



# Kensington Woods FAMILY TREE

May 17, 2009

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**Evangelism:**

Tanzania 2000  
House to House/Heart to Heart  
Russian Bible Donation  
Correspondence Courses  
Jail Ministry  
Television Commercial  
Annual Youth Campaign

**Benevolence:**

N. Ala. Christian Children's Home  
Disaster Relief  
Romanian Eye Glasses Donation  
Food Pantry

**Edification:**

Bible Classes for all ages  
Shepherd's class  
W.I.N.G.S. Ladies' Ministry  
Youth Group for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Vacation Bible School  
Focus Groups  
USM Christian Student Center  
Godz Girlz  
Monthly Men's Breakfast  
KneEmail  
5th Sunday Night Singing

**FIDELITY**

with Mike Benson

**AWAY**—Thank you for your many prayers and petitions on Mom's behalf. She had a hard couple of days after the surgery, but perked up considerably on Wednesday. My sister, Lisa, is in Gallatin taking care of her now. Thanks to Seth for preaching at the PM service while I was away. (Brother, I appreciate your assistance, "pitch-in" attitude, and friendship.)

**WEDNESDAY INVITATION**—I continue to see, and hear, evidence of spiritual growth and maturity. Kevin Devenport delivered the devotional and offered the invitation two weeks ago. Buddy Overstreet did the same this past Wednesday evening. It takes courage, thought, study, preparation and just plain ole' "gumption" to stand before your peers and share the Word. I'm grateful to these brothers for their effort and willingness to participate. Good job, guys! Keep marching!!

**LDB**—This Lord's Day morning we'll continue our sermon series on *Life, Death, and Beyond*. We'll address at least three questions:

- . What about those who are still living at the time of Christ's coming?
- . Since people do not go immediately to heaven or hell, what will be the purpose of the Judgment?
- . Where do people go after the Judgment?

I hope you'll be with the KW church family for our worship and study.

*"God loves you and I love you and that's the way it's gonna be..." —Mike*

**EDUCATE**

with Seth Sullivan

**VBS MENU**—I am grateful to Glenda Moorer and Jonell Rake for taking on the task to produce a menu for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. Last Sunday, these two sisters and I visited together and have come up with a menu:

- Sunday - Capri-Sun juice, hot dogs, chips, and cookies
- Monday - Capri-Sun juice and cookies
- Tuesday - Capri-Sun juice and brownies with ice cream

We need your help! We are asking for donations of some of these items. On the back table in the foyer there is a sign up sheet for those of you who are interested in helping us by donating some of these food items. We need donations of:

- Cookies and chips (chips can be purchased at Wal-Mart in 20 pack bags)
- Capri-Sun juice (indicate on sign up sheet the flavors you plan to bring)
- Brownies for Tuesday night

When you sign up, please indicate how much you plan to bring. —Seth

**NEW PHOTO BOARD PICTURES**

**ARE BEING TAKEN IN THE CRY ROOM**

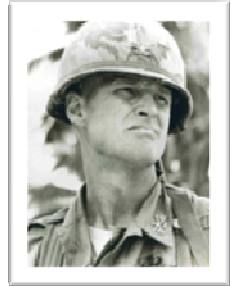
**SEE RON MONTGOMERY BEFORE OR AFTER MORNING ASSEMBLY**

# Where Do Elders Come From?

by Mike Benson

In His book, *The Leadership Dynamic*, Harry L. Reeder III makes a compelling point about training and developing church leaders. He observes:

"In November 1965, Lieutenant Colonel Harold "Hal" Moore Jr. and the U.S. Seventh Cavalry's First Battalion were engaged in one of the opening battles of the Vietnam War. Surrounded by an estimated 4,000 North Vietnamese regulars at a jungle clearing called Landing Zone X-Ray, Moore's 450 soldiers were taking searing fire from all sides. Even with crucial American air support, his outnumbered troops faced annihilation. Moore was determined that his men would survive, however, and he directed a heroic defense in what proved to be one of the fiercest battles of the war. He and his soldiers repulsed repeated assaults and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy until his battalion was finally relieved by reinforcements. The dramatic story is told in the 1992 best seller, *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young*, which was made into an acclaimed motion picture.



Moore won the army's highest award, the Distinguished Service Cross, and eventually rose to the rank of lieutenant general. He was renowned for his superb leadership skills. A scene in the movie captured his foresight and grasp of leadership principles when Moore's character a squad leader who had been unceremoniously "killed" in a training exercise. "You are dead," Moore declared. "Now, who do you have ready to take your place?" The scene reflects both the reality of warfare and a key element of leadership: *great leaders always prepare to reproduce and multiply themselves*" (pp. 67-68).

Brethren, can I ask some firm, but loving questions? Where do elders come from...? Whom are we training to serve as future shepherds of the Lord's flock? Who will be ready to take the reins of leadership when a brother steps down, moves, or passes away? Who will be ready to take his place in the spiritual oversight of the church?

It's been my observation that congregations tend to find elders only when they have to. Another brother agrees: "We must face it--we really don't want elders! Congregations exist for years without ordaining elders. Preachers, having had bad experiences, have a distaste for elders. Mediocre elders or power-hungry elders look upon prospective elders with suspicion and resentment. In such cases elders have to, literally, be forced into (office). Cliques are always trying to get an opponent out or a champion in. ...**Most elderships have been born in necessity and strife**--this is not as it should be. Young men are repulsed with such antics--they have no desire to qualify as elders. **There must be a constant development of spiritual elders!** Weak or bad leadership will catch up with you! It can be 'crutched' or 'covered up' only so long. **We must develop godly elders**" (Charles Hodge, "Elders Are Tempted," *Gospel Advocate*, March 22, 1979, p. 184, emphasis mine--mb).

Hodge is right. It's probably not wise to wait until the "leadership well" is nearly dry and then attempt to "knee-jerk" men into service. Waiting until we have to get men to serve as pastors creates at least three problems:

1. **It creates frustration.** Men who have not been trained to lead experience anxiety (1 Kings 3:7). "How can I do this job?! I don't know what I'm doing." Kids who have not learned to swim don't want to be thrown into the water; men who have not been trained (Exodus 18:20) to lead don't want to be thrown in to shark-infested (e.g., wolf--Matthew 10:16; Acts 20:29) waters either.

2. **It puts people in a position for which they may not be qualified.** The church needs more than just male "bodies"--it needs humble, devoted, and holy men of God. Shepherds are surgeons of souls; they operate on people's hearts and minds. None of us would want a team of men performing brain surgery if they've not had proper instruction and tutelage. Why would we want undisciplined pastors guiding and superintending our souls?

3. **It approaches the work of shepherds as something obligatory rather than something desired.** When we attempt to force and strong-arm folks into leadership, they tend to approach their job because they "have to," not because they "want to." Men who truly desire the office of a bishop will give the entirety of their energies to their task. Men must want the office (2 Timothy 3:1; 1 Peter 5:2); they must have a passion for the church. That's not to say that they'll never feel overwhelmed or insufficient (they're not ready to serve if they don't experience some trepidation), but they must possess a heart for service.

Consider for a moment, brethren: "You're dead...now, who do you have to take your place?" Where do elders come from?

Think about it.



# News & Notes

## Remember in Prayer:

- ~ Jenny Pierce's father, Fred is hospitalized in Ohio due to possible blockage in his pancreas or liver.
- ~ Vladimir Vakhrushev, Inna Swann's father, is having complications from recent eye surgery in Conway, AR.
- ~ Grady Knotts is now receiving care at Bedford Care Nursing Home in room # 10 C.
- ~ Tommy Steel, Tyler Berch's boss was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer.
- ~ Delila McMillin, friend of Kathy Montgomery was diagnosed with cancer.
- ~ Cindy Hogman, friend of C.D. Johnson's sister, miscarried and found out that she has cervical cancer.
- ~ Jerry Barnes will have cataract surgery at Lowery Woodall on May, 19 at 6:30 a.m.
- ~ Lona Barnes is sick with the flu.
- ~ Dottie Thomas is having health problems.
- ~ Alan Barham separated his shoulder during a fishing trip.
- ~ Rachel Barczewski, Sylvia Madden's granddaughter is having some health problems.

## Also Remember:

Ned and Janice Summerville, Pete and Ina Mae McLeod, Earl and Dorothy Bolinger, Ken and Ginger Renfroe, Richard and Mary Kay Stickroth, Ruth Counts, Sandra Johnson, Sallie Thornton, Sylvia Madden, Pam Anderson, Phyllis Chapin, Sonja Graves, Sherry Varner, Hazel Lewis, Hannah Duke, Louise Jenkins, Brenda Blackwell, Ashley Moss, Carol Clark, Bobby Reynolds, Justin Imel, Danny Edmonds, Jim Murrell, Bobby Lammers, Scott Howell, Phillip Madden, Jamie Dial, Dallas Sparks, Robert Russell, Charlotte Benson, Sam Barham, Chase Jackson.

## Birthdays

- Carrie Lynn Bedwell - May 14
- Johnny Ford - May 17
- Rosemary Myers - May 17
- George Chapin - May 20
- Stephen Devenport - May 20



## Anniversaries

- Stephen & Kathy Devenport - May 20

## Pantry Items

We need spaghetti sauce, noodles, and chili. Please put your donations in the chest located in the foyer.

**Focus Group 1 (Smithmier / Richey)...** will meet Sunday, May 17 after morning services at Kevin and Regina Reynolds' home.

**Vacation Bible School...** June 28-30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The theme for this year is "Christ the Carpenter Made Our World." Please sign-up on the back table in the area you wish to help in this year! See Seth if you have questions.

**Teacher Appreciation Banquet:** The banquet has been re-scheduled for Sunday, July 19 after morning services in the fellowship hall. All teachers, please attend this banquet in your honor!

**Welcome to Kensington Woods:** L.C. and Theresa Barlow have placed their membership with KW. Address: 520 N. 38th Ave. Apt. 18, Hattiesburg 39401; Ph: 601-268-8719. They are in Zone 2.

**Focus Group Re-Organization:** Those who are currently not a part of a Focus Group, and would like to be involved in a group, please sign the roster located on the back table.

**Nursery:** Those who would like to be added to the nursery worker list, please sign-up on the back table in the auditorium. See Robby Moorer if you have questions.

**Building Cleaning:** Those who would like to help in cleaning the building, please sign-up on the back table in the auditorium. See Robby Moorer if you have questions.

**NACH Coin Collection:** Everyone who participated in collecting coins for the North Alabama Children's home, please meet in the fellowship hall after morning services on Sunday, May 17 to take a picture.

**Special Thanks:** Thank you all so much for your prayers and gifts of food for me and my husband. It is a true blessing to have family in Christ. I am getting along much better and I know it is due to all the wonderful prayers on my behalf. Thanks again. In Christian Love, Sonja Graves

All the moms would like to thank the children for the sweet treats for Mother's Day!

## Youth News

**K-6th Devotional...** Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**7th-12th Devotional...** Sunday, May 17 after evening services. Girls bring sandwiches & boys bring chips and cookies.

**Door-Knocking Campaign...** June 12-20 in Cynthia, KY for 7th-12th grade youth. See Robby Moorer for details.

**Gulf Coast Bible Camp...** July 12-17. Registration forms are located on the back table. See Ricky Moorer for details!

## **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

Week Beginning, **May 17, 2009**

**Coordinator: Chip Hill (601-270-1519)**

Please call coordinator if you are unable to serve.

**Announcements: Ken Upchurch**

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**Song Leader:** Duane Richey

**Opening Prayer:** Seth Sullivan

**Lord's Supper:** (Presiding) Robby Mooror

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| 1. Ricky Mooror     | 5. Steve Banks     |
| 2. Buddy Overstreet | 6. Clarence Naylor |
| 3. Noel Stafford    | 7. Jessie Pope     |
| 4. Tawaski Carter   | 8. Joshua Naylor   |

**Closing Prayer:** Ricky Mooror

**Attendance Cards:** Reggie Neel

**Communion (May):** Malcolm and Valerie Berch

**Nursery:** May 17: Rodney & Delana Mooney

May 24: Kathy Montgomery & Sharon Harris

### **SUNDAY EVENING**

**Song Leader:** Duane Richey

**Opening Prayer:** Ken Brown

**Lord's Supper:**

1. Ricky Mooror
2. Buddy Overstreet

**Closing Prayer:** Buddy Overstreet

**Count Contribution:** Hill / Pope

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**Song Leader:** Justin Stoll

**Prayer:** Reggie Neel

### **ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION**

**May 10, 2009**

	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Avg.</b>
<b>Bible Study</b>	200	121	142
<b>Morning Worship</b>	275	189	213
<b>Evening Worship</b>	200	109	142
<b>Wednesday (5/6)</b>	200	127	152
<b>Contribution</b>	\$8,000	\$8,391	\$8,314

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### **SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday:** Prayer 8:30 a.m. • Bible Class 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. • **Wednesday:** Bible class 7 p.m. • Ladies Bible Class: 7 p.m.