



14th Annual Lomax Youth Rally

March 19th & 20th, 2010

SPEAKERS

KIRK SAMS

Kirk D. Sams is the evangelist for the Kannapolis church of Christ, in Kannapolis, North Carolina, where he has served since September of 1989.

Kirk completed his B.A. in Bible at Freed-Hardeman University in 1983. He also received the M.S. in Ministerial Leadership from Southern Christian University in 2005.

Kirk has worked with Carolina Bible camp since moving to the Carolina's in the summer of 1983. His beautiful wife Pamela is a second grade teacher at Irvin Elementary. The couple is blessed with two wonderful children, Hillary (19) and Caleb (16).

ADULT CLASS TEACHER -- LOVELL C. HAYES

Lovell C. Hayes is the pulpit evangelist for the East Jackson Church of Christ in Jackson, TN where he has served since 1994. He began preaching under the tutelage of Bro. R. M. Moore in St. Louis, Mo. at the age of 13. He subsequently attended Nashville Christian Institute and traveled with the renowned evangelist, Marshall Keeble.

Bro. Hayes pursued further education at Southwestern Christian College (A. A. in English); at Abilene Christian University (B. S. in Bible); California State College in Bakersfield; at University of Illinois at Springfield (M. A. in Human Development Counseling); and Southern Christian University (Doctor of Ministry degree in Marriage and Family). He is a Nationally Certified and State Licensed Professional Counselor. He teaches in the counseling department of Freed-Hardeman University as adjunct faculty. He and his wife, Patricia also conduct Marriage enhancement workshops and Family enrichment workshops. They been married 37 years. They have two children: a daughter, Patrice and a son, Isaac. Patrice and her husband, Roy, have given them two beautiful granddaughters, Dalya and Sofia.

CLASS TEACHERS

TAFT AYERS

Taft Ayers is a native of Nashville, Tennessee, and is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University, where he completed a B.A. in Biblical Studies in 2001 and the Masters of Ministry in 2006. His wife, Meleia is also from Nashville and a Freed-Hardeman graduate with a degree in Marketing. They have been married for 6 and ½ years and have two children; Wyatt and Marley. Taft serves as an evangelist for the Main Street Church of Christ in Milan, TN. He states, "Our passion is for deep ministry that involves being ingrained in the lives of those we work with and minister to."

ERIC COLLINS

Eric Collins was born and raised in Gainesboro, TN. He is currently a Junior Bible major at Freed Hardeman University. Eric currently works for the Bargerton church of Christ as their youth minister over the past two years.. He says that it is his hopes and dreams that his life can be used as a tool for our Lord to His glory.

AARON FOSTER

Aaron Foster preaches for Berea church of Christ, Burnsville, Mississippi where he has been the pulpit minister for over a year. Aaron is a graduate of Mississippi State University. His "full-time" job is as an Engineer working with Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Blue Springs, MS.

He and his wife Cassie have three children, Gibson (5 yrs old), Turner (4 yrs old), and Davis (Female, 4 months). They live in Booneville, Mississippi.

RUSSELL SMITH

Russell Smith, the oldest of five boys, grew up in Amory, MS and graduated from FHU in 1996. He worked in computer software in Columbia, TN for 3 years and has been in youth ministry for 10. He currently works with the West Main Church of Christ in Tupelo, MS – where he has served for the last 6 ½ years as their youth minister.

He serves on the advisory board at Maywood Christian Camp, co-directs Maywood Teen Weekend Retreat and directs Tupelo Workcamp. He is involved in mission work in Rolling Fork, MS, counsels and teaches at Horizons, and loves to teach the bible to young people.

He married his best friend Rennie 10 years ago and they have 2 children, Brenna (6) and Isaac (4)

SONG LEADERS

JERRY ELDER

Jerry Elder is the Youth Minister for the West 7th Street Church of Christ in Columbia, TN where he is in his 26th year. He was born and raised in Munford, Alabama and received his high school education at Talladega Academy. Upon his graduation in 1978 he entered Freed Hardeman College (University) where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible and minors in Communication and Recreation in 1983. Upon graduation he moved to Columbia and in September 1983 married Pamela Weakley from Louisville, Kentucky. They have one daughter Danae, who was born in 1989. She is a Sophomore at Freed-Hardeman University. Majoring in Kinesiology.

BLAKE McCASKILL

Blake is the Youth Minister for the Adamsville church of Christ in Adamsville, TN where he has served for the past 2 years. He is originally from Milan, TN and is now a Senior Bible major at Freed-Hardeman University. He plans to further his education in graduate school. Each summer Blake spends time in southern Africa, preaching and teaching for various congregations and intends to continue in foreign mission work as much as he is able.