

SICK/PRAYER LIST



Bobbie Wilhoite was admitted to St. Thomas Hospital, Room #426, on Tuesday. They are trying to regulate her heart rate.

Chris Smith's father, **Jim Patterson**, is in need of a pacemaker. Doctors are trying to determine if he is able to have the surgery.

Remember our expectant moms, **Deena Humphrey** and **Becca Melton**.

Continue to remember: Charlotte Haffner, Charles Harris, Lucy Helms, Pam Hunter, 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)

If you can help drive the church van any time during the month of January, please sign up in the foyer or see Len McKnatt.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Our monthly fellowship meal is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st beginning at 6pm. On the menu: soup and sandwiches.

Revisions to Calendar: Team B will meet on Sunday Jan. 18th after the pm service. Team C will meet on Sunday, Jan. 25th after the pm service.

COMFORT CLOSET

Items for January: **DIAPERS - All Sizes**

GREETERS for January:

Elvis & Mary Lee Caldwell
Wesley Fox

Pick up Member/Visitor Cards:

Dec. 28: Slade Pratt & Mason McKnatt
Jan. 4: John Rhodes & Ben Meade

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sunday evening meeting time is now **5:00 pm**. This will be for the winter months only!

Today at 1:30pm is our regular monthly singing at **NHC Nursing Home** on Fairground Street. Everyone is invited to come along!

The holiday cards have been sorted and are ready to be picked up in the fellowship hall. Please pick yours up as soon as you can.

The **Ladies Bible Class and Men's Prayer Group** will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 7th at 10am.

The church office will be closed Wednesday, December 31st and Thursday, January 1st.

The **Sunshine Day School** will resume their classes on Tuesday, January 6th.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the cards, plant, telephone calls and prayers. It meant so much to me.
Russell Miller

Dear Southern Hills Family: Your prayers, visits, calls and cards have meant so much to me during my foot surgery and recent confinement. Thank you so much for thinking of me. In Christ,
Charles Harris

Christian Brethren of Southern Hills: Thank you so much for your kind words, prayers, cards and beautiful potted plant after the passing of my brother James. Your acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy are very much appreciated.
Bob Alexander

I would like to thank everyone for the encouraging and thoughtful cards, the delicious food and beautiful flowers and fruit baskets. I have enjoyed them all so much. I am so blessed, my new heart is doing fine. If all goes well, I will start chemotherapy in mid-January. Thanks for your prayers. I have been so blessed.

In Christian Love, **Charlotte Haffner**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW YEAR'S EVE

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

Immediately following Bible study on Wednesday, December 31st, we will have a New Year's Eve get-together in the fellowship hall. Please bring snacks, desserts or drinks and invite all your family and friends to join us. Also, bring any games you might like to play, as we celebrate the new year together! See David Broome if questions.

The first **Parents Night Out** for the new year will be on Friday, January 9th. The hosts will be Zane & Laura Smith, Melanie Gary and Carol Comer. There is a sign-up sheet on the back board for those who will attend. We will collect \$3.00 per child for pizza and drinks. The time is 5:30pm-9:30pm.

LADIES INVOLVEMENT GROUPS

It's time to prepare for our 2009 activities! There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer and on the back bulletin board for the **Kitchen Clean-up Groups** and those who can help with the **Food Groups**. If you are willing to be a leader for the food groups, please place an "L" by your name. **Thanks to all those who participated last year!**

TEAMS MEETINGS RESUME

The Edification teams will meet on Sunday, January 4th, after the evening service. This will be their re-organization meeting. We will also have a soup and sandwich supper. If you have any questions, see Jerry Pritchett. New team leaders for this year will be Chris Doughtie (Team A), David Broome (Team B) and Ken Reed (Team C).

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS FOR January

3-5 Years: Mike & Laura Meade
K-7 Years: Andy & Julie Stephen

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY ~ SUNDAY, December 28th

Ushers: Elvis Caldwell, Bill Davis, Gary French
Preside at Lord's Table: Tony Tucker
Serve the Lord's Supper: Wesley Fox, Gary Irwin, Walter Rice, James Vanderpool
Reader: David A. Heffington
Opening Prayer: Ken Hardison
Closing Prayer: Chris Doughtie

TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:

P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper: Zane Smith
P.M. Reader: David A. Heffington
Opening Prayer: Mark Sullivan
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Mullens

THIS WEDNESDAY, December 31st

Opening Prayer: Chris Graham
Closing Prayer: Jeff Rhodes

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (12/21)	Morning Worship	288
	Sun. School	209
	PM Worship	151
Tues. Night (12/23)	Bible Study	
Contribution Last Sunday	\$	9,943.00
Contribution YTD		519,786.00
Contribution Goal YTD		595,170.00

NURSERY - TODAY: December 28th

AM: Sharon & Katherine Broome
PM: Cieta Alexander & Kelli Messmer



NURSERY - NEXT Sunday, January 4th

AM: Milly Bufford & Lindsey Eaton
PM: Paula Derryberry & Kayla Reed

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - January

Linda Cottrell & the Kupchik Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP - January

Trey Pratt & Michael Meade

FOOD GROUP LEADERS-January

Ashley Pratt - 931-490-1854
Jeanna Rice - 615-368-7585

QUARTERLY ELDER CHAIRMAN (Jan.-Mar.)

Stoney Warren

...from Ken Reed

Lads News and Notes

~ **Parents:** Good Samaritan logs, Parade of Winners information, Know the Books and other paperwork are **NOW** due. If you need logs or forms please see Lori Reed. If your child is participating in the Know the Books event, see Ken Reed.

~ Our own Lads group is featured in the December issue of the Lads to Leaders National Newsletter. There are 2 articles about our Inspirational Ladies Brunch and Good Samaritan Sundays written by Lori Reed and Sharon Broome. A link to the newsletter can be found on our website at <http://www.southernhills.net> under youth.

Youth Caroling Recap

Last Friday 22 young people and adults had a wonderful evening singing to some of our senior members. We made eight stops and had a great time spreading some holiday cheer. Thanks to David and Sharon Broome, Mike Meade, Todd King and James and Katie Vanderpool who drove additional vehicles and helped with the evening.

6th-12th Grade Leaderette Brunch

Attention young ladies 6th-12th grades: Mark your calendars for our annual brunch on January 17th. On Friday, January 16th we will decorate and prepare food for the brunch. We will meet at the building at 6:30pm - dinner will be provided. Girls need to bring drinks and snacks.



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Ladies Inspiration Brunch Prep	Jan. 16
Ladies Inspiration Brunch	Jan. 17
Valentine's Banquet Prep	Feb. 6
Valentine's Banquet	Feb. 7
Lads Puppet Practice Begins	Feb. 15
CYC in Gatlinburg	Feb. 27-Mar. 1
Kite Day	April 4
Lads to Leaders Convention	Apr. 10-12
Bible Camp	June 14-19

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Services for the Hearing Impaired

Church Government

God in His wisdom organized the church "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:12). All authority in matters of faith and practice in the church rests ultimately with God, the Creator and Sustainer of the heavens and earth (Gen. 1:1), the One in Whom "we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17: 28). God has given all authority to Christ (Mt. 28: 18), Who is "the head of the body, the church" (Col. 1: 18; Eph. 1: 22-23).

Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles "into all the truth" (Jn. 16: 13). God's word is truth (Jn. 17: 17). Therefore, the chain of authority goes from God through Christ, through the Holy Spirit, through the apostles and other Bible writers, and to and through the word of God (2 Tim. 3: 16-17).

That chain of authority governs every local church. Within the church God has set elders, who are to provide spiritual leadership for the church in harmony with God's word (Acts 20: 28-30). The requirements for elders are in 1 Timothy 3: 1-7 and Titus 1: 5-9. These elders are "shepherds of the flock" (1 Pt. 5: 1-4).

Working under the elders are the deacons, ministers and members. The requirements for deacons are given in 1 Timothy 3: 8-13, while those for ministers are in 2 Timothy 4: 1-5 and other places. Finally, there are the members who work with the deacons, ministers and other members under the God-given authority of the elders. The church is a vital part of the eternal purpose of God (Eph. 3: 11).

~ 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:

"Church Government"
(Acts 20: 28-30)

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON:

"Examine Yourselves"
(2 Corinthians 13: 1-5)

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