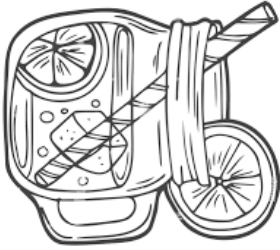


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## Thoughts from your Executive Director:

Hello everyone and God bless you bunches!

Last time I wrote you I started off by wanting to Praise God and make no doubt about it, that's how I want to start this message as well. Saying that, some of you may already know but we have had some very challenging times here at Henderson Settlement. We continue to pray for our staff family that have had physical challenges and for our staff changes because of circumstances beyond anyone's control. We cry out loud about the struggle we see in the United Methodist Church and in all the Churches that we share ministry with. We watch more and more individuals and families qualify and need help. But as much as anything, we are all mourning the sudden loss of a coworker who more than anything was a Brother in Christ! We pray for Tim Lambdin's family and especially his wife Pam! At this very moment it is hard for us to believe he is no longer with us.

All that being said, we still want to start off by Praising God because we believe Tim is in the presence of the Lord! Even in our losses there is tremendous gain for Christ. There will be a day when we all will be reunited and until then we will consider it pure joy that our trials and the testing of our faith will produce a perseverance to finish the race marked out for us.

I do wonder out loud for just a moment if it is true that every person is left with but one responsibility: how did I leave this world? Did I leave it better than I found it? The Scripture is very clear that "it is by Grace we are saved and not by works, lest we would boast (Ephesians 2:8-9)". The Scripture is also very clear that "we should not be merely hearers of the word but also doers of the word (James 1:22)" and so we find ourselves wanting to make sure that our testimony is alive! We do not work to be saved. We are saved for a relationship with Jesus and as we work on our relationship with Jesus everyone gets to see our witness! We only do good so that all may have the same opportunity. At this point in the history of Henderson Settlement the only cause we have is to bring witness to who Jesus Christ is and so that everything that has breath should give glory, honor, and praise to our King!

We need your help in whatever way you can help. Ministry requires the presence of three: God, Others, and You! Henderson Settlement is requesting your participation. God is calling all of us to continue and not

give up, so we will continue to praise Him in all times. We praise God for our hope is in nothing less than Jesus Christ! Let us live while we are given opportunity to Live For Christ!

Give them Jesus,



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**How Can We Partner Together:**

-Prayer

-Physical Presence

-Financial Assistance

-Praise to God

## Summer Recreation 2024

As we write this article there are 10 staff, 7 volunteers, and approximately 50 children participating on the first day of Summer Recreation. Someone once asked me what this involved and I described it like Vacation Bible School only SUPERCHARGED FOR JESUS. For the entire summer, 4 days a week from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM it is all about the Children and God! We are picking the children up, feeding children, teaching children, watching the children play, and then taking them back home. Everything we do is for the purpose of loving our children Like God wants us too and this involves all of You! The Scripture emphasis this year is Matthew 19:14 where it says: *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of Heaven”*. Every day the staff will share devotions and talk about the promises of God. We also have several Churches coming in and helping to lead several of the weeks. We have one week that will have a sports emphasis where a Church is bringing a bunch of coaches. On another week we have a returning Church coming back to lead the kids



through blessing after blessing. We have one young Lady named Lauren from Oklahoma that came here to love the Children. We are so blessed and we would love for you to help in this ministry through your prayers, gifts, and time if you can. Contact either one of our Youth Leaders if you would like to help us.

Contact Jennifer 1-606-337-3613, Ext. 310.

Contact Keela @ 1-606-337-3613, Ext. 303.



**Matthew**  
**19:14**

*14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*

## Home Build 2024 Update

On the first week volunteers led by our very own Tim Lambdin, built the walls on a foundation. They then put the roof over the entire structure including the porch. On the second week another group put the doors and windows along with the siding. They also finished the roof and the porches. And as of right now, we have been blessed with almost \$30,000 in donations to help pay for the expense of the 41st home build.

Weeks 3 & 4 will be coming July 7th and July 14th and it still may not be too late for you to call Jessica or Jerry and have them sign you up to insulate, drywall and paint. In the meantime we are required to use contractors for the electrical, plumbing, and Heat & AC. Those three items are the most expensive parts of building this home and will cost over \$16,000.00 to do.

Weeks 5 & 6 of the home build will be on August 11th and August 18th. We have been blessed with someone donating the kitchen cabinets and so they will be installed along with all the other fixtures and wood work including interior doors and trim. On that last Thursday or Friday (Aug. 22 or 23) we will be presenting the keys and a Bible to a finished house that will instantly become a home to Dad, Mom, and 4 children! We currently need another \$25,000 along with volunteers to work hard for another 4 weeks! And what we need even more than that is your prayers to finish this well! So give Jerry or Jessica (606-337-3613, Ext. 314.) a call if you can help with this Sower home build.



Tim Lambdin pictured far right. May he rest in peace.

## A loss to Our Community... A Gain for Christ



Tim was consistent. Tim was considerate. Tim was someone you could be confident in.

Tim was not afraid of hard work, and in fact he excelled. But what we admired was his ability to think things out and come up with better solutions (even if it was not his idea). He just wanted it done once and done right!

Tim had only one response when he was asked if he was having a good day. His response would be... Always! Tim had the same response when you told him to have a good evening or a good weekend. He would say... Always!

If Tim asked you if something needed done, you could already consider it done. If Tim was asked to do something you did not ever need to think about again.

If you asked him something he would tell you what he believed was the truth. Honest.

He was a great one on one teacher... if you wanted to learn he would help. He had great skill because he had knowledge and yet he never was boastful or prideful.

Tim always asked if you needed anything and his willingness made us not afraid to tell him.

Tim was quiet at times, and yet when something peaked his interest you could see his enthusiasm.

All the volunteers and work campers had nothing but good things to say about him.

The greatest thing about Tim was everyone knew he knew Jesus Christ!

There are some that enter into your life and they are not replaceable. Tim leaves a hole in my heart and in the heart of the Settlement because there is only one Tim Lambdin.

Always missed and loved until we meet again!

## Work Camp/VIM

We have had a productive Spring with work teams and individual volunteers. Those groups have done a wide variety of community and campus projects. Including roofing, painting, handicap ramps, decks, porches and much more. We started our 41st home build in May and are excited to see that complete by the end of August. We have also made good progress on the Stillwater House, the newest structure on campus near the New Admin Building, which will serve as housing for groups and guests. We have completed all the electrical and most of the insulation. We are hopeful work teams will adopt additional phases soon to get us closer to use on that building. Another campus project we have been working on is a remodel of the gym restrooms. We have completed roughly 75% of the girls restroom with only the wall covering and floor covering plus installing the fixtures to have that complete. After we have gotten the girls restroom complete we will focus on the boys restroom. These restrooms have never been remodeled and have been in desperate need of attention for a long time. Most of the work thus far has been done by individual volunteers and they have done wonderful work.

We have to mention how important the work is that individual volunteers provide for us. Helping sort and hang clothes in the Thrift Store or helping prep the Greenhouse with plants and then being a huge part of the Mothers Day event with the school children that come to get plants for mom. The special programs they do for the new mothers program, MIHOW, and women's group that had a large turnout in the middle of the week. Building food boxes for the food pantry, preparing newsletters like the Henderson Hollers, joining staff to deliver Senior meals or helping out at the Admin Building offices. We appreciate each of you and hope you know how valuable you are to our ministry.





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## **God Sightings– Where do you see the light?**

Have you looked up in the sky and seen the master pieces that our Lord paints for us? My wife recently loved seeing the northern lights and so my favorite view was seeing the light in her eyes when she experienced it! How do you feel when you see people light up?

John 8:12 says: *"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* It is a beautiful thing when we see life in someone's eyes. When we know someone who lights up because of Jesus Christ and what he has shown them. It is a beautiful thing when everything else is dark and God shows up! I pray that someone sees the light of Christ in your eyes.

## Thrift Store

Our Thrift Store serves a key role in our ministry at Henderson Settlement. Thanks to our generous supporters we are able to meet a variety of needs that benefit all of our service area and even extends beyond that. Anyone can shop at our store for items that are of great quality and a significantly reduced price. Clothing for all ages and sizes are available as well as shoes, toys, knick-knacks, household items and furniture to name a few of the great things made available to us by people like you. Without you we could not provide anything but you make a difference in this community. We operate six days a week and have steady customer traffic.

Having incredible donations of quality items provided to us is a blessing but we need staffing to make that work. We have three full time employees that fill that role for us through the year. Mary Fuson, Carrie Partin and Margie Russell are the center of the Thrift Store operation. These ladies operate the store, sort and hang clothing, manage inventory, unload cars, trucks, vans and anything else that bring us items as well as direct volunteers who assist them especially with sorting and hanging. The job is truly more than the three of them can do alone but the volunteers that come to us and assist them make it possible to keep things rolling along. All three are local ladies and understand the struggles and needs of those that depend on our store for multiple things. We are able to employ them through the sales generated at the store, so your donated items not only go out to those in need or looking for a bargain but also employees three local folks. What a blessing!

How can you help? You can help in multiple ways and many of you already are. Volunteering as part of a work team to help in the Thrift Store or as an individual or couple. Monetary donations for the Thrift Store that aren't overly specific and gives us latitude to use as needed. Donations: As mentioned already we have a multitude of things we can put through our Thrift Store and furniture room. While donations have been very good recently, the amount of turnover we have is impressive. So we are always needing continued donations of clothing in all sizes and ages, shoes, household items, toys, small appliances, large appliances,

furniture, even non perishable food items that we sell in our store. The list of things is almost endless. However, as large as the list is of useable items we also have those things that are not useable and lead to our having to dispose of them. We can't use ANYTHING that has a recall notice on it, such as car seats, high chairs, etc. or items that are damaged or dirty. We don't have the ability or time to clean or repair items so they generally get trashed. Things like older electronics or non flat screen tvs we just aren't able to sell or even give away.



We are truly blessed and thankful for God's work in all our ministries including the Thrift Store. Pray for God's continued work through the many ways we are able to connect and assist our community as an extension of your generosity. We couldn't do it without you.

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### Staff Spotlight



My name is Dustin Wilson, I am currently the facility Director here at Henderson Settlement. I oversee the grounds Department, Maintenance, Forestry, Green House, and the Farm. I am married to Nicole Wilson and we have three wonderful children, Micah, Autumn, and Kimber. I love serving my communities. I am the assistant chief of Frakes Vol Fire Department and serve as chairman of the board as well as a certified EMT there as well, I also serve as Claiborne county commissioner in district 9. I love to spend time outdoors and with my family. My number one in life is my savior Jesus Christ.

Psalms 116:6 The lord **preserveth** the simple. I was brought low and he helped me.



**“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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