

...from Andy Miller

Lads to Leaders—April 2-4, 2015. It is time to sign up for Lads to Leaders. This is a training program designated to assist in training our youth to become strong leaders in the church. Information packets were handed out at the parent meeting a few weeks ago. If you have not received a packet please see Andy to get the updated information. We will spend the next few months focused on training our young people to use their talents in service to the Lord. We will practice on Sunday afternoons beginning in January. We will travel to Opryland Hotel in Nashville for Convention in April. We offer training in lots of areas such as speaking, song leading, Bible reading and knowledge, art, bulletin boards, power point presentations, puppets, etc. You do not have to attend convention in order to participate in the program. Hotel rooms are available at a discounted rate on a first come first serve basis. We are assigned a block of rooms, so rooms will be allotted to the first people to contact Jennifer Miller. You must contact her via email at: mvalleyhaven@aol.com, by text at 615-390-6674 or fill out the registration form online at www.southernhills.net. If you have any questions please see the Millers or the Broomes.

Youth

Dec. 22—Holiday Caroling
January 2-3—Equip
January 7—Lads to Leaders Deadline
Jan. 10—Special Service Project—Girls Only
Jan. 16-19—Family Ski Retreat
Jan. 20—Lads to Leaders Scholarship Deadline
Feb. 7—Valentine Banquet
April 2-4—Lads to Leaders
June 7-12—WCBC Bible Camp

December 19th-KFC Holiday Caroling—Our 1st-5th graders are invited to join us for caroling. We will meet at the building at 6pm and return at 8pm. We will be caroling and also completing our service project.

December 22nd-Holiday Caroling—6th and up. We will meet at the building at 6pm. We will have pizza for dinner and will be caroling to several of our members. We should return to the building between 8:30 and 9pm.

Jan. 2-3, 2015-Equipped to Encounter. Equip is a great training program approach for our 6th and up group. We will begin at 10am on Friday morning and wrap up at 10am on Saturday morning. We will stay at the building overnight so please pack accordingly. Registration is now open online at www.southernhills.net.

Jan. 16-19, 2015-Ski Retreat. This is a wonderful time to spend with your family and your church family. Come ski and play in the snow with us a Sugar Mountain Ski Resort in Banner Elk, North Carolina. Information packets regarding lodging and costs are available. Please see Andy or Jennifer Miller or Mike or Laura Meade if you have questions. Please register your family on line at www.southernhills.net.

KFC

Dec. 19—Holiday Caroling
Jan. 16-19—Family Ski Retreat

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SERMONS & SUCH

First, let me thank Clint Oppermann for the fine job he did preaching and teaching last Sunday morning. I appreciate his willingness to preach so I could go to the SHARE Retreat. Speaking of the Retreat, we had a great time. We worshipped with the Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ in Pigeon Forge on Sunday morning. It was good to be with them and to hear a good sermon from Al Behel, the preacher, whom I have known for many years. But it is good to be back home!

As to my sermons here is the sermon schedule for the next few Sundays. (Below you will see today's sermons listed.) We will likely continue to study the theme of "The Suffering Christ" for two more Sunday mornings. That will take us to the end of the year. The next two Sunday evening sermons after tonight will complete our study of 2 Timothy. I hope you will be here to conclude the study of this important letter with us.

In January we will continue to study the theme "Consider Christ" on Sunday mornings. On Sunday nights, beginning January 11, we will begin a series of expository sermons from James. Many have referred to this letter as a study of "Practical Christianity." My Sunday morning class is studying the names and titles of Christ. My Wednesday evening class is studying the Psalms. Bring your Bible and study with us.

~Dan Cottrell

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

"The Suffering Christ (2)"
(Hebrews 5: 8-9)

SUNDAY EVENING

"Preach the Word!"
(2 Timothy 4: 1-2)

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

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SICK/PRAYER LIST

Stoney and Donna Warren's grandson, **Harrison Warren**, is making good progress!

Myra Elkins' sister-in-law's sister, **Betty Ann Glover** has returned home from the hospital and is doing much better.

Continue to Remember: Nancilynn Dunn, Linda Haedge, William Dill, Rachel Haffner, Gail Krech, Jody & Paul Krech, Marguerite Steele, Ston-ey Warren, Paulette Naron, Bobbie Wilhoite, Sa-mantha Walker, Diana Haworth, Marjorie Perry, Dean Billops

Our Shut-ins: Evelyn Billings, Bob Bufford, Jane Davis, Nancilynn Dunn, Wilma Gower, Richard Marlin, Ruth Miller, Lawrence & Janet Cash & Odessa Barnhill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Bible Class and Mens Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday at 10am. After ladies class we will go to lunch at Hen-peck Market. There will be no more meetings until after the first of the year.

There are still a few issues of the December Gospel Advocate available in the foyer. Feel free to pick one up.

GREETERS For December:
Harrub Family
Pick Up Member/Visitors Cards
TODAY: Sam Johnson & Luke Harrub
Dec. 21st : Caleb Sumerel & Curt Graham

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
We are adjusting some of our worship service dates due to the holiday schedule. The Wednesday evening services will be moved from December 24 to December 23 and from December 31 to December 30.

The services will start at the usual 7pm starting time. They will consist of a song service and devo-tional. There will be no classes on those two evenings.

We will resume our regular Wednesday evening schedule on January 7.

WELCOME!
We want to welcome a new brother in Christ!
Kenny King was baptized Wednesday night by Brad Harrub. We wish him a long life of service. Kenny lives with Mindy and Chris.

Holiday Cards
If you would like to give holiday cards to mem-bers of the congregation, as we've done in the past few years, there are boxes set up in the fel-lowship hall. The deadline for dropping off your cards is this **WEDNESDAY, December 17th**. They will be ready for you to pick up the next week. Any cards given to our shut-ins will be delivered to them. If you have any questions call the church office.

Thank You
Dear Brethren: This letter acknowledges with great appreciation your gift of \$250.00 for the 316 food drive. Your interest and support mean so much to us and to those who will benefit be-cause of your generosity. In Christian Love,
James A. Thomas, Ed.D.
Columbia Academy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015 Sign-Up Sheets
Don't forget to sign up for the work of the church for 2015. We need volunteers to pre-pare communion, pick up communion cups, young men to pick up visitor cards, Sunday morning greeters, food groups, kitchen clean-up, teach Children's Bible Hour on Sunday eve-nings, and if you would like your name to be added to work in the nursery. If you have any questions, call the church office.

**The University of Tennessee
Martin**
The Administration, Faculty and
Graduation Class of the
University of Tennessee at Martin
Announce the graduation of
AMELIA CLAIRE BUFFORD
With a Bachelor's Degree in
Organismal Biology
On Saturday, the Thirteenth of December
Two Thousand Fourteen
Commencement Ceremonies will be held
At the Elam Center at 11am

**CHILDRENS' BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS FOR
December:**
3—Pre-K: Karla Hardison
K-2nd Grade: Rachel Potts

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY- SUNDAY, December 14, 2014
USHERS: Chip Holt, Jerry Pritchett and James Vanderpool
Preside at Lord's Table: John Bufford
Serve the Lord's Supper: Dwayne Moore, Noah Oppermann, Trey Pratt, John Rhodes
Reader: Caleb Sumerel
Opening Prayer: Mike Mizer
Closing Prayer: Chris Doughtie

TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE
P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper: Phillip McCullough
P.M. Reader: Caleb Sumerel
Opening Prayer: Ryan Haedge
Closing Prayer: Jerald Hill

THIS WEDNESDAY, December 17, 2014
Opening Prayer: Matt Ensor
Closing Prayer: Daniel Johnson
Song Leader: Cody Davis

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (12/7/14)	Morning Worship	298
	Sunday School	224
	PM Worship	172
Wednesday Night (12/10/14)		151
Contribution Last Sunday:	\$	15,160.00
Contribution YTD		484,173.00
Contribution Goal YTD		487,925.00

NURSERY TODAY—December 14, 2014
AM: Cherie & Mary Grace Warren
PM: Sharon & Katherine Broome
NURSERY-NEXT SUNDAY—December 21, 2014
AM: Patti Elliott & Carrie Alden
PM: Karla, McKenna & Kendell Hardison
COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS—December
Vanderpool Family & Cost Family
BUILDING LOCK-UP—December
Phillip McCullough & Thomas Waggoner
FOOD GROUP LEADERS—December
Linda Cottrell—377-6160
Vi Waldrep —615/472-1333
Quarterly Elder Chairman (Oct.-Dec.)
John Bufford