

...From Andy Miller

Family Ski Retreat-Jan. 16-18-Sugar Mountain, North Carolina - Please see the Meades or the Millers to get your information packet. This is a fun and exciting activity that brings together families in the most beautiful of environments. We offer skiing, snowboarding, tubing and ice skating, if there is enough interest. Please plan to be a part of this fun-filled weekend! Register online at www.southernhills.net.

Equip - Jan. 3-4 Our Equip program strives to train our young people to be Christian leaders in unique ways. We will plan to meet at the building at 3pm on Friday and return by 2:30pm on Saturday. Online registration is available. Please see Andy or Jennifer if you have questions.

Lads to Leaders-April 17-19 -Lads to Leaders is a training program open to all of our youth beginning with Pre-K and up. We offer training in areas such as speech, song leading, debate, art, puppets, making power point and bulletin board presentations, designing web sites, writing essays, skits, and service projects. If you have a talent we want to help you use it for the Lord while helping you discover other talents and develop skills that you might not have had before. The program culminates in a convention held at Opryland Hotel each year. Folders are available for more information. Online registration is available at www.southernhills.net. See the Millers or the Broomes if you have questions. **Please note that there are certain pre-convention events that are due in January such as essays, music and lyrics, mass media events, web design. If you would like to participate in any of these events, we need to get started now!**

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Youth

Jan. 3-4-Equip
Jan. 5-Film Storyline Video
Jan. 10-11-Special Service Project-Girls Only
Jan. 16-18-Family Ski Retreat
March 1-3 Spring Retreat

KFC

Jan. 10-KFC Activity (special date due to Equip)
Jan 16-18-Family Ski Retreat
April 17-19-Lads to Leaders

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Sunday, December 29, 2013

ELDERS:

John Bufford
Dan Cottrell
John Cottrell
Jerald Hill
Stoney Warren

DEACONS:

Dale Alden-*Education*
David Broome-*Technology*
David Cost-*Benevolence*
Jimmy Davis-*Fellowship, Youth*
Chris Doughtie-*Education*
Chris Graham-*Office Admin.*
Ryan Haedge-*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*
Dave Sweeney-*Worship*
Thomas Waggoner-*Education*

MINISTER:

Dan Cottrell

YOUTH MINISTER:

Andy Miller

SECRETARY:

Pam Cost

Ending and Beginning

We have come to the last Lord's Day of 2013. After tonight we will not meet again until 2014. It has been a very good year for Southern Hills. I do not have the numbers before me right now, but we have had several baptisms and restorations and requests for prayer. We have met the budget and been able to pay off the mortgage. God has been very good to Southern Hills (Js. 1: 17). We hope and pray that His goodness will continue and we are confident that by His grace it will. We thank all of you for being a part of the Southern Hills family.

This morning we will continue our series on the acts of worship as we study singing in worship. Tonight we will close out the year by discussing "Christian Resolutions." We hope you will be with us then.

Today is the day for our special contribution. All money given beyond the budget will go to the mission works that we support. Please remember that as you give. Last Sunday we discussed the principle, promise, procedure and plan for our giving. I hope the guidelines that God has laid down for our giving will guide us in our giving, not only today, but throughout the coming year.

As 2013 comes to a close, we hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year. May God bless you and yours. And may God bless Southern Hills!

--Dan Cottrell

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

"Singing"
(Ephesians 5: 18-21)

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON:

"Christian Resolutions"
(John 13: 34-35)

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SICK/PRAYER LIST

Russell Miller is now in Room #3224-B at Stallworth Rehab. The address is: 2201 Children's Way, Nashville, TN 37232

Sonia Rhodes had surgery on December 23rd at Williamson Medical Center. She is now at home and doing well.

Melba Sims had hip replacement surgery on Friday at Baptist Hospital. Prayers are requested.

Robert Holt is at home recovering from strep throat. **Marian** is also feeling better.

We have an update on **Hunter Garstin**, the Independence High School student that was injured in a sporting event. He has more sensation in his feet and other parts of his body. He has 8 weeks of rehab ahead. His address: P.O. Box 6820249, Franklin 37068.

Our Expectant Mother: **Rachel Potts** (July)

Continue to Remember: Paul Krech, Gail Krech, Jody Krech, Jane Bloodworth, Shirley Sumerel, William Dill, Richard Oxford, Marguerite Steele, Walter Eaves, Jane Woodroof, Bobbie Wilhoite, Bob Bufford, Stoney Warren, Sierra Turner, Lawrence & Janet Cash

Our shut-ins: Evelyn Billings, Mary Allen, Jane Davis, Janella Gaston, Richard Marlin, Ruth Miller, & Odessa Barnhill.

GREETERS for December:

David & Pam Cost

Pick up Member/Visitor Cards:

TODAY : Caleb Sumerel & Ben Meade
Jan. 5 : Slade Pratt & Justus Doughtie

~Brad Harrub's Schedule~

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan. 10-12	Faith Building	Houston, TX
Jan. 20-31		Jamaica
Jan. 31-Feb. 2	Origins Seminar	Searcy, Arkansas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies Class and Mens Prayer Group will resume on January 8th.

The church office will be closed on Wednesday due to New Years Day.

This is the last day to pick up your Christmas cards that are in the foyer. Remember: you did not have to give cards to receive cards! Please check.

Because New Years Day falls on Wednesday, we will move our service to Thursday evening at 7pm. We will have singing only-there will be no classes.

Special Contribution

The Elders have asked for a special contribution **TODAY**. Any amount over the monthly budget will be divided among some of our mission work. Please consider this when giving.

~ Ladies Brunch ~

The Ladies Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, January 25th. It will be here in the fellowship hall this year. More information to follow!

Thank you . . .

Dear Southern Hills Church of Christ: Thank you all for the generous donations that allowed "the Doughtie boys" to shop for their families for Christmas. We were all humbled at the awesome opportunity to give. They were able to shop for over 32 people with the money donated. We appreciate each of you so much!

Chris & Mindy Doughtie
Cullen & Kendra Rodgers

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS FOR January:

3-5 Years: J. Pratt Family
K-7 Years: Haedge Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

**On Wednesday
January 8th~ 5:45 pm**

On The Menu:

**Sausage, Bacon, Eggs,
Hash Browns, Biscuits, Jelly,
Sweet Rolls,
Juice, Milk, Coffee**

~ Christian Growth ~

Growth is important. We check the growth of our children. We look forward to spring when we can plant our gardens and watch the things planted as they grow. Growth is important.

Growth is also important in the spiritual realm. We are to grow in Christlikeness (Eph. 4: 13-16; 2 Pt. 3: 18). The sad fact is that when something stops growing it begins to die. The flowers in your garden reach the full height of their beauty, only to stop growing and start to die. The same is true in the area of spiritual growth. It is true of both church members and churches.

Are we growing? As Christians? As a church? Especially spiritually? Are we closer to God today than we were yesterday? Last week? Last year? Are we more godly? More Christlike? Are we active in the kingdom? Are we servants of God and disciples of Christ? Is there spiritual growth in our lives?

The above questions may be disturbing, but they are necessary. If your answer to any one or more of these questions is no, we strongly encourage you to make a resolution to change that answer in whatever way it is necessary. God bless you as you do so.

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY ~ SUNDAY, December 29, 2013

Ushers: Herb Jones, Len McKnatt, Bob Poston

Preside at Lord's Table: Michael Meade
Gary French, Will Harrub, Andy Miller and
Caleb Sumerel

Reader: Randy Holt

Opening Prayer: Trey Pratt

Closing Prayer: Brad Harrub

TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:

P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper: Jerry Pritchett

P.M. Reader: Randy Holt

Opening Prayer: Randy Hunt

Closing Prayer: Chris Doughtie

THIS THURSDAY, January 1, 2014

Opening Prayer: John Bufford

Closing Prayer: David Cost

Song Leader: Desmond Sumerel

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (12/22)	Morning Worship	260
	Sun. School	197
	PM Worship	149
Wed. Night (12/16)	Bible Study	NC

Contribution Last Sunday \$ **8,881.00**

Contribution YTD **497,331.00**

Contribution Goal YTD **487,098.00**

NURSERY - TODAY: December 29, 2013

AM: Peggy Hill & Vi Waldrep

PM: Ashley & Ellie Pratt



NURSERY - NEXT Sunday, January 5, 2014

AM: Nikki Lovett & Rachel Haedge

PM: Rose Bufford & Alaina McCullough

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - January

Pence Family & R. Smithson Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP - January

Dale Alden & Michael Meade

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP - January

Phoebe Davis, Mary Anne Hall, Ralph & Mary Nell Hogg

FOOD GROUP LEADERS - January

Cherie Warren - 791-8813

Wanda Ezell - 599-6779

QUARTERLY ELDER CHAIRMAN (Oct.-Dec.)

John Bufford