



By God's Grace,
we shall . . .

NEW YORK AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Climb Higher!

MARCH 8, 2009

MAKING MARCH 15 SPECIAL

Three good things are happening on March 15th. **First**, we are having a Bible Class Attendance Drive with a "Target" type goal. Bull's Eye is 250. Middle ring is 225. Outside ring is 200. BUT we had 204 in Bible class last Sunday *without* a special drive. Surely 250 is in our sights. **Second**, we're having an All-Church Pot Luck Dinner after morning services. Drinks will be provided, but bring breads, meats, vegetables, and desserts for us and our guests. **Third**, Julie Holland will be our guest presenter for our Nursery Department Sunday evening at 6:00. We are encouraging teachers, helpers, parents, and anyone interested in the Nursery Department to attend. We are at work to make our Bible School program strong!

COUPLE COMMUNICATION CLASS

Kay and I will be conducting a Couples Communication class on Thursday evenings, March 19 and 26 and April 16 and 23. There will be four two-hour sessions with a refreshment break. We have attended two training seminars conducted by the authors of the material. Material cost for NYA members is \$50.00 per couple and for non NYA folks the cost is \$100.00 per couple. This is one of the best training programs for people who are trying to communicate during conflict that we have found (We have attended other types of training). Please contact me (Bill Keele) if you are interested. We can accommodate eight couples. First come first serve. —Bill Keele

STUDY GUIDES AVAILABLE FOR SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

I have developed an outline with questions for the "Searching For Truth" DVD. These can be handed out one lesson at a time. I use them by giving them to someone studying "Searching for Truth," let them view the DVD on their own and answer the questions on their own. I then meet with them and go over the questions on the study guide and any other questions they have. There are still a few "weak spots" in the guides, but those that we are studying with are helping us find them. You might be able to help too. You could set up a study with someone in view of helping us improve the guides. Contact me for more info. —Bill Keele

MAR 8 A.M. "STILL Safe in His Arms?"
P.M. "Falling Behind By Getting Even"

PLANNED SERMON TOPICS

MAR 22 A.M. "Wearing the Cross"
P.M. "James—Part I of IV"

MAR 15 A.M. "Gifts to God"
P.M. "Gifts for One Another"

MAR 29 A.M. "Conservative or Liberal?"
P.M. Brother Keeper Meetings

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

Bible Hour (Sept-May) 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class 10:00 am
Except during the summer months

Bible Study 7:00 pm

MINISTERS

Evangelist
Dr. Bill Keele
817-713-4865

YOUTH

Danny Hammonds
817-944-0318
Brandon Kaag

If you wish to place membership, our elders desire to meet with you in order to get acquainted with you and you with us. Please let one of our elders know when it would be convenient to do so.

CONCERNS

Harriet De Laughter's thyroid condition is improving.

Ed Reynolds remains at Interlochen Health and Rehab room #214A. He is taking antibiotics.

Earl Rose is in AMH, room #3120. He fell last week. He also has an infection.

Belinda Tarrant received emergency care treatment and medication last week due to blood pressure problems. Her twin grand-daughters were released from the hospital and are at home.

Jan Wiseman had surgery on Mon, Mar 2, and she was released Wed, Mar 4. She is at home feeling better.

Gerald Cleveland, father of **Lori Rhodes**, was released from the hospital. He is at home recuperating.

Johnnie Melton, sister of **Jean Anderson**, is under hospice care in Granbury.

Pablo Monreal, age 82, grandfather of **John Monreal** and **Marisol Kaag**, is in the hospital diagnosed with health complications in Lubbock.

Eugene Owens, father of **Marc Owens**, remains in MCA, ICU, room 17. He has pneumonia and possibly a problem with his liver.

Carol Perkins, sister of **Dorlis White**, is undergoing a new type of cancer treatment in Edmonton, KY.

David Wellborn, stepfather of **Cynthia Gragg**, is in Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview. He has pneumonia and his blood pressure was elevated dangerously high.

Ethel LaVerne Young, mother of **Cyndi Stinson**, is in Health South Rehab, Room # 315. Her health is improving.

SYMPATHY

Mary Reynolds, sister in law of Ed and Norma Reynolds, died Fri, Feb 27. The funeral was on Fri, Mar 6, at Woodland West church of Christ. Burial was in Poolville, TX.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Congregational Singing

5:30 pm

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Elders & Deacons Meeting

7:00 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue, Mar 10

Road Runners Meeting

Info regarding meat to be served will be forthcoming.

6:00 pm.

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Sun, Mar 15

Congregational Fellowship

Potluck style

following morning worship service.

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Sun, Mar 22

Family Care Contribution

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Sun, Mar 29

Brothers Keeper Meetings

6:00 pm

Groups 1 through 6 will meet in homes.

Group 7 will meet at the building.

Lesson Title:

"Receiving Jesus As Our Savior"

*LTC Chorus Practice
cancelled until Sun, Mar 22.*

Thank You

I would like to thank Cynthia Gragg and Ann French for all of your hard work teaching Bible Hour in January and February 2009!

Angie Martin

I CAN HELP

Stan Hudson, 214-675-2577, can diagnose computer, printer, or network problems for a reasonable price in your home or his. Give him a call. (Do you have a skill to share?)

Welcome New Members!

Jennifer Gossett
Andrea, daughter

Sermon Tapes are Free email at nyachurchofchrist@sbcglobal.net

Reservation Is Needed



Please remember to book the kitchen, family center, and auditorium before using them.

Contact Oma Griffith

Home: (817) 261-8726

Cell: (817) 480-5135

Email: tomoma@tx.rr.com

Thank You

2009 NYA LADIES RETREAT

It's Not Too Late!

Please give your registration form to Marisol Kaag by Wed, Mar 11. Payment is due Sun Mar 22. The Retreat is Fri, Mar 27-Sat, Mar 28. If you do not want to spend the night, the cost is \$5 for each day to cover the meals prepared. Don't miss this wonderful weekend with friends! Great things are planned to enrich all those who attend!!!

We Can Help! We need Your

Help!

*Have you moved? New phone numbers? You are not receiving Call- A-Member messages? New email address?

Change of Information Form

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*Do you want someone to receive encouragement cards from the NYA family that does not attend NYA? Do you want their name and address in the Bulletin?



Encouragement Card Request Form

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A Three Tier Drawer is located on the table near the door of the Admin. Asst's office in the

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YOUTH & PARENTS

"Your actions are so loud I cannot hear what you are saying" -Ralph Waldo Emerson This quote speaks deeply about our actions as people. As Christians, our lives are measured not only by what we say, but how we live. In order for us to make a valiant effort at changing this world, our actions must speak louder than our words because our actions will show this world how we are different. Our words are used to draw people in, but our actions help to keep them.

Our responsibility is to spread the Gospel, but that is not exclusive to us talking about it. The Gospel is much deeper and requires us to live a life that others can see as holy and different than this world.

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

-Ephesians 4:23-24

Our youth group is trying to do this as we strive to impact this world by our voice and actions. In a few weeks we will be departing for Bridge City, Texas with the hopes that we can influence and help families who are still without homes. Please pray for our efforts and travel.

Serve Him everyday with everything,

Danny

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Area-wide Devo and Dodge-ball Tournament: Tonight; leaving the church building at 4:00pm and will return at 8:30pm.

Mission Trip Update:

First: Please continue to pray for our efforts.

Second: Payment for the trip is due March 8th. If there is any problem, please speak to me about this.

Third: Adult Sponsors, please get with us about the driving arrangements. We are still looking for cars we can take on the trip.

Lastly: Please continue to attend the mission trip class on Wednesday night because it will help prepare us all for the trip.

HABARI ZA CHIMALA

Greetings from Chimala. On Sunday, we worshipped with the congregation in the village of Vwawa in the district of Mbozi. Overall, people living in Mbozi District have higher incomes due to growing tea and coffee. Because of this income, more children attend secondary school. Mbozi is the home of several School of Preaching graduates and workers at the mission. The congregation in Vwawa has purchased a lot for a building in a nice section of the village. The surrounding homes are well constructed and of better quality. The original plan was to build a mud-brick church building, but the members have realized that a nicer building is needed to fit with the neighborhood. Because we concur with their conclusion, we will be working with them to raise funds for a nicer building- approximately \$5000. The next goal will be to place a full-time preacher in the area.

The secondary school construction continues with the girls' dorm being in the final stages. The inner walls are being finished and prepared for painting. It looks great! How exciting to see the dream of a secondary school becoming a reality.

We are looking forward to our annual visit by the Gospel Chariot sponsored by World Bible School. This year, the Gospel Chariot will be with us for two months because they have had better crowds and results in our area than in other areas. These results reflect the hard work being done by our missionaries and our brethren in sowing the seed continually. We will be meeting with the preachers in this area to make the schedule for the Gospel Chariot and plan for adequate workers.

Please add Bill Stinson and Chris Raynor to your prayer list. Both are suffering from severe upper respiratory infections. Your prayers are a blessing to us.

In His service,

Randy



Sisters in Service Announcement

The Sisters in Service program provides opportunities for each woman in the congregation to be involved in serving others alongside their sisters. Within the Sisters in Service program, there are opportunities to:

Be involved in welcoming new members	Be a hostess for a baby or wedding shower
Preparing handouts, visual aids, and assist Bible class teachers	Provide encouragement for another sister through Secret Sisters
Gather supplies and prepare meals for the Arlington Women's Shelter	Plan community outreach activities such as Trunk or Treat
Encourage missionaries through cards and gifts	Plan retreat and social events
Sew school bags and infant garments for the Chimala Mission	

If you have questions about Sisters in Service or want to be involved, talk to Charlene Parker, Denise Harvey, Cynthia Gragg, Kay Keele, or Jennifer Gray.



New York Avenue Church of Christ

Our Record: Mar 1 & Mar 4 2009

Order of Worship Services March 8, 2009 Morning Worship Service 10 AM

Welcome			
Song Leader		Bill Keele	
"We Bow Down"	All verses	984	Chris Parker
"Le Me Live Close to Thee"	All verses	391	
Prayer			Don Hammonds
"Paradise Valley"	Verses 1 & 3	527	
"Come, Share the Lord"	All verses	916	
Scripture	<u>To Be Announced</u>		Chris Bennett
Lord's Supper			
Contribution			
"Safe In the Arms of Jesus"	Verses 1 & 3	559	Jim Gragg
Shepherd's Prayer			Bill Keele
Sermon	"Still Safe In The Arms of Jesus?"		
Invitation Song			
"Softly and Tenderly"	Verses 1, 3, & 4	584	Alex Muller
Announcements			Alex Muller
"The Last Mile of the Way"	Verses 1 & 4	637	
Closing Prayer			Alex Muller
~ ~ ~ Sunday Evening Services 6:00 PM ~ ~ ~			
Song Leader			Joe Toye
Prayer			Brandon Kaag
Scripture	<u>Hebrews 12:1-6</u>		Myles Louis
Sermon	"Falling Behind By Getting Even"		Bill Keele
Closing Prayer			Roy Kenton

Membership	350
All Individuals - Directory	458
Bible Class	204
Morning Worship	288
Morning Worship Visitors	12
Afternoon Worship	182
Bible Hour	22
Wednesday - Mar 4	152
Budget 2008	\$7,158.00
Contribution	7,630.00
Family Care	2,009.00
Bible Fund	10.88
Total	\$9,649.88

Wednesday Night Mar 11, 2009 7:00

Announcements	Kevin Crum
Song Leader	Joe Bob Brown
Opening Prayer	Seth Bullington
Devotional	Mike Blake
Closing Prayer	Robert Medina
Operate Sound	Tommy Stinson

Sun AM & PM Mar 15, 2009 Worship Service

A.M. Welcome	Bill Keele
A.M. Song Leader	Andy Bennett
A.M. Prayer	Joe McCormick
A.M. Scripture	Larry Binion
A.M. Shepherd's Prayer	Chris Parker
A.M. Sermon	Bill Keele
A.M. P.M. Announcements	Mike Blake
A.M. Closing Prayer	Mike Blake
P.M. Song Leader	Mike Blake
P.M. Prayer	Jon Monreal
P.M. Scripture Reader	Kevin Hervey
P.M. Sermon	Bill Keele
P.M. Closing Prayer	Don Oberholzer

MARCH 2009 Schedule

Lord's Supper: Archie Crowe, Kevin Crum, Jeffrey Davis, Don De Laughter, Alex Doe, Ben Eden, George French, Jimmy Goodwin, John Gossett
Ushers: Douglas Christian, Roy Kenton
Sound : Mar 08 Tommy Stinson
Lock the Bldg: Richard Cheek
Bible Hr: Jeffrey & Cimmarron Davis
Nursery: Mar 08 Primary: Alice Bennett
 Back-up: Kelly Toye
 Mar 15 Primary: Rose Handy, Brooklyn Handy
 Back-up Sherrie Hudson
Visitor Center: Alice Walker, Carolyn Herring

Our Prayer List:

Please help us keep the Daily Prayer List current. When it is appropriate to add or remove someone from this list, let us know (817-465-6500). You can leave a message if the office is closed. We appreciate your help.

Shut-Ins: Jesse & Juanita Blackman, Ova Elkins, Emmalee Gideon, Irless Jordan, Ed Reynolds, Earl Rose, Thomas Templin, Gracie Williams, Jan Wiseman.

Military: Jeffrey Bowser, Spencer Christian, James Donald, Miguel Estrada, Walter Falls, Lorenzo Garcia, Michael Hourihan, James Johnson, Terri Long, Luke Miller, Joel Milwee, Brett Moore, Judd Ramage, and Luke Shook.

Sick & Other: Bill Arnold, Elton Arnold, Victor Crenshaw, Curtis Griffin, Ozelle Haggard, Roselyn Heebner, Harold Henson, Bobbie Jenkins, Ed Reynolds, Dorothy Skinner, Gene Smith, Dwight Wacaster Sr., Ann Walker, Kirby Watkins, and Gracie Williams.

Extended Family & Love Ones : Ron Brown (**Dianne Crowe's** cousin), Suzanne Carter (**Harriet De Laughter's** cousin), Betty Coulson (friend of **Dianne Chance**), Richard De Laughter (**Don De Laughter's** brother), Victor Haile (**Rick Spelce's** grandfather), Lynn Hendrix (**Dot Dixon' nephew**), Zachary Scott (**Denver & Jean Blackman's** grandson), John Swift (**Janie Swift's husband**), and Ethel Young (mother of **Cyndi Stinson & grandmother of Angie Martin**).