

...From Andy Miller

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.

Youth

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

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

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.

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.

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Sunday, December 23, 2012

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-*Fellowship, Youth*
Chris Doughtie-*Education*
Chris Graham-*Office Admin.*
Ryan Hledge-*Church Growth, Education, Advertising*
DeWayne Johnston-*Building & Grounds, Youth*
Herb Jones-*Building & Grounds*
Phillip McCullough-*Education*
Len McKnatt-*Family Assistance*
Michael Meade-*Youth*
Alex Melton-*Worship, Edu., VBS*
Jerry Pritchett-*Edification Groups*
Jeff Rhodes-*Missions*
Desmond Sumerel-*Worship*
Dave Sweeney-*Worship*
Thomas Waggoner-*Education*

MINISTER:

Dan Cottrell

YOUTH MINISTER:

Andy Miller

SECRETARY:

Pam Cost

~ Guidelines for Giving ~

First Corinthians 16: 1-2 is written "concerning the collection for the saints." Verse 2 contains four important---and inspired--- guidelines for giving. Each guideline can be introduced by a question. (1) When are we to give? "On the first day of the week." Why on that day? Because it was the day on which the church assembled for worship. (See Acts 20: 7; 1 Cor. 11: 18, 20, 33). It is both a logical and convenient time to give.

(2) Who is to give? "Each one of you." Does each person have to give his own cash or check? Can a married couple combine their giving in one check? Of course they can. Each person is still giving. (3) What are we to do? "Lay something aside." Giving is to be planned in advance. An amount is to be set aside and designated for giving back to the Lord.

(4) How are we to give? "As he may prosper." Here is a basic guideline for our giving. How much have we been prospered? How do we measure prosperity? The song says, "Count your many blessings, name them one by one." Our prosperity includes all of our blessings, both physical and spiritual (Js. 1: 17). Our giving is only a small part of what God has given to us (Jn. 3: 16-17).

As we give next Sunday please remember our goal. We want to pay down as much of the mortgage as possible. This will free us to spend more of the Lord's money in missions, evangelism and other areas. Please give generously!

~ Dan Cottrell

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

"Two Great Gifts (1)"
(1 Corinthians 16: 1-2)

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON:

"Two Great Gifts (2)"
(2 Corinthians 8: 9)

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SICK/PRAYER LIST

John Daines, father of Pam Cost, passed away last week. His funeral was Monday afternoon in West Virginia. Please keep Pam's family in your prayers.

David Broome's father, Terry, had some tests for back pain he was experiencing. They found he has a benign tumor. Doctors want to try to do an epidural first, then surgery if that doesn't work. Keep him in your prayers.

Maxine Cato Hunter, Michelle Sweeney's grandmother, is in ICU at Baptist Hospital, suffering from pneumonia. Keep her in your prayers,

Jean Sweeney's aunt, **Ann Bottrell**, has cancer and her latest scan was not good. Prayers are requested.

Ken Cooley spent some time in Williamson Medical Center last week.

Remember our expectant Mother: **Rachel Haedge**.

Continue to remember: Charles Vanderpool, Gene Smith, Albert Jones, Ramelle Patterson, Larry Cash, Kim Compton, Taylor Compton, Bobbie Wilhoite, Richard Marlin, 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.

GREETERS for December:
Linda Cottrell

Pick up Member/Visitor Cards:

TODAY : Aidan Broome & Curt Graham
Dec. 30 : Reese Harrub & Will Harrub

Congratulations to Bob and Cleta Alexander on the birth of their first great-grandchild. Westin Bentley Alexander was born on 12-12-12 in Frisco, TX to Jonathan & Whitney Alexander. Everyone is doing well!

~ Brad Harrub's Schedule ~

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jan. 13 | Youth Day | Clarksville, TN |
| Jan. 18-20 | Origins Seminar | Valdosta, GA |
| Jan. 25-27 | Origins Seminar | Valdosta, GA |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is our monthly singing at NHC on Fairground Street in Franklin. Everyone is invited to be there at 1:30.

Ladies Bible Class and Mens Prayer Group will not meet again until January 9th.

We will have singing only on Wednesday, December 26th. There will be no classes.

The church office will close at noon on Monday and will open up again on Wednesday, December 26th. We will also close on Tuesday, January 1st.

~ Welcome ~

CHARLOTTE RUBENFELD

1421 Eliot Road
Franklin, TN 37064
Phone: 615-224-3538
Please add Charlotte to your directory.

~ Time to Pick Up Cards ~

The Christmas cards are ready to pick up in the fellowship hall. Please try to get yours as soon as possible! And remember-you did not have to give cards in order to get cards. Most all families will have cards there. If you visit our shut-ins, consider delivering their cards also!

Thank you . . .

Dear Friends at Southern Hills: Thank you for participating in our Food and Supply Drive and for the generous contributions from your congregation to be used to buy perishable food & supplies for the children. The donations we receive are literally how we feed the children in our care each year. With daily Bible study, we help these children learn of God and His will for their lives. We give them hope for a brighter tomorrow. Once again, thank you.
Brian L. King President
Tennessee Children's Home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

December 30, 2012

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

~ Last Day to Sign Up ~

Today will be the last day to sign up to help with the many areas of work for 2012. We have not had many responses on a few of the sheets. Please consider signing up for as many areas as you can. Your help will be appreciated.

Freed-Hardeman Students

We are still in need of a "home" for students of Freed-Hardeman University Chorale. There will be approximately 60 students, including a small number of adults. It will be for one night only, Sunday, January 13th. The students will be singing for us after our evening service. If you have any questions, see John Cottrell or Carrie Alden. Sign up sheets are out.

The Sunshine Day School will be on their Christmas break through January 7th!

~ Teachers Needed ~

Teachers are needed for the month of January for the K-7 age group of Children's Bible Hour. Your help would be appreciated!

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS FOR December:

3-5 Years: The McCulloughs
K-7 Years: Susan McMillan

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY ~ SUNDAY, December 23, 2012

Ushers: David Cost, Chris Graham, Ben Meade
Preside at Lord's Table: Jeff Rhodes
Serve the Lord's Supper: Dale Alden, Scot Baker, Matthew Ensor, Cullen Rodgers
Reader: James Vanderpool
Opening Prayer: Jim Campbell
Closing Prayer: Donald Smith

TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:

P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper: Jeff Rhodes
P.M. Reader: James Vanderpool
Opening Prayer: Trey Pratt
Closing Prayer: Dale Alden

THIS WEDNESDAY, December 26, 2012

Opening Prayer: Jerry Pritchett
Closing Prayer: Desmond Sumerel
Song Leader: Jimmy Davis

THE RECORD

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Last Sunday (12/16) | Morning Worship | 255 |
| | Sun. School | 204 |
| | PM Worship | 155 |
| Wed. Night (12/19) | Bible Study | 165 |
| Contribution Last Sunday | | \$ 9,786.00 |
| Contribution YTD | | 475,625.00 |
| Contribution Goal YTD | | 549,398.00 |

NURSERY - TODAY: December 23, 2012

AM: Rebecca Andrews & Wilma Davis
PM: Rose Bufford & Julie Cottrell



NURSERY - NEXT Sunday, December 30, 2012

AM: Gayle Moss & Sandy Campbell
PM: Becca Melton & Rachel Potts

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