

...from Ken Reed

### Youth Caroling Recap

Last Friday 25 young people and adults had a wonderful evening singing to some of our senior members. We made seven stops and had a great time spreading some holiday cheer. Thanks to David & Sharon Broome, Mike Meade, Jeanna Rice, Lori Reed and James & Katie Vanderpool who drove additional vehicles and helped with the evening. Thanks also to Shana Graham and Laura Meade who stayed at the building to prepare our snacks.

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### 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.

### 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.



Happy Birthday this week to

**JORDAN PAXTON**

who celebrates his special day on  
December 28th!  
HAVE A GREAT DAY!

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| ■ Ladies Inspirational Brunch Prep | Jan. 8     |
| ■ Ladies Inspirational Brunch      | Jan. 9     |
| ■ Valentine's Banquet Prep         | Feb. 12    |
| ■ Valentine's Banquet              | Feb. 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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#### 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, December 27, 2009

Services for the Hearing Impaired

## ✠ SALVATION ✠

Two Sundays ago we asked, "What does God want from us?" Then we asked, "What do we want from God?" We suggested that we want to know that God exists, and the Bible tells us that He does. Last Sunday we said that we want to know that God loves us. The Bible assures us that He does. Today we want to know that God will save us eternally. Again, this is clearly taught in the word of God.

John 3: 16 tells us that God so loves us that He sent His Son to die for us in order that we might have everlasting life. The next verse adds that "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" (NKJV). Romans 5: 10 explains that we were reconciled to God through the death of Christ. Then it adds, "Much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

Jesus came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Lk.. 19: 10). He is "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn. 1: 29). Jesus came "to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1: 15) and give us "everlasting life" (1 Tim. 1: 16). He came to bring salvation (Titus 2: 11), and to "save His people from their sins" (Mt. 1: 21). Thus, "He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Heb. 5: 9).

This is why Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (Jn. 14: 6). Please hear, obey and follow him!

~ Dan Cottrell

#### SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

"What Do We Want From God (III)?"  
(Titus 2: 11-15)

#### SUNDAY EVENING SERMON:

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

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**SICK/PRAYER LIST**



A close friend of Beverly & Rabbit Smithson, **Gerry Adcock**, is battling leukemia. She is going to have stem cell surgery after the first of the year. The prayers of the church would be appreciated. Her address:

1637 Lakefield Circle, Gastonia, NC 28052.

Paula Seagraves' husband, **Darian Carroll**, is in Room 4601-SICU, the surgical intensive care unit at Baptist Hospital. He had surgery for an ulcerated stomach, and has had at least two additional surgeries for complications. Please remember him and Paula in your prayers. Their home address is: 4820 Humber Dr., Nashville 37211

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

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

**Continue to remember our shut-ins:**

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

**~Holiday Cards~**

There are still some holiday cards that need to be picked up. They are in the fellowship hall. Try and get them today. If you will be visiting our shut-ins, please take their cards to them!

**GREETERS for January:**

Elvis & Mary Lee Caldwell  
Wesley Fox

**Pick up Member/Visitor Cards:**

**TODAY:** Chandler Floyd & Luke Johnston  
**Jan. 3:** John Rhodes & Ben Meade

**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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Ladies Bible Class and Men's Prayer Group** will meet again on Wednesday, January 6th.

Today is our monthly singing at NHC Nursing Home on Fairground St. in Franklin. Everyone is invited to attend!

Our speaker for Wednesday evening, January 6th, will be David Langley regarding the China Mission.

Next Sunday evening will be our first Sunday singing night. Please be here at 5pm.

**New Years Eve Get-Together**

Our 2nd annual New Years Party will be this 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.

**The Abbott Girls!**

Since Ellie and Sophie Abbott are unable to be out yet, Nathan & Amy have sent us their picture so we can recognize them when they come! The picture is on the table in the foyer.

**~Lipscomb Chorus~**

The Lipscomb Chorus will be with us on Sunday evening, January 10th. The young men from the chorus will conduct the worship service with the concert immediately following. Maddie Alden and Savannah Cottrell are part of the chorus. There will be finger foods afterward for everyone. Please bring sandwiches, chips, drinks and desserts.

**Thank You**

Dear Christian Friends: Thanks so much for the concerns for me after the death of my brother. Thanks so much for the beautiful flowers. They were appreciated so much. In Christian Love,  
Dorothy Eaves

**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.

We still are in need of some teachers for the Children's Bible Hour. Your help is appreciated!

**~Sign-Up Sheets for 2010~**

Our 2010 activity sign-up sheets are out. Please sign up for as many as you can. Most of them will need you only once or twice for the entire year. Your help will be appreciated. Sign up for:  
Sunday Morning Greeters (for 1 month)  
Pick Up Communion Cups (for 1 month)  
Work in the Nursery  
Kitchen Clean Up  
Drive the Church Van  
Prepare Communion (for 1 month)  
Teachers for Children's Bible Hour  
Parents, if your son is not on the schedule to pick up visitors cards on Sunday mornings and would like to help, please let Alex Melton know or call the church office.

Sign up sheets for the food groups will be out next week.

**~Parents Night Out~**

January's Parents Night Out is on **January 15th** from 5:30-9:30. Sign up in the hall.

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

- 3-5 Years: Ashley Helm
- K-7 Years: Ken & Lori Reed

**THOSE TO SERVE**

**TODAY ~ SUNDAY, December 27, 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:** Ryan Haedge

**Opening Prayer:** Stoney Warren

**Closing Prayer:** Michael Meade

**TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:**

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

**P.M. Reader:** Ryan Haedge

**Opening Prayer:** Shad Herbert

**Closing Prayer:** Jimmy Davis

**THIS WEDNESDAY, December 30, 2009**

**Opening Prayer:** Jeff Rhodes

**Closing Prayer:** Walter Rice

**THE RECORD**

|                                 |                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Last Sunday (12/20)</b>      | Morning Worship | 283                 |
|                                 | Sun. School     | 224                 |
|                                 | PM Worship      | 152                 |
| <b>Wed. Night (12/23)</b>       | Bible Study     | 156                 |
| <b>Contribution Last Sunday</b> |                 | <b>\$ 10,217.00</b> |
| <b>Contribution YTD</b>         |                 | <b>509,286.00</b>   |
| <b>Contribution Goal YTD</b>    |                 | <b>559,725.00</b>   |

**NURSERY - TODAY: December 27, 2009**

**AM:** Beverly Smithson & Pat Poston

**PM:** Donna Turner & Becca Melton



**NURSERY - NEXT Sunday, January 3rd**

**AM:** Dorea Johnston & Linda Cottrell

**PM:** Karla, McKenna & Kendell Hardison

**BUILDING LOCK-UP - January**

Lee Floyd & Cullen Rodgers

**COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - January**

The Cost Families

**FOOD GROUP LEADERS - January**

Joan Richardson - 790-2484

Norma Cost - 931/486-0462

**QUARTERLY ELDER CHAIRMAN (Jan.-March)**

Joe Russell