

...from Ken Reed

Lads to Leaders

Here are some important dates and reminders for the 2010 convention:

~**Second** night hotel charges are due by Jan. 17th.
~**All** preconvention activities (Good Samaritan, Know the Books, Centurion of Scripture, etc.) must be completed by Dec. 31st.

If you have any questions or need registration forms, see Ken or Lori Reed.



6th-12th Grade Leaderette Brunch

Attention young ladies 6th-12th grades: Mark your calendars for our annual brunch on January 9th. On Friday, January 8th 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 and all "gear" to spend the night and dress for Saturday's brunch.

Youth Group Party Recap

This past Saturday 20 young people and adults gathered at Savannah Cottrell's home for a fun holiday evening. It is always interesting to see what kind of gifts the teens bring to exchange. A huge thank you goes out to John and Julie Cottrell for their warm hospitality and wonderful food!

Spotlight On David Allen Heffington



This week's spotlight is on David Allen Heffington. David is the son of Tammy Heffington. He is a sophomore at Columbia Academy. He plays football and is an offensive tackle and defensive end for the Columbia Academy Bulldogs. David's hobbies include hunting and fishing. This past spring David went to Honduras on a mission trip with a group from school. After high school, he plans to attend college at the University of Alabama and study veterinary medicine.

Ladies Inspirational Brunch & Prep	Jan. 8-9
Valentine's Banquet & Prep	Feb. 12-13
CYC in Gatlinburg	Feb. 26-28
Kite Day	Mar. 27
Lads to Leaders Convention	April 2-4
Graduates Reception	May 16

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Services for the Hearing Impaired

What We Want From God

Last Sunday morning we observed that we are aware of what God wants from us. He wants our love, obedience and service. Let's turn that question around and ask, "What do we want from God?" We suggested that we want to know that God exists. The Bible clearly confirms this. It begins by affirming the existence of God (Gen. 1:1). He is "the living and true God" (1 Thess. 1: 9). His creation declares His existence (Ps. 19: 1-4; Rom. 1: 18-21; Acts 17: 24). The living God, who "at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son" (Heb. 1: 1-2). The Son, creation and the word affirm the existence of God.

We also want to know that God loves us. That is the point of today's lesson. The Bible clearly affirms God's love for us in such passages as John 3: 16-17, Romans 5: 8 and 1 John 4: 9-10, 16 and 19. Because God loves us He has given us "exceedingly great and precious promises" (2 Pt. 1: 4). These promises come from "God, who cannot lie" (Titus 1: 2). In fact, "it is impossible for God to lie" (Heb. 6: 18). It is contrary to His holy nature.

What are some of these promises? For example, we have "the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4: 8). We have "the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1: 1). We have "the promise of the eternal inheritance" (Heb. 9: 15). We have the promise of eternal life (1 Jn. 2: 25). These are among God's precious promises to us in Christ Jesus. They come from God's love for us (Jn. 3: 16-17).

~ Dan Cottrell

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*
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.*
Mark Sullivan-*Family Life*
Dave Sweeney-*Worship*

MINISTERS:

Dan Cottrell
Ken Reed

SECRETARY:

Pam Cost

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

"What Do We Want From God (II)?"
(2 Peter 1: 1-4)

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON:

"The Christian & Civil Government"
(Romans 13: 1-7)

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SICK/PRAYER LIST



Ann Berger has moved back with Jim and Sandy.

DeWayne Johnston's father, **Wayman Johnston**, received good news as he had been undergoing further tests to make sure the cancer has not spread to other areas, and it hasn't. He has begun chemo and radiation.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Carl Dunkel. His family is friends of the French family. Mr. Dunkel passed away on Monday. Gary and Pam French would like to thank everyone for their prayers on Mr. Dunkel's behalf.

Ken Bickel has been moved from the hospital and would appreciate cards. His address:
Adams Place, Room #1226, 1927 Memorial Blvd. Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

Both **James and Ramelle Patterson** have not been feeling well past several days.

Rachel Haffner has been confined to her home with a bad cold and cough.

Remember our expectant moms: **Heather Baker and Misty Fortner.**

Continue to remember: Joe Russell, Nell Buttrey, Wilma Gower, Naoma Simmons, Samantha Abbott, Wayman Johnston, Mary Allen, Madelyn Gregg, Charlotte Haffner, & Cherry Bolles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Ladies Bible Class and Men's Prayer Group** will **NOT** meet again until January 6th.

Next Sunday, December 27th is our monthly singing at NHC Nursing Home on Fairground St. in Franklin. Please plan to be there.

For the next two Wednesday nights, Dec. 23rd and 30th, there will be no classes. Everyone will meet in the auditorium for a devotional.

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24th and 25th.

We commend **Carrie Alden** for responding the invitation on Sunday evening requesting prayers of the congregation.

Welcome New Member



Jacque LaBarbera
 32107 N. Course View
 Franklin, TN 37067
 Cell: 801-712-2755

(Jacque is Ashley Helm's Mother)

New Years Eve Get-Together

Our 2nd annual New Years Party will be on Thursday, December 31st starting at 7:00pm. Bring finger foods, snacks and your favorite game and join us for a full night of fun while we ring in the New Year. Children are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, see Laura Meade.

~Holiday Cards~

The holiday cards have been sorted and are ready to pick up. They are on the table in the fellowship hall. Remember, you did not have to give any cards to receive them!

Our sympathy is extended to the Berger and Campbell families on the passing of William Berger on Thursday. His funeral is this afternoon at 2pm at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home on Columbia Pike in Franklin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Fishers of Men~

The deadline is fast approaching to sign up for our Fishers of Men personal evangelism class which is set to begin on January 4th. It will continue for 11 weeks. Ron Maynard will help us learn how to develop interest with our neighbors, relatives and friends. Child care will be provided. At the end of 11 weeks there will be a graduation banquet. Please consider attending this very informative class.

~Year-End Contribution~

For the past several years, we have conducted a year-end special contribution for the purpose of paying down the mortgage on the education/fellowship building. Members have generously supported this effort and the Elders appreciate your contributions. As a result of your generosity, we have paid down the mortgage, which as of November 30, 2009 had a balance of \$321,706.61. Because of the serious economic conditions, at this time the Elders have decided not to have a special contribution this year. We would, however, encourage all members to consider their contribution throughout the year and if you have missed weekly contributions to please make up for those missed on Sunday, December 27th. We thank you for your continuing support of all programs and activities at Southern Hills. We pray the Lord will continue to bless each member, both spiritually and physically.

HEY PARENTS! Our Children's Bible Hour program is in need of teachers for the following months: January, April, June, July, Aug., Oct., Nov. & Dec. Individuals sign up for 1 month (4 Sunday evening classes) and all material is provided. Parents: If you have a child involved in the Sunday evening program, please select a month for each child that attends. A sign-up sheet is located in the hall. If you have any questions, please see Lori Reed.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, prayers, visits, calls and all acts of kindness since my surgery. **Lucy Helms**

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY ~ SUNDAY, December 20, 2009

Ushers: David Cost, Steve Hilton, Ken Reed

Preside at Lord's Table: Alex Melton

Serve the Lord's Supper: Dale Alden, Wes Head, Phillip McCullough, Sam Pratt

Reader: Trey Pratt

Opening Prayer: Carl Haedje

Closing Prayer: Buddy Krech

TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:

P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper: Buddy Krech

P.M. Reader: Trey Pratt

Opening Prayer: Chris Graham

Closing Prayer: Keith Lovell

THIS WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2009

Opening Prayer: Len McKnatt

Closing Prayer: Wes Head

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (12/13)	Morning Worship	278
	Sun. School	233
	PM Worship	156
Wed. Night (12/16)	Bible Study	156
Contribution Last Sunday	\$ 10,750.00	
Contribution YTD	499,069.00	
Contribution Goal YTD	548,750.00	

NURSERY - TODAY: December 20, 2009

AM: Kim & Ashley Walker

PM: Sharon & Katherine Broome



NURSERY - NEXT Sunday, December 27th

AM: Beverly Smithson & Pat Poston

PM: Donna Turner & Becca Melton

BUILDING LOCK-UP - December

Ken Cooley & Jeff Rhodes

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - December

The Broome Family

FOOD GROUP LEADERS - December

Linda Cottrell - 615-377-6160

Vi Waldrep - 615-472-1333

QUARTERLY ELDER CHAIRMAN (Oct.-Dec.)

Jerald Hill

Continue to remember our shut-ins:

- Evelyn Billings
- Marie Oakley (Wellington Place, Brentwood, #209)

Please check sign-up sheets for 2010 activities!

GREETERS for December:

David & Pam Cost

Ken & Lori Reed

Pick up Member/Visitor Cards:

TODAY: Caleb & Zach Rice

Dec. 27: Chandler Floyd & Luke Johnston

Thomas J. Wright (Jean Sweeney's Nephew)
 1174 TC APO AE 09351

Joseph Cranfield (Leah Cranfield's son)
 202 M I Battalion, Bagram Airfield, APO AE 09-354