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Greater Things *John 14:12*

NEWSLETTER OF THE

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MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

The Mother-Daughter Luncheon Luau style held Saturday, May 8, 2004 @ 11:30 was deemed a great success by one and all. This year we managed to turn our Family Life Center into a Hawaiian Luau with Tiki huts and torches to make a tropical setting. The stage was the main Tiki hut with an arrangement of tropical flowers which consisted of bird of paradise and miniature orchids with several many more different kinds in a basket arrangement which served as the center focal point. The room throughout had small palm trees with tiki torches in them to add to the tropical atmosphere. The food was served buffet style in the small dining room which also had tiki huts built over the tables for the same effect. Thanks to the Tannehill General and Laura Jean McGhee for the surperb meal of chicken kabobs, rice pilaf, green beans, salad and dessert. Our speaker was Rev. Carol Elrod who spoke to us about all the many stories of the mother & daughter relationships as portrayed in the Bible and then she threw in a few personal stories of her own. Many thanks also for all of the hard work done by those helping in decorating and cleanup. That's what it takes to make a GREAT success is a whole lot of teamwork from everyone involved!

-Debbie Shotts

Graduating Seniors

Pleasant Hill UMC will recognize graduating high school and college seniors on Sunday, May 16th at the 11:00 Church Service. The following graduates will be honored. If you know of others in our church who are graduating from high school or college, please call the church office at 428-4056 or Beverly Lavender at 424-6783 or 379-2171 as soon as possible.

Congratulations Graduates! We are proud of your accomplishment and wish you continued future success!

High School Graduates

- Elise Danielle Adams graduates from McAdory High on May 20th and plans to attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham

- Teresa Robbins Barnett graduates from Brookwood High on May 17th and plans to attend Shelton State Community College and transfer to Alabama or Auburn, majoring in Education

- Zachary James Bragg graduates from Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School on May 20th and plans to attend the University of Alabama, majoring in Business

- Foster Key "Chip" Bradley IV graduates from McAdory High on May 20th and plans to attend Jefferson State Community College, majoring in Radiology Therapy

- John Daniel Lavender graduates from Shades Valley High on May 20th and plans to attend Georgia Institute of Technology, majoring in Engineering

- Brook Catherine Phares graduates from Bessemer Academy on May 24th and plans to pursue career in Hair Designing as a Protégé with Hair Reflections with training throughout the United States.

- Christopher Robert Powers graduates from McAdory High on May 20th and plans to attend Auburn University, majoring in Agriscience.

College Graduates

- Jeremy Glen Baswell graduated from University of Montevallo on May 8th with a B.S. degree in Business / Marketing.

- Marianne Bradley graduated from the University of Alabama on May 10th with a B.A. degree in Public Relations and plans to work at UAB Medical Center West.

TAYLOR'S 1ST ANNUAL LEMONADE STAND!

June 7th - June 12th

Come out for a good cause, and help raise money for Childhood Cancer. Taylor (Watts) is teaming up with other cancer children across the U. S. to raise money for funding and research for pediatric cancer.

June 7th through June 11th, all money raised will stay within Alabama and will be donated to some of Taylor's favorite non-profit cancer organizations:

Camp Sam (www.campsam.org),

Magic Moments (www.magicmoment.org) and

Making Miracles (www.CuringChildhoodCancer.org)

On Saturday, June 12th, all money raised will go to Alex's Lemonade Stand c/o The Philadelphia Foundation. To date, this brave little girl has raised over \$190,000 for pediatric cancer research. All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law and receipts will be provided!

Also come out and donate life by giving blood at Taylor's week long blood drive! Every person that donates blood will receive a free T-Shirt and the good feeling knowing you saved someone's life!

When: June 7th - June 12th

Where: LifeSouth Community Blood Center (www.lifesouth.org)

396 West Oxmoor Road, Birmingham, AL

Call for directions @ 943-6000

If you are unable to attend, but still want to help Taylor's cause, you can mail a donation to:

The Taylor Watts Fund

c/o Xi Beta Xi.

Attn: Roberta Carter, Treasurer

7320 Pineview Lane

McCalla, AL 35111

Taylor and his family came to Pleasant Hill when Jonesboro merged with us. His parents are Kim and Jim Watts and he has a little brother, Logan. He is the great-grandson of L. C. Shamblin. We are happy to have this family in our church fellowship and wish Taylor the best of luck with his Lemonade Stand.

Learn more about Taylor by visiting the website: www.taylorwatts.org