

SICK/PRAYER LIST



Charlotte Haffner has been moved to Room #6204 at Vanderbilt Hospital after having a successful heart transplant. This is the step-down unit.

Russell Miller is recovering at home after gall bladder surgery last Sunday.

Linda and Al Okerson were at home recovering from the flu.

We want to remember our **expectant mom**, Deena Humphrey. The baby should arrive at the end of January!

Continue to remember: Lucy Helms, Charles Harris, Bobbie Wilhoite, Imogene Okerson, Jerry Richardson, & Cherry Bolles.

Continue to remember our shut-ins:
 - Evelyn Billings
 - Marie Oakley (Wellington Place, Brentwood, #209)
 - Cornelia Lowe (Harpeth Terrace, #27)
 - Ruth Simpson (NHC of Franklin)

GREETERS for December:
 Carl & Marilyn Haedge
 DeWayne & Dorea Johnston
Pick up Member/Visitor Cards:
 Dec. 7: Drew Stephen & Luke Smith
 Dec. 14: Aidan Broome & Brennan Reed

COMFORT CLOSET
Items for December: Gently Used & Clean Toys- PLEASE- NO STUFFED ANIMALS

DEPLOYED MILITARY PRAYER
 John Okerson has returned from Afghanistan. He is now in Virginia. He wants to thank everyone for their prayers while he was gone.

If anyone would like to have the Lord's Supper brought to them at their home, please contact the church office or call **Trey Pratt** at **931/490-1854**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tonight at 6pm is our **monthly singing night**. Everyone please try to be here!

Ladies' Bible Class & Mens Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday morning at 10am.

The new winter quarter begins today.

BABY SHOWER
 There will be a congregational baby shower (men, women & children invited) honoring Deena & Shawn Humphrey tonight after the evening service. They are having a girl and are registered at Target. Everyone please bring finger foods-desserts will be provided.

MEN'S TRAINING CLASS

Those who are interested in attending the Men's Training Class will meet during Sunday School today in Room #100. See Joe Russell or Jeff Rhodes if you have any questions.

THE FERGUSONS ARE MOVING

We are sad to announce that the Fergusons are moving back to California on December 19th. There will be a **Going Away "Dessert" Party** immediately following the Wednesday night classes on December 17th. Drinks will be provided. Come bring a dessert and wish them farewell!

If you're interested in sending **holiday cards** to other members of the congregation, there are boxes set up in the fellowship hall. They are labeled alphabetically so please drop your cards in the appropriate box. Cards will be sorted and ready to pick up by Sunday, December 21st. Please remember our shut-ins, their cards will be delivered to them.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**** CHANGES ****

It has been decided to change the time of our **Sunday evening service to 5:00pm**. This will be for the winter months only and will begin on **Sunday evening, December 14th** and continue through **Sunday, March 29th**. Our time will then resume at 6:00pm on April 5th.

We will move our **Wednesday evening service** (on Christmas Eve) to **Tuesday, December 23rd** at 7pm. We will all meet in the auditorium for a devotional only.

Our **New Year's Eve service** on **Wednesday, December 31st** will remain the same. We will meet at 7pm but will have a devotional only.

The **Sunshine Day School Christmas program** will be on **Thursday, December 11th** at 7pm.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday night is the last night to sign up if you plan to attend the adult Christmas party on Friday, December 12th beginning at 6:30pm. It will be here in the fellowship hall. Price is \$5 per person. You will also need to bring a \$10 white elephant gift. **Child care will not be provided this year.** See Laura Meade, Shana Graham, Melanie Gary, Sharon Broome or Lori Reed if you have any questions.

Our **Children's Bible hour** program needs you! February & March are in need of teachers. Sign up for one month (4 Sunday evening classes) and all materials are provided. A sign up sheet is posted in the hall. If you have any questions see Ken or Lori Reed.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS FOR December

3-5 Years: Ken & Lori Reed
 K-7 Years: Ryan & Rachel Haedge

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY ~ SUNDAY, December 7th

Ushers: Elvis Caldwell, Bill Davis, Gary French
Preside at Lord's Table: Dale Alden
Serve the Lord's Supper: Wesley Fox, Gary Irwin, Walter Rice, James Vanderpool
Reader: Terry Walker
Opening Prayer: Chris Graham
Closing Prayer: Ryan Haedge

TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:

P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper: Zane Smith
P.M. Reader: **SINGING**
Opening Prayer: Michael Meade
Closing Prayer: Jim Campbell

THIS WEDNESDAY, December 10th

Opening Prayer: Cliff Baird
Closing Prayer: John Cottrell

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (11/30)	Morning Worship	268
	Sun. School	242
	PM Worship	158
Wed. Night (12/3)	Bible Study	181
Contribution Last Sunday	\$	8,356.00
Contribution YTD		488,861.00
Contribution Goal YTD		560,160.00

NURSERY - TODAY: December 7th

AM: Janice Martin & Mary Lee Caldwell
PM: Barbara Jones & Pam Cost



NURSERY - NEXT Sunday, December 14

AM: Lesa Kupchik & Rachel Haedge
PM: Pat Poston & Carol Terry

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - December

The Broome Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP - December

Dale Alden, Cullen Rodgers & Jeff Rhodes

FOOD GROUP LEADERS-December

Linda Cottrell - 377-6160
 Julie Stephen - 435-3580

QUARTERLY ELDER CHAIRMAN (Oct.-Dec.)

Joe Russell



...from Ken Reed

Job Well Done

Last Sunday evening our young men did an excellent job conducting the worship service. They are to be commended for their hard work and willingness to serve. It is such an encouragement to see these young men growing in their ability to lead the worship service.

K - 2nd Grade Party...K-2nd grade party is **TODAY** here at the building from 3:30 until church time. We will be having dinner, making crafts and playing holiday games.

Lads to Leaders

If young people are participating in Centurion of Scripture or Know the Books, you can start reciting scripture or books of the Bible to Ken or Lori Reed as you are ready. Remember: All preconvention activities (Good Samaritan, Know the Books, etc.) must be completed by Dec. 31st.

CYC in Gatlinburg

It's time once again to begin registration for the Challenge Youth Conference (CYC) in Gatlinburg. This year CYC is Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2009. We will be staying in a chalet in Gatlinburg. Registration is \$45 per person. This covers CYC registration fee, lodging, 2 breakfasts & 1 dinner. The deadline to sign up & pay is Wednesday, Dec. 17th.

The **3rd-5th grade** Christmas party has been scheduled for Dec. 13th at the home of Michael & Laura Meade. It will be from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. We will be making ornaments for our Christmas trees. We will be eating, having a devo, playing games & maybe do some caroling around our neighborhood- so dress warm! Hope all can come & enjoy. Pizza will be provided. We ask that children bring chips, cookies & drinks. Please sign up on back bulletin board by December 10th. See Laura if you have questions.

Youth Group Caroling

It's almost time for our annual holiday caroling, coming up on Thursday, Dec. 19th. This activity is open to 3rd grade through high school. We will leave the building at 5:30pm. Please eat dinner before you come. Plan now to be a part of this special holiday service activity.

■ K-2nd Grade Holiday Party	TODAY
■ 3-5th Grade Holiday Party	Dec. 13
■ Deadline to sign up & Pay for CYC	Dec. 17
■ Youth Group Caroling	Dec. 19
■ Ladies Inspiration Brunch & Prep.	Jan. 16-17, 2009
■ Valentine's Banquet & Prep	Feb. 6 & 7, 2009
■ CYC in Gatlinburg	Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2009
■ Lads to Leaders Convention	Apr. 10-12, 2009

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" SERVICES FOR HEARING IMPAIRED"

~ A Living Stone ~

First Peter is a letter written to Christians who were persecuted (1:1; 1: 6-7; 3:14; 4: 12-16). But those Christians had "a living hope." How? "Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1:3). They had been "redeemed...with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ" (1:19). They had "been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God" (1:23). That word is "the word of the Lord" that "endures forever" (1:25). It was "the word which was preached to you" (1:25).

Because of that hope they (and we) are to put aside sin and "like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word." Why? "So that by it you may grow in respect to salvation" (2:1-2). At all times Christians are to continue to turn to Christ (2:4; Heb. 12: 1-2). Why? Because He is "a living stone." We do not worship and serve a dead Jesus, but the Jesus who lives because He was raised from the dead by God (Rom. 1:4).

Jesus "always lives to make intercession for" us (Heb. 7:25). He told John, "I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades" (Rev. 1: 17-18). He "lives forever and ever" (Rev. 4: 9-10; 5: 14; 10: 6).

The "living stone" (1 Pt. 2:4) is a stone that is designed for a special purpose. The term refers to Jesus. He is "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (Jn. 1:29). He was sent to save us (Jn. 3: 16-17; Lk. 19:10). What is the point? Christians must always turn to Jesus, the living stone, for help in time of need.

~ 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-*Benevolence*
- Chris Graham-*Office Admin.*
- Herb Jones-*Building & Grounds*
- Len McKnatt-*Family Assistance*
- 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:

"A Spiritual House"
(1 Peter 2: 1-5)

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON:

SINGING 

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