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Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes is pleased to present the April edition of the Leader Ledger! The Leader Ledger is a monthly newsletter designed to keep you updated on the latest Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes information. If you have any questions or want more information about anything you see in this newsletter, please [contact](#) us.

In Him,
The National Service Center

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Leadership Camp 2012

June 24-29 at Faulkner or July 26-29 at Freed
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Save the Date: Leadership Camp 2012

Leadership doesn't end when school gets out! Make plans to join us this summer at one of our 2012 Leadership Camps! This year we're offering two sessions, one at Faulkner University in Montgomery, Ala., on June 24-29, and one at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tenn., on July 26-29. Several great speakers are already booked, including **Matt Vega, Ralph Gilmore, Rob Baker, Dale Jenkins, David Powell** and **Kelvin Teamer!** Both sessions promise to be full of great fellowship and fun. Visit our [website](#) for more info and to download a brochure and registration form.

Pearls and Bible Bowl questions coming soon!

Watch our online store for the 2013 Pearls study book and 2013 Bible Bowl study questions! Bible Bowl questions should be ready by the first of June, and Pearls will be available by the first of September.



Lads to Leaders Tote Bags for Sale

If you were at convention, you probably saw the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes tote bags full of name tags and programs each group leader was given. Many have asked, so we've decided to put the tote bags on sale! Limited quantities and colors are available for \$5 each (that includes shipping), so call us at (334) 215-0251 to get yours today! You can only order by phone--this offer is not available in our online store. Hurry, before we run out!

Wanted: Your Pictures!

We want to see your congregation in action! Send us pictures of your youth and adults participating in year-round events like song leading/songs of praise, speech, puppets, Good Samaritan, etc., and you could see your pictures featured on our website! We'd also love to have pictures of your congregation at convention! Email your photos to [Nia Johnson](#).

Download the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes app!

Now available in iTunes and the Android Market!

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Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes changed my life!

Stories from two Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes participants on how the program has affected them

First I am thirteen years old and in the eighth grade. This is my fifth year in this program. I am growing in my faith and this program has helped me grow in my abilities to do many things in front of a group of ladies.

Lads to leaders has also helped me think about how I want to prepare my speech and how to present it. I have learned how to use my abilities in many areas such as puppets. I love being able to be on a puppet team and using puppets to get the message out about God. I love to sing. So Songs of Praise has helped me learn more about how to read music and lead songs. I would say that Songs of Praise is my favorite area. I have won several trophies, but in my life and the program I understood from the beginning that the trophies are nice to receive but that is not what Lads to Leaders is about. It's about learning His word, learning how to apply what you learn to your life and help you be better examples to the younger ones or to anyone.

I have met several people and made some great friends from the very beginning and I love being able to present to the judges and all that are present my hard work and effort I have put into each area I participate in.

Last I love the fact I can receive scholarships to colleges to help me in my education.
Thank you Lads to Leaders for this program.

May God Bless,
Cassie Cummings
Franklin Church of Christ, Franklin, KY
8th Grade

A few years ago the parents at our congregation in Circleville, Ohio, checked into the Lads to Leaders program and decided to give it a try.

At that time, my son, Keegan, was a painfully shy boy of 8 years old who struggled with reading and comprehension. My husband and I thought Lads to Leaders may help to build his confidence and tried to get him involved.

That first year at convention he did not participate in anything, but he went and watched the other children from our congregation. By the third year, he was on one of our church's Bible Bowl teams. They took first place that year!!

Last year at convention he participated in puppets, it was our first year doing puppets and they did a great job.

This year one of the men of our church volunteered to do a song leading class for our boys. I forced all three of my sons to participate in the class, but told them I would not make them compete at convention. At first Keegan was excited, but as time got closer for him to actually choose a song and lead it, he got himself all upset and did not lead the first couple of times. At the third class he had finally chosen a song and got up to lead it in front of the group. Then Craig Ross, their teacher, announced that the boys would be leading their songs before Sunday night services and invited anyone who could come early to come and support the boys. Once again Keegan got himself all worked up that Sunday morning. But that evening he got up and led his song. He was so proud of himself, as were his dad and I. The boys have led their songs before Sunday night services a couple of times now and Keegan is looks as if he has been doing it for years.

Here is an excerpt from an email that Keegan's reading teacher sent me just last week:

"Keegan had a spectacular week in READ 180 last week. He was volunteering to read more than usual and was doing a fantastic job! He was pronouncing hard words that I thought he would need help with. Even the other kids in the class noticed and told him "good job." It seemed as if his confidence was at a high last week! I hope this continues:) Just wanted to let you know!"

I just wanted you to know how being involved with Lads to Leaders, whether at the home congregation or at convention, has helped Keegan, my now 12-year-old young man, gain confidence and courage.

Thank you,
Deb Murphy
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