

# HENDERSON HOLLERS

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## Thoughts from your Executive Director:

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Can we just start this by Praising God? I thought you would like to “see and hear” how Christmas was down here. Our Christmas Community Dinner had over 85 (the dining hall was full). Our Christmas Family Food Distribution had over 302 Families + 140 senior boxes. And our Christmas Toy “Sale” presented 274 Kids with toys, games, stockings, and coats. We could not do this without God and You!

I want to get right to the point... We need to Praise God for what He did last year through all of us as the Body of Christ. It was incredible! I personally believe it is because Jesus can move anything out of the way when we know “Jesus is the Way”. I also believe that if we will listen to Him, we can understand that “Jesus is the Truth”. So we start this year asking ourselves: Can people see that “Jesus is the life” in each of us? You know sometimes we do stuff just to get it done or we just want to check the boxes. We lose purpose and others do not see “life” in our actions. This year everything that happens at Henderson Settlement is to let everyone know that we are alive and ready to go. We are here because of Jesus and we intend to give Him Glory, Honor and Praise!



So we want to praise God for what we believe He is going to do this year through all of us! In John 10:10b, Jesus said: "I have come that you may have life, and that you may have it more abundantly". Up until recently I never thought very much about the... "may have life". God is asking us if we chose to be alive with Christ. What has become clear to me after last year is that I need to be more deliberate in telling the world and anyone who will listen that I do not want to be caught asleep. I do not want to just go through the motions. I do not want to just check the boxes. We want to be found awake, ready, and willing to testify with every breath we have.

And finally, please read all the important articles about all the places here where there is life. Remember we have a staff here to serve you as you serve Christ. Please continue, as you are able to help us with your prayers, talents, and gifts for the one purpose that "All may be found alive in Christ".

Call us, mail us, come see us as we  
Love you with the Love of the Lord,



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..... **How Can We Partner Together:** .....

- Prayer
- Physical Presence
- Financial Assistance
- Praise to God

**“O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD; FOR HE IS GOOD: FOR HIS MERCY  
ENDURETH FOREVER.” Psalm 107:1**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT 2024**



**GOOD SAMARITAN**

Our after-school children had fun playing the role of the Good Samaritan after learning about how to love our neighbors as ourselves.



O give thanks unto the Lord.....

Many fun and exciting things have been going on in our youth programs. Playing in the fall leaves, trick or treating around campus, making lava lamps, jr pro basketball and singing at the annual Christmas Dinner has all been part of our after-school activities.



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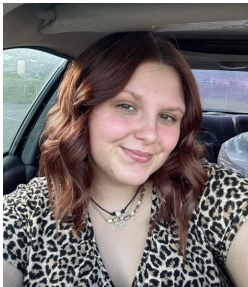
Hi, my name is Keela Fuson and I am a youth leader at Henderson Settlement. I grew up in McCreary County, KY. I have lived here in Frakes for the past six years. I have a loving husband and four wonderful children. My favorite hobby is exploring the great outdoors.



My name is Nathan Fuson and I am the new Recreation Coordinator at Henderson Settlement. I have lived in Frakes for over 30 years. My wife Brittany and I have four children. I enjoy hunting, coaching and playing basketball and baseball, riding my Harley, any outdoor activities and spending time with my family.



Hi, my name is Jennifer Hash and I am one of three youth leaders at the Settlement. Henderson Settlement was a huge part of my childhood since my dad, David, was the farm manager and lived on campus. I am married with four beautiful children. My hobbies include spending time with my family and going to church.



Hi, my name is Kendra Lankford and I am a youth leader at Henderson Settlement. I am 22 years old and have lived in Frakes the majority of my life. I am engaged and plan to get married in September. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, baking, cooking, and going on road trips.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT??**

**f-ball and baseball**

**Easter Story**

**Summer Feeding**

**Summer Recreation**

**and Egg Hunt**

## Home Build 2024

“We lost everything! We don’t know what we are going to do.” Those are scary words to think about, hard to imagine, and devastating to experience. Floods, tornadoes, and fires are a few of the ways people in our area are affected. If you have ever had such an experience then you can understand. If you haven’t, have you ever really thought about what you would do? Few people in our area can afford home owners insurance so that heightens the loss even more. This year we had a family lose their home and everything in it due to a fire. After a period of pulling themselves together and finding a temporary housing arrangement they applied for the Henderson Settlement/SOWER home build and were chosen from a list of 13 candidates. To see the excitement and relief on the faces of the parents was very moving. The one statement that keeps ringing in my mind was “Our kids keep asking when can we go home and now we can tell them”. We are excited to be able to assist in making that happen but **we need your help to do that**. Donating to the 2024 Community Home Build is essential to fulfill this year’s construction and getting this family “home”.

This will be our 41<sup>st</sup> home build since 1993. All the funding for those home builds have been from the generous donations from churches, groups and individuals who felt the call to give what they could to help. Some of those have even been on site to assist in the construction of those homes. This year we have a bit of a jump start with the initial framing having already been built and transported to Henderson Settlement. However, all remaining costs will depend on donations from folks like you. The past few years the cost of materials has been around \$60,000.00 and we anticipate needing \$50,000.00 this year since we already have that initial framing. Any donation toward this will help. No donation is too small. It all adds up to providing a home to a family with no home to call their own. It seems that each year it is increasingly more difficult to meet the full cost of a home build and we certainly don’t want the opportunity to build to end any time soon. Having 13 applicants this year is enough to illustrate the need that exists for this

program.

As I look back on the 40 homes that have been built, it's an amazing Blessing! To see how lives have changed, put on a path to success, and given warmth and safety is an example of how Henderson Settlement can not only bring immediate impact to those in need but also life long impact. Some of these home builds have seen the family prosper and add on to the original build as the family grows. Some have stayed just the same as when they were built because that met the full need. I think of Donnie who had a house collapsing around him and no running water for a long time but now is enjoying his home. I think of Deborah who lost her home to a fire and was living with a daughter. Now she is raising her grandchild in a home built for her. And I often think of "Granny", the elderly lady that set this all in motion with home build number one. Asking for home repairs to a home beyond repair and God setting us on a path we hadn't imagined. Will you help us continue on that path? If so, specify your gift for the Community Home Build and send to Henderson Settlement. You can also give online at our web page and select the Home Build option. Or you can call and we can process your donation over the phone. Also pray for this years family, those who will come build it and the funding to be provided for His glory!



## Here We Grow Again

Our dream at Henderson Settlement is to have a flourishing and well stocked greenhouse for our community. We want vegetable plants ready for the local gardens and flowers and flower baskets ready for everyone, including You! Currently we are in deep prayer for a new worker in the greenhouse. Part of the dream is finding someone who loves growing and caring for plants like the Lord does for all of us.

God has truly blessed us with the capacity to grow plants and sustain vegetables thru out the year. We are so humbled knowing God has a plan and we will honor his plan by meeting the needs of our families the best we can. From providing seeds, plants and assistance, we hope to partner with others and provide families with the ability and materials to "GROW".

Another part of our dream includes reaching out to individuals and families who wish to grow their own garden because we know a garden can be a great blessing to help with the rising cost in today's economy. Here at Henderson Settlement we want to continue our "Growing" program to help serve the families of our community.

We have been sowing and preparing seedlings for the upcoming season. We need volunteers to help in any capacity. We encourage everyone to pray for us as we enter this season of planting, growing and harvesting. Any and all help is greatly appreciated and so encouraging to not only us, but to others as well.

So the rest of the dream is that we give God praise for the harvest! We give thanks for God's Grace and Mercy, and we praise God for individuals like Evelyn, Margie, and Sheliah who have already done so much and we are so hopeful because many of you have said that you want to help! So... Come help us Grow!

*"So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers you are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:6-9*





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## God Sightings

I believe the proof of God is available after every breath in the next moment we live! We are so blessed to be aware when God shows up around us. Since the year 2000, there has been a wonderful lady alongside her husband serving in our community. In fact, except for two years during that time, Carolyn Brandon has been a very big part of the home building ministry. Recently, Carolyn went on to be with our Lord. We pause to give God praise for Carolyn in what she has meant to so many for such a wonderful amount of time. We pray and we mourn alongside Ralph for his loss. We also take this next moment after this last breath to praise God for letting us “see” all the Saints that have been in our life. We are so blessed and we pray others are blessed when they “see” us. Thank you Jesus!



## **Hopes and Dreams for the Farm and the Forest**

My hopes and dreams as manager of the farm here at Henderson Settlement are so broad and exciting as there are so many options and adventures that we can take.

One thing I would love to see come to past is to see our cattle numbers come up so we can have a revolving door of calves being born and calves ready for the market. That way we can keep cash flow coming into the farm fund on a regular basis as this would allow the farm to contribute to the Ministry. I would love to see all the farm property cleaned up and make as much pasture and hay fields as possible, that way we can rotate cattle all the way up to hard winter and save on feed and hay usage. We need to get all the fences repaired and up to date that way we can move cattle anytime we need to and have fields ready at all times. I want the farm to look presentable to the community and volunteers coming in. I would like to keep some steers on hand to butcher so that way we can keep beef for sale in thrift store at all times and keep the kitchen supplied with meat. We need to play the beef market and price shop to try to get top dollar out of our cattle. Having David around is a blessing. I would love to get the valley back in good farming order.

As Manager of forestry I would love to see several things begin to take place. Planting some trees in places we don't use or can't use for pasture. This will make new forest for possible future wood sales.

I would love to get rid of the beavers in the valley and get that back to pasture or turn it to woodland property. Walk all the property lines and property and see if there is things that need to be addressed, like painting the property lines back to be good and visible, make sure none of the timber has been stolen. Clear the forest beds back away from trees that need it to help make them grow better and produce more. Harvest trees that look as if they are dying or going to die, if we can assess them with tractor, haul them off and sale them. We need to place posted and trespassing signs across all properties to show people and unwanted guest that we do not want them on the property. If you have

signs up, then you have lawful reasoning to have them trespassed from the property. If possible try to start a small Christmas tree farm somewhere on the property.

The list is endless as I could sit and write my hopes all day. The main goal and dream of mine is to be in God's will and everything prosper in His Name.

Dustin Wilson  
Land Manager

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### Staff Spotlight



Kayla is our Administrative Assistant. She is married to Logan and they have one daughter, Shiloh. She has been in the Frakes area for the past 14 years. She enjoys spending time with her family, being in nature, and she loves an adventure.

Kayla believes in keeping Jesus at the center of everything and hopes that anyone who is around her will see His love through her.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” -Proverbs 3:5-6



**“Creating Opportunities For Better Lives  
Through Christ Centered Service”**

**My little children, let us not love in word,  
neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.**

**1 John 3:18**

### **Ways we can serve you:**

#### **Volunteer**

- ◆ We can serve you as you serve others.
- ◆ Come for the day or stay for the week.
- ◆ Groups from 1-100 people.
- ◆ Volunteer on campus or adopt a community project.

#### **Guest**

- ◆ We can serve you as you are on a retreat.
- ◆ Come for the day, a weekend, or week.
- ◆ Groups from 1 - 100 people.
- ◆ Have a retreat for yourself, your family, your work, or your church.

### **RV camping - Dorm Accommodations – Private Housing**

Nightly rates available.

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