

LADS 2 LEADERS 2023 CONVENTION WRAP-UP

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10 a.m. Sunday
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9 a.m. Sunday
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Two weeks ago, 33 of us traveled to Little Rock, AR, for the 2023 National Lads 2 Leaders Convention. This was our second time at this location, and it was so wonderful to be back with over 1,400 of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, and to celebrate the achievements of hundreds of young people from surrounding states. It is difficult to describe just how wonderful it is to be in a place surrounded by so many Christians.

Our 13 students displayed many wonderful qualities at the convention! While some events take place all year long, many are judged right at the convention, and our kids did great. Here is a list of just *some* of their accomplishments (there is not enough space to list all their awards!):

Ellana Kidd – Oral Bible Reading; Bronze in Good Samaritan (Kindergarten)

Corbin Hayes – finalist in Speech; Bronze in Year-Round Song Leading (3rd grade)

Isis Wolgamott – Oral Bible Reading; Songs of Praise; Art Says It (3rd grade)

Matthew Wald – 3rd place in Speech; Bible Bowl high scorer (5th grade)

Lexie Kidd – Songs of Praise; Bronze in Good Samaritan (5th grade)

Jonah Flint – 1st place in Speech, 2nd place in Song Leading (6th grade)

Liam Hayes – Bronze in Good Samaritan; Gold in Year-Round Song Leading (6th grade)

Ellie Collinworth – 1st place in Art Says It (6th grade)

Roxxi Wolgamott – Silver in Year-round Bulletin Board; Bronze in Year-Round Songs of Praise (8th grade)

Annie Flint – 1st place in Power Point; 3rd place in Songs of Praise (9th grade)

Brady Honeycutt – 1st place in Speech; Gold in Year-Round Song Leading (9th grade)

Amelia Collinworth – Songs of Praise; Speech (9th grade)

Wendy Bertram – 2nd place in Scrapbook; 2nd place in Songs of Praise (11th grade)

In addition to everything above, our kids also participated in Centurion of Scripture, Know the Books, and other events. I am so proud of each of these kids, and so should you! Be sure to congratulate them for all their hard work when you see them. Thank you so much for your support of these kids and for this program.

Next year's theme is "Not Ashamed of the Gospel" from Romans 1:16, and the Bible Bowl will cover the book of Romans. Please be praying for us as we begin a new season of LTL.

Casey Flint

His own people, eager to do what is good - Titus 2:14




Kay Anderson, Travis Bell, Carol Bessman, Fred Bukowich, Kim Cable, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Don Deffenbaugh, Katherine Enfield (Debi's daughter), Kathy Friend, Rile Friend, Betty Fogarty, Beth Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Pete Griffin, Karen Honeycutt, Molly Jackson, Stacey Jones, Shanna Kraft (Cheryl W's daughter), Cheryl Langley, Twyla McInturff, Pam McMahan, Sherry Merrill, Bob Murray, Tim Murray, Larry and Vickey Owen, Lyn Pendegraft, Susan Phillips, Mebyl Privett, Brandon Ross (Debi's grandson), Harold Speir, Stephanie Talley (Vera C's granddaughter) Edith Toney, Ken Tyler, Gwenyth Yost.

Our sympathy is extended to Lenora Hyder and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Roger Hyder.



Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a couple of members who needed some financial support. If you know of someone in need, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 in the activities center. Invite your friends and come for the devotional, donuts and fellowship. 

If you can't be here when we **worship**, visit our website, Facebook page or YouTube channel to join us live or to catch up on what you missed.

Carthage Church of Christ invites you to a **singing** next Sunday at 5:00.

Today's Sermons



A.M.: Eric Owens

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Our **gospel meeting** with Eric Owens begins today. Be sure and be back at 6:00 tonight and 7:00 Monday through Wednesday. Invite your friends and family for this opportunity to grow spiritually. Flyers are on the welcome desk.

There will be a **potluck lunch** after services today in the activities center. Guests and members, please stay and join us for the lunch and fellowship.

Register for week 2 at **Green Valley Bible Camp** at the GVBC website. It will be a wonderful week.

Ladies, we like to have items on hand to put in "**sunshine baskets**" to encourage our sisters. When you find things that would be good for this purpose, please put them in the green basket in the ladies' corner.

If you or your child are **graduating** from college this year, please let us now in the office as soon as possible so we can add them to our list.

CHRIST OR THE CHURCH

"I believe in Christ, but not the church." How many times have you heard that lately? These folks recognize the matchless life of Jesus, thrill to the truths he presented, but are completely turned off by many of his followers. I can sympathize with them because we Christians are often a motley crew and hardly worthy of the name Christian. When we preach one thing and practice another, it's hard to be a light in the world. On the average we may be guilty of driving as many people away from Christ as we draw to him. And that is sad.

On the other hand, these folks have failed to see how much the church means to Christ. After all, he died for it. The apostle Paul reminds us, *"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish"* (Ephesians 5:25-27). Paul goes on to remind us that Christ nourishes and cherishes the church *"because we are members of his body."* If the church is the body of Christ, and he loved the church enough to die for her, how can I think even for a moment that the church is a matter of indifference? I can't afford to be careless about the church, deny its importance, or ignore its presence, when it was the one thing that Christ was willing to give his life for.

Christ rules over the church as its head and is himself its Savior (Ephesians 5:23). Therefore it can never be Christ *or* the church. It is always Christ *and* the church.

John Gipson

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

This Wednesday

AM Opening Prayer: Tim Murray
AM Closing Prayer: Benny Haught
Communion Prayers: Caleb Boggs

Announcements:
Singing:
Invitation: GOSPEL MEETING
Opening Prayer:
Closing Prayer:

Evening

PM Opening Prayer: Todd Murray
PM Closing Prayer: Jason Bryan

RECORDS

4-16-23

4-17-22

Bible Study	148	141
AM Worship	196	178
PM Worship	111	132
Wednesday	112	143
Contribution	\$8,576.96	\$8,955.91
Budget	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00