

# Ridge Views

## Little Seeker's Volunteer Blanche Sedman



*Mathew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"*

My name is Blanche Sedman. I am a volunteer at the Little Seekers Day School. I would like to tell you a little bit of my journey to Little Seekers.

When I retired, my desire was to volunteer in my community. I thought about several options that could use volunteers, but nothing seemed quite right. My daughter asked me about volunteering at the new Little Seekers Day School at our church. I love working with kids, so it seemed like a great fit.

I must tell you God placed me where I needed to be. My cup runneth over with blessings. The staff is wonderful, and the little ones God has entrusted to us are my biggest blessings.

To be in God's service is a great treasure. I am very thankful to the Little Seekers leaders and staff for the opportunity to serve in this ministry. If your schedule would allow you the opportunity, please consider joining me to serve God and the families involved in Little Seekers. You will receive countless blessings!

## Spring is here!

Our big event for the season for children will be our Easter celebration brunch and egg hunt to be held on Saturday, March 31st, from 9-11am. This is a potluck brunch followed by egg hunts for each age group. Invite a friend to come along and join us for this casual time out on our beautiful fields! In the event of rain, we will move the event indoors and still hunt down those eggs. Mark your calendar now and be on the lookout for a chance to help stuff those eggs!

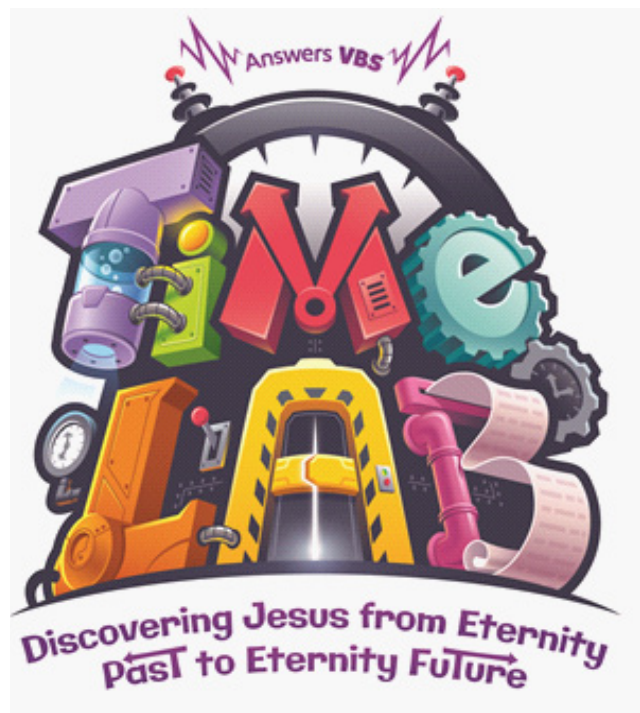
A look ahead...

Music camp for age 4 through completed 5th graders will be held June 11th-15th here at HPC. Come join us for a week filled with fun while we learn a musical that points us to Jesus! Registration will open in April.



## TimeLab VBS 2018

TimeLab VBS is happening July 23rd-27th and preparation has already begun! Volunteer recruitment has started and remember...we need YOU to make it happen. We had record numbers in attendance last year and suspect this year will be the same. Let's all prepare to pull together as a church family and support our biggest annual outreach event to families.



# Great Opportunity to reach ALL kids, youth, and their families!

Want to know more about how we as a church can reach ALL kids, youth, and their families? HPC will be hosting a special session in March that is focused on reaching and engaging kids and youth, and their families, with special needs. Please join us for a full breakfast and special needs training with Ashley Belknap, Director of MNA's special needs ministry, Engaging Disability with the Gospel. We are joining up with many area PCA churches for this event and have had a great response so far! Ashley will lead us in a leadership-specific training regarding serving our church's special needs families. She will guide us with ideas on how to reach the kids and youth whom we know learn differently, but also give us tools for those whom we just aren't sure what drives them and how to reach them. This session is designed for those who volunteer or work with children and youth in our church, however anyone is welcome to attend. If you simply have a passion for reaching families with special needs, consider joining us! Please RSVP to let me know you will be attending this optional, free session. I really hope to see a lot of you there as we continue this path to serve families better.

**WHAT: Special needs focused training**

**DATE: Saturday, March 24th**

**TIME: Full breakfast served at 8:30, session starts at 9 and will end no later than noon**

## Donuts with Dad!

February was a great month and we hosted our Donuts with Dad event! Since 75% of our Little Seekers are not HPC families, this was a great opportunity to get to know our Day School dads better! It was a great to engage in conversation, enjoy some sweet treats, and give the kids a chance to show off their school and teachers!



Looking for a place to enroll your toddler or preschooler next year? Let me tell you why Little Seekers is a fantastic option! Enrollment for members opens March 19th!

- Small class sizes
- Christ-centered curriculum
- Experienced and qualified staff
- Solid preparation for Kindergarten using the Hamilton County guidelines
- Peanut/Tree nut free facility
- Balanced schedule including time to nurture the mind, body, and soul



# Tracking the Trailmen of Trail Life TN-1967

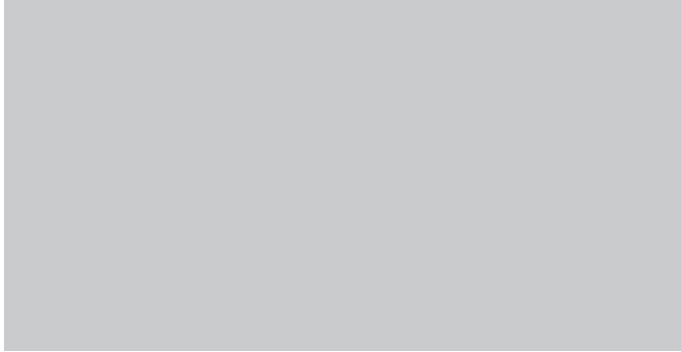


The February Hit the Trail Event was “out of this world.” Boys, dads and granddads had a “blast” at the Huntsville Space Museum!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Hixson Pres Trail Life troop TN-1967 will depart **Friday morning, June 1 for Patriot’s Point in Charleston SC.** The group will

spend two nights aboard the WWII aircraft carrier **USS Yorktown** sleeping in the former crew’s berthing quarters and eating in the crew’s mess. We will also tour a WWII destroyer and submarine. Education programs include Aviation, Marine Science, History and Science, and a virtual reality space mission. **We will return Sunday afternoon June 3.**





## A Glimpse into our Teaching Times

When you picture in your mind what goes on in the youth rooms of HPC, what do you see? Do you imagine that we spend the majority of our time swallowing live goldfish or mercilessly pegging each other in hour-long games of dodge ball? Or maybe you imagine the youth partaking of endless supplies of pizza and Mountain Dew as they sit around playing video games. I'd be lying if I said we didn't do any of that, but I do want to be clear that these types of things aren't the focus of Youth Ministry. The focus of our Youth Ministry is students, and in particular, an emphasis on teaching the truth of the Scriptures to students.

While teaching is not all we do, it is a centerpiece of our Youth programs. One of the main goals of our Youth Ministry is to boldly teach the truth of the Bible. In our teaching, we always want students to hear the Good News of Jesus and understand that the Bible is authoritative. Yes, we attempt to tailor our teaching to the audience,

so if you were to come and sit in on a program you may not understand all the illustrations (or even the language) we use. But I promise you this: we never water down the message, and we never shy away from difficult topics or questions.

With that being said, what are we teaching our students right now? On Sunday mornings, our middle schoolers (taught by Bo Wheeler and Ben Parker) are going through the Bible systematically with the Gospel Project for Students. Currently they are working through the Pentateuch. Our high schoolers are studying Apologetics using a curriculum from One Story Ministries. We have looked at tough questions such as, "Was Jesus Fully God and Fully Man?" and "Could Jesus have Sinned?"

On Sunday evenings at Underground, our middle school students are going through a study called "The Gospel Centered Life." The hope is that the Holy Spirit will use studies like these to drive the Gospel deep down into our teens' hearts. Our high school students are going through the

book of Revelation! (Yes, you read that right). Many students are fascinated by this book, but do they really know its message? Each week we consistently portray the wonderful and comforting truth that no matter what happens in our lives, now or in the future, Jesus is on his throne and he stands at the end of history, as the Alpha and Omega!

We also do Bible studies on Wednesday nights at "Dig", and many of our youth are enjoying studies on James, 1 Timothy, and on what it means to have a Christian Worldview. It is so exciting to me to see so many wonderful adult volunteers walking through the Scriptures with our Youth. Yes, we play a little dodge ball and eat a little (or a lot) of pizza. And yes, there may come a time when someone even swallows a live goldfish. But that stuff only serves to help our youth feel more at ease and ready to interact and learn as we challenge them with the Gospel and the authoritative message of the Bible, because that's what Youth Ministry is all about!



# Primetimer's News

On Tuesday, March 13th at 12:00pm the Primetimers will be back at the church for a delicious luncheon. (Chicken and dumplings made by Bob Marlin. The desserts will be made by Helen Crisp and Valerie Farris.)

We look forward to a good program by story-teller and chalk artist, Melanie Myers. She was here many years ago and was outstanding. She makes quite an impact telling a Christian story as she draws a picture!

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, March 13th for an excellent lunch and superb program.

## New Sunday School Class

### Women's Sunday School Class

Beginning March 18th, there will be a Sunday school class offered for the women of HPC taught by Leah Dean using material written by Jenifer Wilkin on the book of James. If you are a lady, and looking for a Sunday school class that thoughtfully discusses a book of the Bible with your fellow sisters in Christ, you will not want to miss it!

The study will meet through May 27th in [room M-2](#).

## Upcoming Events!

- March 16-18 Men's Retreat
- March 30 Good Friday Service, 6:30pm
- March 31 Easter Family Brunch & Egg Hunt, 9:00am
- April 1 Easter Morning Fellowship Donuts & Coffee, 10:00am

## Birthdays

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| 1 - Amy DeLoach & Amy Monsees         | 24 - Selah Huff & Stuart Hilton       |
| 3 - Don Pierce                        | 25 - Jennifer Lusk                    |
| 5 - Linda Brown                       | 28 - Jeanette Chance & James Halabrin |
| 8 - Lennie Furr                       | 29 - <i>Daniel Livermore</i>          |
| 10 - Ben Parker                       | 30 - Madison Jones                    |
| 11 - <i>Josh*</i>                     | 31 - Bob Eldridge & Lauren Cooper     |
| 13 - LuAnne Kessel                    |                                       |
| 14 - Len Johnson & Mike Landreth      |                                       |
| 15 - Linda Thomas                     |                                       |
| 16 - Mike Payne                       |                                       |
| 18 - Sam Cooper                       |                                       |
| 19 - Nathan Hutchings & Marsha Gentry |                                       |
| 20 - Alex Pope                        |                                       |
| 22 - Dee Kessel, Holly McAfee         |                                       |
| 23 - Brad Card                        |                                       |

*\*Those in Italics are our missionaries.*

## Anniversaries

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- 14 - Bill & Nancy Monroe
- 19 - Loren & Linda Thomas
- 21 - Aaron & Michelle Self
- 27 - Steve & Kelley Hutchings