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Horizons

This past week at Horizons was a wonderful week for our young people and for the Lord's church as a whole. I am thankful to the elders for allowing me to continue my work with this program. It is a camp/leadership training program at Freed Hardeman University that is a blessing to so many. About 975 young men and women get to spend a week with 250 staff worshipping the Lord and focusing on how to better serve Him in their lives. This year there were 14 baptisms and 86 came forward asking for prayers on Wednesday and Thursday night. It was a great week and the focus on the Lord was a blessing to all who were there.

One of the things I was able to do during the week was to meet with 18 graduated seniors and discuss principles of leadership with them each morning. It was a great time discussing God's leaders in scripture. We saw Joshua's need to be strong and courageous in Joshua 1, Daniel's need to keep himself pure in Daniel 1, and God's instruction's for leaders in the church in I Timothy 3. We also saw Jesus instruction to His disciples that those who lead must decide to be servants to others. It was a wonderful week, and I challenged each of these young with this thought, "Individuals are not leaders because of the position they hold, they are leaders because of the characteristics they develop in their lives by their daily choices". May we all strive to make decisions daily that make our lives worth following. See you Sunday!

John

The Next Generation

Psalm 78:5-6 *He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born and they in turn would tell their children.*

Statistics show that we are failing to get the gospel to the next generation. Our country is becoming less and less religious in respect to Christianity. The family has always been expected to pass the teachings of Christ on to their children and keep this process intact for generation upon generation. Here are the latest statistics concerning attending worship services on a regular basis. This is broken down by generations.

Greatest generation - born before 1928	56%
Silent generation - 1928 - 1945	44%
Boomer generation - 1946 - 1964	32%
Generation X - 1965 - 1980	27%
Millennial generation - 1981	18%

The study being used is now 8 years old and the number continues to decline. The trend is disturbing. South Gate does have a good youth program that has resulted in the conversion of many young people - most from our congregation but some that have been influenced by our young. The elders have shown great support for the youth ministry and this work is much needed. Let's strive to reach those younger than ourselves. Let's work and pray that this trend changes and in all things may the Lord be glorified.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: OUR MEMBERS

Bernice Bratton Alice Bolton **Dave Coleman** Jo Ann Coleman Joyce Crowe John Churchwell Vera Daniels **Corrine Goetz** Tal Gray **Billy Ray Hardison** Nell Hood Clayton <u>& Myrna Jett</u> Helen Lusk **Gene Porter** Patsy Tyree **Donald White**

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WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 15, 2018

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Richard Farris
Sam Quirk
Blair Keeling
Mike Lyle
Max Ballard
Ed Hargrove
Sonny Hargrove
Colton Hixson
Byran Farris
John Thomas
Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader	Mike Kinzer
Prayer	Greg Grey
Read: Ecclesiastes 11:1-5	Danny Lasater
Sermon: Wisdom For Today	John Thomas
Presiding	David Thomas
Announcements/Closing Prayer	Barry Cross

Ushers: Ryan Massey, Chase Thomason, Jim Anderson Greeters: Charlie & Cecelia Willis

A/V Operator: Lee Winchester, Chris Mobley

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NURSERY CARE FOR JULY 15

WEDNESDAY JULY 18, 6:30 P.M.

VBS Speaker - Donnie Davis

A.M....Jan Thomason