

March 28, 2024

## HOW THE LADS TO LEADERS PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME

With Lads to Leaders this coming week, I was reminiscing and looking through my computer at all of the past years of our young people and their involvement in so many things. I looked over power point and articles the youth put together and wrote. I watched video presentations, storylines, and puppet shows. I found speeches that were presented and song pages for them to lead. As I was going through all of the work that our youth has done over the past several years, I stumbled upon an article that I had wrote all the way back in 2009. I am not certain if I wrote this article for a school project or if I wrote it for Lads to Leaders, but as I read the article I was amazed at what all has come true over the years and I would like to share that with you.

I have participated in Lads to Leaders for many years and it has helped me in so many different ways. I remember the first time I ever participated in Lads to Leaders was in a storyline. I did not think much about it until my group was called up on stage. I remember the excitement and joy that I felt walking up onto that stage and receiving my very first Lads to Leaders trophy. From that point on I knew that Lads to Leaders was what I really wanted to participate in with my congregation. That next year I signed up for as many things as I could in the Mass Media section. Then one of my biggest mentors at my church told me that I would be good at speech. I did not think much about it and just decided I would sign up to have one more thing to be active in. I never before had done any sort of public speaking but I decided I would give it a try and I won first place in my speech.

Because of Lads to Leaders I decided to attend Freed Hardeman University and one day to become a pulpit minister. If it were not for Lads to Leaders I would have never discovered the talents God has blessed me with and the enjoyment I get from spreading the great news that God has given us. I truly believe that Lads to Leaders is the cornerstone to my Christian walk. Lads to Leaders helped me find my true ground and my faith in God.

When I first started Lads to Leaders I remember signing up for everything I could so that I could win trophies. However, as I grew older, I no longer did any of the activities for a trophy or for a prize. I now participate in everything I could because it helped me

grow closer to Christ and to help me fortify my faith. Because of Lads to Leaders I now have much experience in many different areas that may one day help me to be an active member in my future church congregation.

As I stated earlier, I have decided to attend college to obtain a degree in ministry. However, this is not the only thing that Lads to Leaders has helped me with.

In Article/Editorial I have learned how to write a persuasive, enthusiastic essay about various topics related to God. As I write these articles, I can imagine myself being a writer for magazines such as the *Gospel Advocate* or *Think Magazine*. Also in Audio Presentations and Video Presentations, I have learned how to express myself and share the truth about Christ in a way that is appealing and encouraging to others. Programs such as these have helped me in many ways. I now know that I could pursue a career in preaching and teaching on the radio or even on various Christian broadcasting networks on the television. With the experience I have in these topics, I now have confidence to "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15)

I encourage any young person to participate in Lads to Leaders. It has changed my life in many ways and I believe it can change many others. If it were not for Lads to Leaders I would have never discovered my true talent and enjoyment of spreading the good news to many people. If someone was to ask me what was one thing that has helped strengthen my Christianity the most I would have to say to my coaches and mentors that I have gained from Lads to Leaders is that this great program has truly changed my life. **Andrew Spivey November 25, 2009**

I would have to say that I still agree with what I wrote 15 years ago. I would still recommend any young person to get involved in programs like Lads to Leaders because they truly can help you discover the many talents and gifts that God has blessed you with. I also encourage any adult, parent, or grandparent to get involved as well. You have no idea what a true blessing it is to help and encourage children and youth to use and grow their talents and abilities in Christ. Who knows, you may discover some hidden talents that God has blessed you with in the process.

**Andrew Spivey**

## COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Philemon

Wednesday Read – Colossians 1 & 2

Questions for last week's reading of;

**Acts 27 & Acts 28.**

Questions:

1. What was Paul's prediction about the voyage to Rome, and what really happened?
2. What advice did Paul give to the men on the ship?
3. What happened to Paul on the island of Malta, and what was the people's reaction?
4. Why do you think Paul was allowed to live in a private house with a Roman soldier?
5. How long did Paul stay in the house, and how did he spend his time?

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The next Ladies Bible class will be on **April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm** at Nashville Road.

### SENIOR GROUP

**The Senior Group** will meet on **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.** Please bring finger foods and drinks.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

On Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>, **Philip Norwood** from Whiteville, North Carolina, will be with us for Sunday morning class & worship. Then on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> **S.M. Vinay** from India, will be with us for class and morning worship. Please take the opportunity to be here for worship and to hear these two missionaries.

### WIDOWS/WIDOWERS LUNCHEON

The next Widows/Widowers Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, April 21, 2024.** Excel's will be hosting the luncheon. A sign-up sheet is out in the foyer.

**FIRST SUNDAY SINGING WILL BE HOSTED BY BUCK LODGE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON SUNDAY APRIL 7TH AT 2:30 pm.**

## ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby  
Auditorium Lesson.....Philip Norwood

### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Scripture Reading.....Ben Hutson  
Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans  
Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry  
Servers.....C. Nelsen, M. Lyle, R. Buck  
C. Suddarth, J. Sever, D. Thompson

Sermon.....Philip Norwood  
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Senn  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith  
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ellis

## WEDNESDAY

April 3, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland

Ushers for March.....T. Cummins/A. Williamson  
Door Greeters – West Door.....C/P Newby  
East Door.....B/M Smith  
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Syble Johnson

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL**  
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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

### SICK LIST

Myra Rasnick is home now and doing well. Janice Johnson is in NHC Sumner Place. James Spivey got a good report from the cancer Dr. Faye Hart will have back surgery on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas Mid-Town. JoAnn Williamson fell and broke her wrist. She is now at NHC in Hendersonville. Ottis Cothron will have open abdominal surgery on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Allyn Hosman had knee replacement. He is home now and has started his therapy. David Williams is in the hospital for test. Tom & Faye Hart, both having health issues. Pat Watson, former member, health issues. Paul Gruber neighbor of Bob & Sherry Sever has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. He is now undergoing a new drug therapy for the next few months. Larry Bailey, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer.

### PRAYER LIST

James Spivey; Ottis Cothron; Sara Hosman; Anita Cato; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Vetrus Mee, Charter Senior Living of Gallatin; Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Lena Baggett; Maxine Cothron; Frances Catron; Charlie Cliburn; Heather Lemley daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley. Elaine Reynolds, friend of Christie Coleman; Alan Greene, nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; Bethany Shoulders, granddaughter of Evelyn Harris; Samantha Hager, friend of June Thompson; Bryan Grissom cousin to Joyce Clark & Robbie Glover; Vycki Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; Ty Tyler son of Ann Tyler; Wade Kennedy father of Diana Stephenson; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; Taylor Lackford, niece of Brenda Veale; Dustin Lackford, nephew of Brenda Veale; Larry Conley, friend of Wanda Proctor; Harold Cole, friend of Lena Baggett; Bobbie Carter, sister of Janice Johnson; Walter Wooten, brother of Wanda Sherrill; Aza Topik, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals.

### SHUT-INS

Melba Hill; Jean Deaton;  
 Jane Hughes, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615.

*We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.*

### OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Bible Study.....         | 116        |
| Morning Worship.....     | 170        |
| Sunday Evening.....      | 77         |
| Wednesday Evening.....   | 78         |
| Contribution.....        | \$7,502.00 |
| Youth Group Account..... | \$3,845.00 |

### Elders

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Tony Butler.....    | 615-452-0560 |
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| David Johnson.....  | 615-300-9084 |
| Alex Sherrill.....  | 615-289-9935 |
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### Deacons

Carl Newby Jonathan Senn Brent Smith  
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