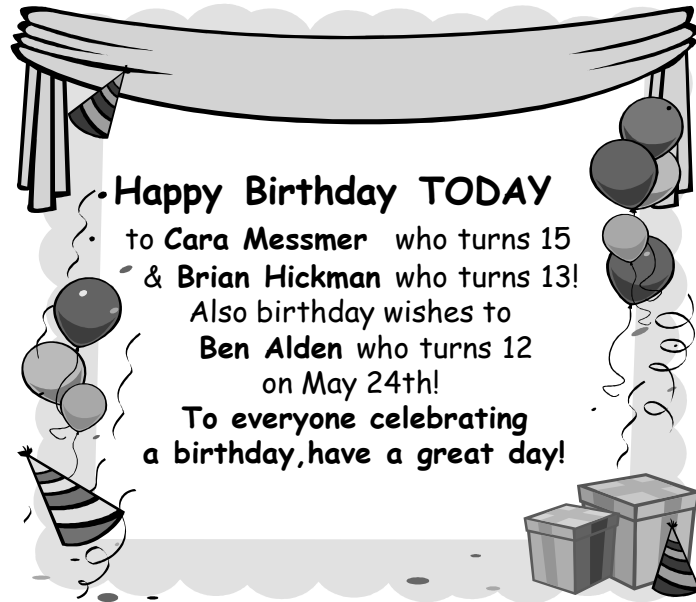
Sunday, June 1st there will be a very important meeting for all camp staff. We will have lunch here at the building immediately following Sunday morning services with the meeting to follow. Please let Ken Reed know if you will be able to attend.

Good Samaritan Sunday Next Week

Next Sunday is Good Samaritan Sunday immediately following Sunday school. We will eat lunch then go to the nursing home singing and if time allows, we will visit some of our elderly members. The cost is \$3 per person for lunch. Please sign-up on the bulletin board. This afternoon activity is open to all of our elementary-age children.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- ~~Cayla Floyd who recently had the lead role in her home-school group's drama production of "Wonderland", a modern day version of Alice in Wonderland!
- ~~Maddie Alden who also had a lead role in "The Game", a one act play.
- ~~Stephanie Bawcom who received an award for the Most Outstanding Accounting student at Independence High!



Graduates Reception	TONIGHT
Good Samaritan Sunday	May 25
Camp Counselors/Staff Meeting	June 1
VBS	June 2-4
Summer Youth Series @ Concord Road	June 5
Summer Youth Series @Maple Hill	June 12
Williamson County Bible Camp	June 15-20
Family Fireworks at the Building	July 4
Senior Horizons at Freed-Hardeman	July 6-11
Junior Horizons at Freed-Hardeman	July 13-18
Father/Son Camping Trip	Aug. 1-2
Cookeville Bible Bowl	Sept. 6
Family Hayride	Oct. 11

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Sunday, May 18, 2008

"SERVICES FOR HEARING IMPAIRED"

GOD'S LOVE

This morning we continue to think about the greatness of God's love as we focus on Romans 5:8. How do we know God loves us? Because He gave His Son to die on the cross for us (Jn. 3:16-17). The cross demonstrates both the righteousness or justice of God (Rom. 3:25) and the love of God.

We will ask five questions about the love of God, all of which are answered in Romans 5:8. (1) Who loves us? God. (2) What does God do? Demonstrates his love. (3) Toward whom? Us. (4) When? While we were yet sinners (5) How? Christ died for us. Note that Christ died for our sins (Rom. 3:23; 5:12; 6:23). He died once for all time, never to die again (Heb. 9:28; Rom. 6:9-10; 1 Pet. 3:18; Heb. 7:27; Heb. 9:12; Heb. 10:10).

John Stott wrote that the essence of loving is giving (1 Jn. 4:10; Gal. 2:20). He added, "The more the gift costs the giver, and the less the recipient deserves it, the greater the love is seen to be." God gave His Son; we were unworthy of such a gift; that is AGAPE.

Can we preach too much on the cross? Hardly! Paul preached "the word of the cross" (1 Cor. 1:18). He "determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). As someone said, "The cross occupies a central place in proclaiming the gospel." To which someone else added that the cross is "the ordained instrument of salvation." For it was there that Christ died (Jn. 19:30). It was there that He shed His blood for our sins (Mt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7). The cross shows the greatness of God's love.

~ Dan Cottrell

ELDERS:

- Dan Cottrell
- John Cottrell
- Jerald Hill
- Joe Russell
- Stoney Warren

DEACONS:

- Dale Alden-Education
- David Broome-Education (Director)
- John Bufford-Building & Grounds
- Ken Cooley-Senior Activities
- Lee Floyd-Institutional Benevolence
- Chris Graham-Office Administration
- Herb Jones-Building & Grounds
- Stephen Lampley-Youth
- Len McKnatt-Benevolence
- Michael Meade-Education
- Trey Pratt-Member Involvement
- Jerry Pritchett-Edification Groups
- Jeff Rhodes-Truth for the World
- Walter Rice-Foreign Missions
- Cullen Rodgers-Fellowship/Adv.
- Zane Smith-Day School
- Andy Stephen-Worship
- Mark Sullivan-Family Life
- Dave Sweeney-Worship

MINISTERS:

- Dan Cottrell
- Ken Reed

SECRETARY:

- Pam Cost

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

"The Greatness of God's Love"
(Romans 5:1-5)

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON:

"Guidelines for Graduates"
(1 Timothy 4: 1-11)

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SICK/PRAYER LIST



Harry Betts received some very good news from his latest CAT scan. Doctors could find no cancer in his body anywhere except for 3 vertebrae in his back. He will start daily radiation treatments tomorrow.

Jeff Rhodes' father, Virgil, is in Room #9 of the Cardiac Care Unit at Centennial Hospital:
2300 Patterson St., Nashville, TN 37203

Marguerite Steele fell in her driveway on Thursday and was taken to the Williamson Medical Center ER. She has been admitted to Room #401. She will be there a few days and our understanding is that she will then be moved to rehab.

B.J. Marlin had cataract surgery last week.

Laura Webber, Julie Stephen's friend, came through her procedure well. They inserted a permanent catheter to pump medicine to her heart. She has a 3-year old daughter. Please remember her in your prayers.

Joan Richardson had knee replacement surgery at Williamson Medical Center on Wednesday. The surgery went well, although she is in quite a bit of pain at this time.

Prayers have been requested for **Mike Lanius**, who has been diagnosed with colon rectal cancer. Mike is Carol Comer's step-sister's husband. He will be undergoing both chemo & radiation. His address: 1029 Elm Shade Lane, Nashville 37211.

Continue to remember: Rachel Haffner, John and Elizabeth Haley, Mason McKnatt, Cherry Bolles, Nathan McDowell, Jerry Richardson, Byno Batey, Doris Rittenberry, Adelaide Copeland, Joyce Liggett and Amanda Gambill.

Continue to remember our shut-ins:

- Evelyn Billings
- Adelaide Copeland (Legacy Crossing, #208)
- Marie Oakley (Wellington Place, Brentwood, #209)
- Cornelia Lowe (Harpeth Terrace, #27)
- Ruth Simpson (NHC of Franklin)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Edification Team B, the **Andy Stephen** team, will meet tonight after the evening service.

The **Ladies Bible Class** and **Men's Prayer Group** will not meet again until September.

There will be a **GRADUATES RECEPTION** honoring Grant Bufford tonight after the evening service. Everyone is invited-please bring finger foods!

Next Sunday, May 25th will be our monthly singing at NHC Nursing Home on Fairground Street in Franklin. Everyone is invited!

Thank you for the prayers, visits and well-wishes following my recent surgery.
Sincerely, **Susan Brown McMillan**



DAY SCHOOL GRADUATION

Everyone is invited to the graduation ceremony for the **Sunshine Day School** students on tomorrow evening, May 19th beginning at 7pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! Sunday evening, June 1st will be our kickoff date. It will run through Wednesday, June 4th. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer and on the sign-up board for those who would be willing to help with VBS. If you can teach a class or assist a teacher, be a guide, help decorate, help with refreshments or be on the clean-up crew, it would help! Talk to David Broome if you have any questions.



SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Linda and Dan Ford on the passing of Dan's mother, Ruth. Her funeral was Wednesday in Franklin.

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POCKET DIRECTORY UPDATE

Next Sunday, May 25th, is the last day for you to make corrections to your information for the new pocket directory. There is a binder on the table in the foyer. Please check it for any errors and make corrections beside your name. If the information is correct, please indicate in some way so we'll know you verified it. After Sunday the information will go into the directory the way it is. We appreciate your cooperation!

Movie Night



We have scheduled another Movie Night for Friday, May 30th. Featured will be "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium". Popcorn and drinks will be provided. The movie will begin at 8:15-8:30pm, whenever the sun goes down.

Sister **Cornelia Lowe** has been moved to Harpeth Terrace Rehab Center. Her new address is:
Room # 27, 1287 West Main St., Franklin 37064

SIGN UP NOW FOR VBS T-SHIRTS!

It's time to sign up for your VBS t-shirt! Shirts will be available in sizes youth small to adult xx-large. They will be \$10 each. Sign-up sheets in the foyer and on the sign-up board. **Today is the last day to sign up and pay!**

Children's Bible Hour needs your help! A teacher is needed for the 3-5 year old class for the months of June and August. Please see Lori Reed to volunteer!

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS FOR MAY

- 3-5 Years: Keith and Julie Hart
- K-7 Years: David and Sharon Broome

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY ~ SUNDAY, May 18th

- Ushers:** Cliff Baird, Chris Doughtie, Gary French
- Preside at Lord's Table:** Doug Bufford
- Serve the Lord's Supper:** Bob Alexander, Grant Bufford, Jimmy Davis & Ryan Haedge
- Reader:** Dale Alden
- Opening Prayer:** Ken Jamison
- Closing Prayer:** Ken Hardison

TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:

- P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper:** Stephen Lampley
- P.M. Reader:** Dale Alden
- P.M. Opening Prayer:** Jimmy Davis
- Closing Prayer:** David Broome

THIS WEDNESDAY, May 21st

- Opening Prayer:** Jim Campbell
- Closing Prayer:** Stephen Lampley

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (5/11)	Morning Worship	304
	Sun. School	225
	PM Worship	159
Wed. Night (5/14)	Bible Study	191
Contribution Last Sunday		\$ 10,311.00
Contribution YTD		202,788.00
Contribution Goal YTD		221,730.00

NURSERY- TODAY: May 18th

- AM:** Linda Okerson & Carolyn Pratt
- PM:** Beth Lincoln & Dorea Johnston



NURSERY - NEXT Sunday, May 25th

- AM:** Katie Vanderpool & Alaina McCullough
- PM:** Kaitlyn Lunn & Linda Cottrell

FOOD GROUP LEADERS- May

- Judy Russell - 595-0639
- Kathrin Yap - 302-3794

BUILDING LOCK-UP - May

- Chris Graham & Len McKnatt

QUARTERLY ELDER CHAIRMAN (April-June)

- John Cottrell