

LADS TO LEADERS-March 28-30, 2013

It's time to begin registration and planning for Lads to Leaders 2013. Information packets are now available-please see Andy or Jennifer to get yours today. Lads to Leaders is a great training program for our youth. It is available for ages Pre-K to college. You do not have to attend convention in order to participate in the program. There is a little something for everyone and many ways for both students and adults to be involved. **Online registration is now available at: www.southernhills.net. Go to the youth page and look for forms.** Please register as soon as possible for us to better meet your needs with this great program.

EQUIP 2012-December 27-28, 2012

Equip is a very special training program available to our 6th grade and up group. Each year we focus on training our young men and women in very specific ways to be leaders in our church. Last year our focus was on training our young men to be elders and our young ladies to be wives of elders. This year we will have a new area of focus but very beneficial. We will begin at 3pm on Thursday, December 27, 2012. We will be staying overnight at the building. Please sign up at www.southernhills.net. Go to the youth page and click on forms, then fill out the form for Equip.

January 18-20-Annual Family Ski Retreat

Our annual Family Ski Retreat will take place at Sugar Mountain Ski Resort in Banner Elk, North Carolina. This is a great weekend to spend time with your family as well as with your church family. We will be offering day and night skiing as well as tubing. If you would like more information regarding the Family Ski Retreat, please see the Millers or the Meades. Online registration is available at www.southernhills.net.

Dec. 17-KFC Caroling-Our 1st-5th graders will go caroling on the 17th. We will meet at the building at 6:00 pm and return by 7:30 pm.

Youth Caroling - Dec. 20, 2012- We will meet at the building at 6:00 pm and return at 9:00 pm. We will go caroling and then to the Cooley's for hot chocolate and snacks.

Youth

Dec. 20 - Youth Caroling
Dec. 27-28 - Equip
Jan. 18-20, 2013 - Ski Retreat
Jan 27, 2013 - Lads to Leaders Practice
March 28-30, 2013 - Lads to Leaders

KFC

Dec. 17 - Holiday Caroling
Jan 4, 2013 - KFC Activity
Jan. 27, 2013 - Lads to Leaders Practice
March 28-30 - Lads to Leaders

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* Imitators of God *

Ephesians 4:1, which begins the practical section of the letter, introduces the theme of God's design for His church. Ephesians 4:25 continues a section of the discussion that began in 4:17. Ephesians 4:17-5:1 contains four keys to this section of the letter. The first key is in Ephesians 4:20. "But you did not learn Christ in this way" (NASB). The second key is Ephesians 5:1, where Paul urges us to "be imitators of God." These two verses are major keys to Christian conduct.

As we study Ephesians 4:25-5:1 we see a series of contrasts between life in Christ and life without Him. The first contrast is between falsehood and truth (4:25). A third key to Christian conduct appears in that verse, where we are reminded that "we are members of one another." The second contrast is between anger and sin (4:26). The third contrast involves stealing and laboring (4:28), while the fourth is between wholesome and unwholesome words (4:29). The fifth deals with grieving the Holy Spirit, with Whom we are "sealed for the day of redemption" (4:30).

Verses 31 and 32 present a powerful contrast. On the one hand, bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander and malice are not to be a part of Christians' lives. Christians are people who are "kind to one another, tender-hearted and forgiving." In verse 32 there is a fourth key to this passage. Our model or example for conduct is always "God in Christ." (See 1 Cor. 11:1). We are to be "imitators of God."

~ Dan Cottrell

ELDERS:

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

DEACONS:

Dale Alden-*Education*
David Broome-*Technology*
Ken Cooley-*Senior Activities*
David Cost-*Benevolence*
Jimmy Davis-
Chris Doughtie-*Education*
Chris Graham-*Office Admin.*
Ryan Haedge-
DeWayne Johnston-
Herb Jones-*Building & Grounds*
Phillip McCullough-
Len McKnatt-*Family Assistance*
Michael Meade-*Youth*
Alex Melton-
Jerry Pritchett-*Edification Groups*
Jeff Rhodes-*Missions*
Desmond Sumner-
Dave Sweeney-*Worship*
Thomas Waggoner-

MINISTER:

Dan Cottrell

YOUTH MINISTER:

Andy Miller

SECRETARY:

Pam Cost

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

"Imitators of God"
(Ephesians 4:17-24)

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON:

"Cleansing the Temple"
(Mark 11:15-18)

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SICK/PRAYER LIST

John Daines, father of Pam Cost, is in serious condition. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Gene Smith, brother of Donald Smith, will be having cancer surgery this week.

Ruth Miller is feeling much better. Hopefully her medication is now under control.

Anne Harris had a bad reaction to a pneumonia injection and has been at home.

Remember our expectant Mothers: **Misty Fortner** and **Rachel Haedge**.

Continue to remember: Buddy Krech, Larry Cash, Kim Compton, Taylor Compton, Bobbie Wilhoite, Richard Marlin, John Daines, Bob Bufford, Madelyn Gregg, Marvolene Lincoln, Peggy Lincoln, Don Newhouse. Jane Davis, Joe Russell, Stoney Warren.

Our shut-ins: Evelyn Billings, Mary Allen, Nell Buttrey, Ramelle Patterson & Odessa Barnhill.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS FOR

December:

3-5 Years: The McCulloughs

K-7 Years: Susan McMillan

GREETERS for December:

Linda Cottrell

Pick up Member/Visitor Cards:

TODAY : Mason McKnatt & Luke Johnston

Dec. 9 : Ben Meade & Cy Warren

~ Brad Harrub's Schedule ~

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Dec. 7-9	Family Seminar	Ada, OK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Bible Class and Mens Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, December 12th at 10am. This will be the last meeting of the year.

The November issue of the **Gospel Advocate** is available in the foyer.

We want to welcome Carol Stewart as a new member!

Her address is:
1027 Misty Morn Circle
Spring Hill, TN 37174

Phone: 615-948-5896
615-302-3702

2013 Sign Up Sheets...

Children's Bible Hour Teachers
Sunday Morning Greeters
Prepare Communion
Pick up Communion Cups
Kitchen Clean-Up
Nursery Workers
Young Men to Collect Visitors Cards on Sunday

The food group sign up sheets will be put out later. Please consider signing up for any or all of these activities. Your help would be appreciated. Even if you have signed up in the past, please do so again.

FHU CHORALE

Freed-Hardeman University Chorale students will be coming to sing at Lipscomb for the Christian College Choral Festival on January 12th. Approximately 60 students will be needing a place to stay. They are divided into "packing partners" and travel in 'twos'. Please be thinking about adopting some singers for 1-2 evenings. You may request girls or boys. If you have any questions, feel free to email Maddie Alden at maddie.alden@students.fhu.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

December 30, 2012

All money collected beyond the budget will be used to pay down the mortgage.

~ Edification Teams ~

The Edification Ministry teams are now being organized for 2013. The new teams will meet in January. If you are interested in being on a team, there are forms available in the foyer. Just fill one out and place in the designated box. If you have any questions, see Jerry Pritchett. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!**

~ Lunch Outing ~

Wesley Fox is getting a lunch trip together to go to **Our House Too** in Shelbyville on Thursday, December 20. We will leave the building at 10:30 for an 11:30 reservation. You can order from the menu, or go through the delicious buffet for \$11.00, which includes your beverage. Dessert is extra. Please sign the sheet out front by Sunday, December 16, if you are interested in going. If you have any questions, please see Wesley.

~ Holiday Cards ~

If you would like to give Christmas cards to members of the congregation, as we have done the past few years, there are boxes set up in the fellowship hall. Any cards given for shut-ins will be delivered to them. If you have any questions, call the church office. The last day to bring in cards is December 19th.

It's time to sign up for the Children's Bible Hour for 2013. Individuals sign up for 1 month (four 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 on the back board. See Mindy or Chris Doughtie if you have any questions.

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY ~ SUNDAY, December 9, 2012

Ushers: David Cost,
Chris Graham, Ben Meade
Preside at Lord's Table: Jerry Pritchett
Serve the Lord's Supper: Dale Alden,
Scot Baker, Matthew Ensor, Cullen Rodgers
Reader: Gary French
Opening Prayer: Alex Melton
Closing Prayer: Ken Hardison

TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:

P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper: Jeff Rhodes
P.M. Reader: Gary French
Opening Prayer: Phillip McCullough
Closing Prayer: Joe Russell

THIS WEDNESDAY, December 12, 2012

Opening Prayer: John Cottrell
Closing Prayer: Jimmy Davis
Song Leader: John Rhodes

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (12/2)	Morning Worship	257
	Sun. School	210
	PM Worship	134
Wed. Night (12/5)	Bible Study	119
Contribution Last Sunday		\$ 11,196.00
Contribution YTD		457,066.00
Contribution Goal YTD		527,500.00

NURSERY - TODAY: December 9, 2012

AM: Mary Ann Hall & Wilma Cooley
PM: Wanda Ezell & Heather Baker



NURSERY - NEXT Sunday, December 16, 2012

AM: Sonia Rhodes & Beverly Smithson
PM: Laura and Olivia Meade

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - December

Jim & Sandy Campbell and Janice Martin

BUILDING LOCK-UP - December

Chris Graham & Len McKnatt

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP - December

Wilma Cooley & Judy Russell

FOOD GROUP LEADERS - December

Linda Cottrell - 377-6160

Vi Waldrep - 615/472-1333

QUARTERLY ELDER CHAIRMAN (Oct.-Dec.)

Stoney Warren