



# NEW YORK AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

By God's Grace,  
we shall . . .

## Climb Higher!

MARCH 15, 2009

### WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR IS . . .

When someone says that, I listen. I listen because they are about to tell me something about their values, about their concerns, and about their hopes for their spiritual future. And, I do hear it fairly often. When someone checks "Looking for a church home" and we visit them, we often hear, "What I am looking for is . . ."

One of the things often heard is, "What I am looking for is a good place for my children." I immediately think of our Bible Classes—how well our rooms are decorated, how well our teachers have prepared their materials, and of the hours that have been spent in developing much of our own curriculum. I think of the the Teacher's Workroom. I think of the activities that we have for various age groups.

And, we are continuing to work to build our Bible School program. We are having training being done in our own building. We are encouraging anyone interested in teaching to attend the various training opportunities available in our area. In addition, Kay and I will begin our second Leadership Training effort very soon and one of the goals is to help equip both men and women to become teachers or even better teachers.

Don't you just love it when someone says, "What I am looking for is a good Bible class where God's word is taught and I can learn." We want that to continue to be an important part of what we offer at NYA CoC.

### NURSERY DEPARTMENT TRAINING TONIGHT

Julie Holland, Nursery Department Coordinator from the Pleasant Ridge congregation will be talking to anyone interested in the Nursery Department tonight in Adult III Classroom. We urge teachers, helpers, parents, and anyone interested in supporting the Nursery Department to attend. Our next Department emphasis will be on April 19, for the Primary Department.

### INTERESTED IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT?

Kay and I have been training folks for over 35 years in leadership skills. We plan to start another program in April. Ask us about it. It's goal is to build leaders for the church—a never ending need.

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

### PLANNED SERMON TOPICS

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

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

APR 5 A.M. Guest Speaker  
P.M. Guest Speaker

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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**

**Angie Carden** was released from AMH on Mon, Mar 9. She had difficulty breathing and chest pains. She is at home receiving health services.

**Don De Laughter** had a thyroid biopsy on Fri, Mar 13.

**Brenda Lewis** had a heart catheterization procedure on Tue, Mar 10, at Baylor, Irving. She is at home.

**Ed Reynolds** remains at Interlochen Health Rehab, room #214A. His shunt surgery will be rescheduled.

**Norma Reynolds** is continuing to receive treatment for her myasthenia gravis condition with slight improvement.

**Earl Rose** remains in AMH. He had a toe amputated on Thurs, Mar 12.

**Nick Cantrell**, grandson of **Margaret Lord**, is in the military and is leaving for Ft. Lewis, Seattle, in April.

**Mrs. A. Lewis**, mother of **Joe Lewis**, is in a hospital in New York. She had a stroke.

**Donald Davis**, son of **Margaret Lord**, is in AMH, CCU. He had heart surgery on Mon, Mar 9.

**Eugene Owens**, father of **Marc Owens**, remains in MCA, room 22. He is showing some improvement.

**Dan Stephens**, brother-in-law of **Harriet De Laughter**, has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

**David Wellborn**, stepfather of **Cynthia Gragg**, was released from Good Shepherd's hospital, Longview. He is at home with some improvement.

**Ethel LaVerne Young**, mother of **Cyndi Stinson**, was released from Health South Rehab on Mon, Mar 9.

**SYMPATHY**

**Jean Anderson and Family Margie Flannigan**, Jean's sister-in-law, died Sun., Mar 8. The funeral was Tue, Mar 10, at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Arlington. **Johnnie Melton**, Jean's sister, died Sun, Mar 8. The funeral was Thurs, Mar 11, at Mt Olivet Funeral Home, Ft. Worth.

**TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Congregational Fellowship**  
Potluck style following morning worship service  
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**Congregational Singing**  
5:30 pm  
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**Nursery Department Seminar**  
6:00 pm  
Adult Classroom III  
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**Youth Devo**  
Following evening worship services at the home of the Rhodes.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Tue, Mar 17  
**Road Runners Meeting**  
The meat will be pork tenderloin.  
6:00 pm. in the Family Center.  
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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 : "Jesus, Our Savior"**

***NYA Ladies 2009 Annual Retreat***

Payment is due Sun, Mar 22.  
The Retreat is Fri, Mar 27 - Sat, Mar 28.

**Christian Care Center**

Fri, Apr 3 at 11:00 am is hosting a  
√ Fashion Show  
√ Luncheon  
√ Silent Auction  
in Mesquite, TX. See flyers posted on Sister In Service and Main Lobby bulletin boards.

**Birth Announcement**

**Kayla Coker** gave birth to **Madilyn Rae** on Tue, Mar 10. She weighed 6 lbs and 1 oz. She is 18 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Alex and Cyndie Garcia**.

**Welcome New Members!**

**Tina Caldwell**  
Daughter, **Montoya**,  
**Ms. Melissa Ishmon**

**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

**Christ's Haven For Children**  
**Grocery Items Needed**

Apple sauce    *Honey*    *Mayonnaise*  
*Paper* towels    *Parmesan* cheese  
*Razors*    *Salsa*    *Spam*  
*Tomato* paste    *Vanilla*  
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Please place your donated items in the box located on the west side of the lobby. Flyers are on the center table in the lobby. **Items needed by Sun, Mar 29.** Items will be picked up Tue, Mar 31.

**ATTN: 2009 Graduates**

Parents of High school seniors, young adults graduating from college, Specialized Training receiving certifications, or military honors.

Please contact the office (817) 465-6500 or email at nyachurchofchrist@sbcglobal.net ASAP! Thank you!

**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?)

Please fill out an attendance card, available on the tables in the foyer. Members and visitors, please wear your name tag.

March 15, 2009

# YOUTH & PARENTS

Good Morning! Well, today we are leaving on the mission trip to Bridge City, TX. We have about a six hour drive ahead of us and we should arrive around 8:00 pm. While we are there, our activities will include building homes, serving meals, morning devotionals, nightly chats, and plenty of time together. It is our hope to have a great impact on this community by helping rebuild homes and lives. On Friday of this week we are planning to travel back and arrive around 10:00 pm. Please pray for us while we travel and for our efforts for this devastated community.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Youth Devotional: Sun, March 22, after evening services at the Rhodes home. We should return around 9:00 pm.

## HABARI ZA CHIMALA



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week has gone by quickly. Bill Stinson left the mission late last week for Dar es Salaam to travel to the States. He is there with you now. He will be doing some work on the container in the next few weeks. When he asks for help, I know he will get plenty of assistance (hint...hint..).

We have two visitors at Chimala. Hal Ferguson and Denton Landon from the Bear Valley Bible Institute arrived in Dar es Salaam just as Bill was leaving. Hal and Denton, wanting to save money, decided to take the bus to Chimala- definitely a cultural experience! They will be teaching two weeks of intensive courses to the students in the Chimala Bible College (CBC). The first year students will have the Gospel of John and the Epistles of Timothy and Titus. The second year students will have Introduction to Greek and Christian Evidences. CBC graduates have a strong foundation.

I am told that the rainy season is winding down, but we had another very heavy rain this week. When it rains, we do not immediately see the results. The harvest may be months away. The rain reminds me of the work we are doing here. Our work is to plant the seed and water the ground. Even though the harvest may be months and even years away, we can be confident that “God will give the increase” (I Corinthians 3:6 KJV). We must remember that we have a role to play but “neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow” (I Corinthians 3:7 NIV).

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

## Order of Worship Services March 15, 2009 Morning Worship Service 10 AM

Our Record: Mar 8 & Mar 11 2009

<b>Welcome</b>			
<b>Song Leader</b>		<b>Bill Keele</b>	
"To God Be the Glory"	All verses	682	<b>Andy Bennett</b>
"The Lord's My Shepherd"	All verses	642	
<b>Prayer</b>			<b>Joe McCormick</b>
"Thou Art The Way"	All verses	697	
"One Day"	Verses 1, 2, 4, & 5	516	
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>To Be Announced</b>		<b>Larry Binion</b>
<b>Lord's Supper</b>			
<b>Contribution</b>			
"There Is a Sea"	All verses	654	
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b>			<b>Charlie Willingham</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>"GIFTS To GOD"</b>		<b>Bill Keele</b>
<b>Invitation Song</b>			
"There Is a Habitation"	Verses 1, 3, & 4	660	
<b>Announcements</b>			<b>Mike Blake</b>
"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"	All verses	631	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>			<b>Mike Blake</b>
~ ~ ~	<b>Sunday Evening Services 6:00 PM</b>	~ ~ ~	
<b>Song Leader</b>			<b>Mike Blake</b>
<b>Prayer</b>			<b>Jon Criswell</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Hebrews 13:11-17</b>		<b>Kevin Hervey</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>"GIFTS FOR ONE ANOTHER"</b>		<b>Bill Keele</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>			<b>Don Oberholzer</b>

Membership	353
Families	216
All Individuals	464
Bible Class	172
Morning Worship	265
Morning Worship Visitors	15
Afternoon Worship	147
Bible Hour	19
Wednesday - Mar 11	126
Contribution	\$6,596.00
Family Care	200.00
Bible Fund	5.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,801.99</b>

### Wednesday Night Mar 18, 2009 7:00

<b>Announcements</b>	Jim Gragg
<b>Song Leader</b>	Nathan Hervey
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Richard Cheek
<b>Devotional</b>	Joe Bob Brown
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Craig Minkner
<b>Operate Sound</b>	Tommy Stinson

### Sun AM & PM Mar 15, 2009 Worship Service

A.M. Welcome	Bill Keele
A.M. Song Leader	Chris Parker
A.M. Prayer	Robert Medina
A.M. Scripture	Mike Blake
A.M. Shepherd's Prayer	Charles Hervey
A.M. Sermon	Bill Keele
A.M. P.M. Announcements	Rick Spelce
A.M. Closing Prayer	Rick Spelce
P.M. Song Leader	Jon Criswell
P.M. Prayer	Craig Minkner
P.M. Scripture Reader	TBA
P.M. Sermon	Bill Keele
P.M. Closing Prayer	Robert Ramage

### 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 15 am & pm: Tommy Stinson  
**Lock the Bldg:** Richard Cheek  
**Bible Hr:** Jeffrey & Cimmarron Davis  
**Nursery:** Mar 15 Primary: Rose Handy, Brooklyn Handy  
 Back-up: Sherrie Hudson  
 Mar 22 Primary: Amber Guynes, Arianne Miller  
 Back-up Shari Joel  
**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, Nick Cantrell, 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), Carol Perkins, (**Dorlis White's** sister), Zachary Scott (**Denver & Jean Blackman's** grandson), John Swift (**Janie Swift's** husband), and Ethel Young (mother of **Cyndi Stinson** & grandmother of **Angie Martin**).