



## SHOES FOR HAITI

Already many of you have donated shoes for Haiti. If you have shoes that you would like to donate, there are tubs in the foyer where you can drop them. We can use any shoe, regardless of size or style. These shoes will help save lives through helping eliminate diseases that are contracted through parasites that enter the body through feet in Haiti. Thank you for your support and generous heart. Bring them to church and we will begin bagging them up. Any shoes for any age group are fine but make sure they have laces if they need them. Tie them together or place a rubber band around them if they don't have laces.

## MADNESS IN MAY

May 14th For ages K-6  
Those who have  
registered will leave the  
building at 6:00am and  
return about 6:00pm.



*The highest value in life is found in  
the stewardship of time.*



## The Dash Poem

I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
From the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth  
And spoke of the following date with  
tears.  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time  
That she spent alive on earth  
And now only those who loved her  
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own,  
The cars, the house, the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love,  
And how we spent our dash.

So think about this long and hard;  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left  
That can still be re arranged.

If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect  
And more often wear a smile,  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a while.

So when your eulogy is being read  
With your life's actions to rehash  
Will you be proud of the things they'll say  
About how you spent your dash?

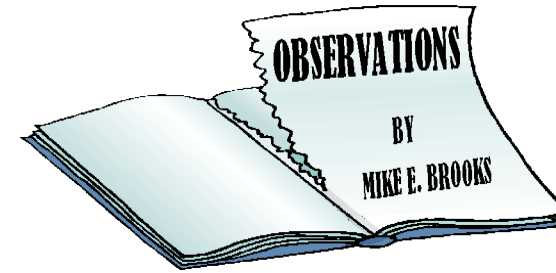
By Linda Ellis



# The Highlighter

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Today many from Highland Park are in Nashville for Lads to Leaders. It has been several years since Brenda and I were in the U.S. during the convention. We always enjoyed going up for it and have missed being with the young people, their parents and

sponsors during this special time. I still have deep appreciation for those who are involved in this program. It is very important and productive. Everyone participating is in our prayers.

The training of young people has obvious importance. Whether it is a secular education to prepare them for occupations, social training to help them in relationships with others, or "the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4) so as to prepare them for eternity, each generation has the responsibility of instructing the next in truth and wisdom.

This instruction serves two functions: it provides for the well being of the young person, and it provides for the stability of society. For a child to mature into a responsible, productive, and happy citizen training is essential. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Parents owe it to their children to give them complete and thorough training -- physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual (Luke 2:52).

While the success of the child's life depends in part upon proper training, it is also true that all societies and institutions also must depend upon the training of the young for future existence and success. No country or culture can continue if efforts are not made to instill its value system in future citizens. People must be trained to perform necessary tasks and to preserve and protect the interests of the institution to which they belong. This is true of nations, families, businesses, and of course it is also true of the church. As Paul instructed Timothy, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).

I commend the founders and leaders of the Lads to Leaders organization for their efforts in this regard. I also commend and personally thank all those who work in this program at Highland Park, both the adult sponsors and organizers, and the young participants. May God continue to bless all your efforts.

M.E.B.

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### SERVICE SCHEDULE:

#### SUNDAY:

9:00am Bible Class  
10:00am Worship  
5:30pm Prayer Session  
6:00pm Worship

#### WEDNESDAY:

7:00pm Bible Class

### The Record You Help Make

Bible Class .....177  
AM Worship .....287  
PM Worship .....193  
Contribution.....\$ 9,546  
Child Care.....\$ 85

**OUR SICK:** David Wallace (Rhonda's husband) is home recovering from heart surgery. Peggy McCollum (Tim & Robin's sister-in-law) has breast cancer. Sonny Watkins (Jerrri's Friend) will be having knee surgery in May. Keith Jones (Heather's dad) is recovering from a badly broken leg. He is able to get around in a wheelchair and is leading singing at Srygley. He expects to be able to walk on it during the 2nd week in May. 1495 Greenhill Rd Tuscumbia 35674

## Thank You Cards

To the Highland Park church of Christ,  
Thanks so much for your prayers and the beautiful flowers.  
Joyce Isbell (Kim David's mother)

We want to thank you and the Samaritan House for blessing our family with the groceries and household items that we needed. All of it was very appreciated. Our family is having a hard time right now especially with our oldest daughter graduating this year. It has required a lot of extra cost. We are very proud of her and she deserves it. Thanks again and may God bless you.

Tracy Fox & family of Sheffield

Dear Highland Park youth,  
we are so very thankful for your gift of love toward our jail ministry. We will see that it is used to bring glory to Christ. May God bless each of you as you continue to grow in grace and love.

Grant & Sheila Azbell

**Note:** Randy & Tara Branscomb's phone number & address has changed to:  
256-320-5483 1050 Rain Tree Dr. Tuscumbia 35674



**Angela Kimbrell & William Lewis Yuille, IV** were united together in marriage this past Friday. We wish them many, many happy years together.



## A Bridal Tea

For Katie Montgomery,  
bride elect of Kyle Oakley

**Sunday, May 8th From 1:30 - 3:00 In the MPB**  
Everyone is invited. Katie is registered at Target, The French Basket, and Linda's Loft. Her colors are pink & stone grey. For more info see Susan Franks & Michelle Reaves.



## Habachi Night!

Saturday, April 30th

at 6:00pm In the M P B

Tyrus Mansell & Jim Malone will be entertaining us with their Japanese cooking arts! There is no cost to come and eat but we will be accepting donations for the Clewiston Mission Trip during the meal. Everyone is urged to come!

### Area Happenings:

#### Area Wide Singing

At North Carolina Church of Christ  
Friday, April 29th from 7:00-9:00pm

#### Ladies Day at Eva Church of Christ

Saturday, April 30 Speaker-Cathy Turner  
Theme: "Greet one another with a holy kiss"  
8:00am - 2:00pm Lunch Served  
Please RSVP by Monday, April 25th  
Call Hannah Burleson at 256-443-2445

#### Heritage Golf Scramble Benefit

April 29th at 8:00am Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail  
See Janet Moon for entry forms & info

#### Swindle Zambia Missions Benefit Dinner

Sherrod Ave congregation Saturday, April 30 5:00 - 7:00pm  
Meal provided by "Whole Hog Express" Cost: \$10 per plate  
Preorder at 256-764-3253 or 256-702-2201  
More info on bulletin board.

### THOSE TO SERVE

#### 10:00 AM WORSHIP

Read Scripture..... Freddie Williams  
Opening Prayer..... Lloyd Jackson  
Closing Prayer..... Joel Kendrick

#### 6:00 PM SERVICE

Read Scripture..... Gene Lansdell  
Opening Prayer..... Glen Grubbs  
Closing Prayer..... Robert Morris  
Greeters... Bradley & Melinda Logan  
Building Lockup ..... Nick Berryman

**APRIL CONTACT ELDER**  
Glen Grubbs

**Persons In Charge of Calling  
For Food In April:**  
Dot Crowden &  
Nelda Riner



### Prayer Lists:

Mabeth Jones, Pauline Jackson,  
Harvey Hasha, Rayburn  
Moore (Melinda Logan's  
brother-in-law), Wylodean  
Dabbs,  
Vic & Margaret Addington,  
Lois Black, Opal Farris,  
Guy Jeffreys,  
Austin & Betty Davenport,  
Jimmy & Olene Hanback, Albert Sharp



#### Please remember our cancer patients:

Robin McCollum, Brenda Pettus,  
Howard Jeffreys, Sheila Renfro  
Adrian West (Robin McCollum's  
mother), Norma Hallmark  
Kenneth Harrison (Dot Crowden's  
brother), David Blazer, Ann Hargett,  
Betty Barnes, Mike Farris  
Mozelle King (Faye Smith's friend)  
Spruell Fretwell (Faye Smith's cousin)  
Peggy McCollum



Pantry item  
**Rice**

Widows & Singles  
meet at **BoJangles**  
tonight after worship



## The Snake Pit!

When General H. Norman Schwarzkopf returned from Vietnam, his back was severely damaged from numerous parachute jumps. Spinal surgery was all that could save him from paralysis. The surgery was successful, but the recovery was slow and painful. Schwarzkopf became depressed and contemplated retiring. Tom Bratton, an amputee in his ward, shook him out of his depression. He asked, "Sir, if I can walk on one leg, how come you can't walk on two?"

In his book, **IT DOESN'T TAKE A HERO**, Schwarzkopf relates how Bratton's question affected him:

*I was embarrassed because I was eventually going to have a normal life, while Bratton never would. He and his pals went in and out of my ward every day, joking, playing cards, and generally terrorizing the orderlies. I began to understand how (our ward), the Snake Pit, worked. Newcomers just back from Vietnam were often bitter and consumed with self-pity. If a man didn't snap out of it, the doctors would assign him a bed down in the Snake Pit. Like Bratton, most of the guys had been there for months or years and were fighting to overcome terrible injuries. So they were merciless when the newcomer would start moaning. They'd yet, "You wimp! Shut up! What are you moaning about? There are a lot of guys in here worse off than you and we don't want to hear it!" They'd often reduce a man to tears. But after that, he's grind his teeth and fight back, which was precisely what they wanted. The guys in the Snake Pit were relentless, but they brought people back to life.*

In reading this story, I thought of how we as Christians must sometimes bring each other back to life. In Hebrews we read, "And let us consider one another and to provoke one another unto love and good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25). As you know, it is easy for children of God to become discouraged and drop out of service to the Lord. As concerned brethren we must provoke them in every way possible, exhorting them to get back into the race.

*Adapted from an article by Wade Webster*