



By God's Grace,  
we shall . . .

# NEW YORK AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

## *Climb Higher!*

MARCH 22, 2009

### SO CLOSE, SO VERY CLOSE . . .

Our target was—outer ring, 200, middle ring 225, bulls eye, 250. Where were we? 241! If I had done better planning, I think 250 would have been surpassed. Why? Spring break started last Sunday and we know of families that were out of town for the break. So, considering that, I was thrilled. I plan to keep that goal on the back burner for a week-end when nothing major will be taking people out of town. Some of you may have a good suggestion as to when we take our next shot at the target. Remember, every number represents a soul. I know God is interested in numbers because He used numbers in referring to the growth of the church—Acts 2 mentions that 3,000 were baptized on Pentecost and by Acts 4, there were 5,000 men, not counting women and children. Every number represents a soul. And we at the New York Avenue Church of Christ are definitely in the “soul” business.

### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT WORKSHOP APRIL 19

Last week, Julie Holland presented a workshop for our nursery department. There were about fifteen in attendance. Now add this up! There were 32 for the Youth Department Workshop and 15 for the Nursery department workshop. That is like 47 people going to a Teacher Training Workshop! There is not any way that I know of that we could get 47 people to attend a workshop elsewhere. I am excited!!! I understand that some attended both, but even then, I'm excited! We have our Primary Department Workshop scheduled for April and our Adult Department scheduled for May. I wonder what the final total will be at the end of the year?

### “NONES” ARE ON THE INCREASE

*USA TODAY*, 3/9/2009, reported that those with no religious preference now equals 15% of the population. But to me, two of the most revealing comments were: “E-lite is more a matter of aesthetic and style and a considerable softening of the edges in doctrine, politics and social values” and “religion has become more like a fashion statement, not a deep personal commitment for many.”

—Bill Keele

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

### PLANNED SERMON TOPICS

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

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

APR 12 A.M. “The Sonrise Service”  
P.M. “James—Part Two”

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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  
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#### Chimala Mission Hospital & School

**Coordinator:** Randy Gray  
[www.chimalamission.com](http://www.chimalamission.com)  
817-419-7909

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**

**Dianne Chance**, back problems. She is now taking medication and feeling a little better.

**Madilyn Coker**, daughter of **Kayla Coker**, has been released from Harris Methodist, Bedford and she is in good health.

**Don De Laughter** recently had an ultra sound on his throat. He will have a MRI on Fri, Apr 3.

**Melissa Ishmon** was released from JPS on Wed, Mar 18. She had numerous tests and she is at home.

**Bea Oberholzer** had MRI on her knee on Mon, Mar 16. Test results are pending.

**Ed Reynolds**, remains in Interlochen Rehab. His shunt surgery has been rescheduled to Wed, Mar 25.

**Earl Rose** was released from AMH on Sun, Mar 15. He had a toe amputated on Thurs, Mar 12.

**Suzanne Carter**, cousin of **Harriet De Laughter**, was accepted into Scott & White's transplant program. She was diagnosed with advanced stage of polycystic kidney disease.

**Donald Davis**, son of **Margaret Lord**, was released from AMH on Mon, Mar 16, and he is at home recuperating quite well. He had heart surgery on Mon, Mar 9.

**Eugene Owens**, father of **Marc Owens**, was released from MCA, last week.

**Dan Stephens**, brother in law of **Harriet De Laughter**, will see a specialist next week regarding the treatment plan for his colon cancer.

**Christine Williams**, wife of **Jack Williams**, had an endoscope procedure on her throat. She had complications and is recovering.

**SYMPATHY**

**Pablo Monreal**, age 82, grandfather of **Marisol Kaag** and **John Monreal**, died on Tue, Mar 17. Funeral service was Sat, Mar 21, in Earth, TX.

**TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Ladies Annual Retreat Meeting** following worship service. Meet at the front pews in the auditorium to receive final instructions and make your payment.

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**Congregational Singing**  
5:30 pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sat, Mar 28

**Youth Devo**

Meet at home of the Rhodes at 7:00 pm and pick up at 9:00 pm. Children should eat prior to attending. Dessert will be served.

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Sun, Mar 29

**Brothers Keeper Meetings**

6:00 pm

Additional information on page 4.

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Sat, Apr 4

**Men's Breakfast**

7:00 am in the Family Center.

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Sun, Apr 5

**Ice Cream Supper**

following evening service. Everyone is encouraged to bring sandwiches, chips, drinks, and home made ice cream.

**ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Christian Care Center**

Hosting a Fashion Show & more on Fri, Apr 3

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**Northcrest church of Christ**

Youth Rally on Apr 24 - Apr 25

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**Franklin church of Christ**

29th Annual Gospel Congregational Singing on Fri, Apr 24 at 7:00 pm

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**Woodland West church of Christ**

Education Foundation Craft Fair Sat, Apr 25 at 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

*Flyers & packets on the center table and posted on bulletin boards in the lobby.*

**TRI-C at UTA**

**YARD SALE**

**Christian Campus Center**

Fri, Mar 27 & Sat, Mar 28

Please bring your items to 405 West First St. Proceeds for the student ministry. Please call (817) 542-4208, if you have any questions.



**Christ's Haven For Children**

**Grocery Items Needed**

Apple sauce Honey  
Mayonnaise Paper towels  
Parmesan cheese Razors Salsa  
Spam Tomato paste Vanilla

Please place your donated items in the box located on the west side of the lobby.

**Items needed by Sun, Mar 29.**

**NYA Family Camp Out**  
**Dinosaur Valley State Park**



May 23 - May 25, 2009

**A Sign up sheet located on the south**

**Two Notes of Gratitude !!!**

*New York Ave church of Christ,*

*We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, cards, letters, food, flowers and words of encouragement during the loss of our loved ones.*

*In Christian Love,  
Jean & J.B. Anderson*

*Dear Brother & Sisters  
Thank you for the flowers, prayers, cards, and food. Mom & Dad felt special ties to everyone at NYA. We have felt your love and support. We appreciate all of your love.  
Debbie & Parker Repp Family*

**Sermon Tapes Are Free**

Contact the office at nyachurchofchrist@sbcglobal.net or call (817) 465-6500.

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

March 22, 2009

## YOUTH & PARENTS

As I write this, we're right in the middle of our mission trip. We should be back safe and sound by now without too much exhaustion. Everyday has started at 6 am, followed by a devo, hard work in the morning, lunch at noon and hard work all afternoon until dinner at 6:00 pm. We then end each day with fellowship, board games, and cards. Our work has consisted of gutting houses, rebuilding homes, helping the citizens of Bridge City emotionally, working side by side with others from across the world that have come down to help, and of course, growing as a youth group together. Our teens have had awesome attitudes. Brandon and I have really been proud of them throughout this trip. I thank everyone who has helped us prepare for this trip as well as your prayers before and throughout.

I can't believe it, but LTC is three weeks away! If you're not yet ready, you may want to start getting ready for your convention events. Everyone has spent a lot of time preparing for this weekend and I know it will go over so well. Thank you to all the participants and all the adults that have worked with our kids on each event.

Our next youth event will be a devo at the Rhodes' house on Saturday the 28th at 7:00 pm and pick up at 9:00 pm (notice it's a Saturday, not a Sunday!).

Danny

## HABARI ZA CHIMALA



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On March 12, we received word that Hal Ferguson's father had died in the States. Hal had planned to be with us in Chimala for a few weeks to teach courses in the Bible College. Chris Raynor drove Hal back to Dar to catch a flight to be home in time for his father's funeral. Denton Landon stayed to teach his planned courses and we found one of our previous students to teach Christian Evidences, the course that Hal was scheduled to teach. Please remember the Ferguson family as they deal with this unexpected loss.

Many people have recently experienced unexpected losses of a material nature. In these difficult economic times, the news is full of stories of people who cheated others or people who have invested unwisely. You are to be commended for your individual contributions and congregational support for the work in Chimala. Your financial support of the work represents an investment in eternity that will produce the dividends of saving souls and bringing glory to God.

Being on the mission field requires that one be flexible. I am learning to allow for the unexpected things that come up, such as the electricity going off and staying off for several hours. I am also developing an increased appreciation of the internet and long distance telephone service that allows us to stay in touch. Even five years ago, calling to and from Tanzania was so expensive that making a call was a special treat. Internet service was hardly available and maintaining contact with family and friends depended on mail service. I have set up a new email address that works better with international email ([chimalarandy@gmail.com](mailto:chimalarandy@gmail.com)). I would love to hear from you. I would especially like to know what questions you might have about the work that I can address in future bulletin articles.

In His service,

Randy



# New York Avenue Church of Christ

## Order of Worship Services March 22, 2009 Morning Worship Service 10 AM

<b>Welcome</b>			
<b>Song Leader</b>		<b>Bill Keele</b>	
"Majesty"	All verses	951	<b>Chris Parker</b>
"Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"	All verses	95	
<b>Prayer</b>		<b>Robert Medina</b>	
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5	742	
"Lead Me to Calvary"	Verses 1, 2, 3, & 4	384	
<b>Scripture</b>	<u><b>1 Cor. 11:23-29</b></u>		<b>Mike Blake</b>
<b>Lord's Supper</b>			
<b>Contribution</b>			
<b>Family Care Contribution</b>			
"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"	Verses 1, 2, 4, & 5	12	
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b>			<b>Charles Hervey</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>"WEARING THE CROSS"</b>		<b>Bill Keele</b>
<b>Invitation Song</b>			
"The Way of the Cross"	Verses 1 & 3	653	
<b>Announcements</b>			<b>Rick Spelce</b>
"Standing on the Promises"	Verse 1	598	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>			<b>Rick Spelce</b>
~ ~ ~	<b>Sunday Evening Services 6:00 PM</b>	~ ~ ~	
<b>Song Leader</b>			<b>Jon Criswell</b>
<b>Prayer</b>			<b>Craig Minkner</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<u><b>James 1:12-18</b></u>		<b>TBA</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>"JAMES -Part I of IV"</b>		<b>Bill Keele</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>			<b>Robert Ramage</b>

### Our Record: Mar 15 & Mar 18 2009

Membership	353
Families	216
All Individuals	464
Bible Class	241
Morning Worship	303
Morning Worship Visitors	7
Afternoon Worship	149
Bible Hour	n/a
Wednesday - Mar 18	113
Contribution	7,592.00
Family Care	215.00
Bible Fund	11.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7, 818.77</b>

### Wednesday Night Mar 25, 2009 7:00

<b>Announcements</b>	TBA
<b>Song Leader</b>	Chris Parker
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Jon Criswell
<b>Devotional</b>	Seth Bullington
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don De Laughter
<b>Operate Sound</b>	Alex Garcia

### Sun AM & PM Mar 29, 2009 Worship Service

A.M. Welcome	Bill Keele
A.M. Song Leader	Robert Medina
A.M. Prayer	Rick Spelce
A.M. Scripture	Seth Bullington
A.M. Shepherd's Prayer	Chris Parker
A.M. Sermon	Bill Keele
A.M. P.M. Announcements	Clay Starr
A.M. Closing Prayer	Clay Starr

**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 22 am & pm: Alex Garcia

**Lock the Bldg:** Richard Cheek

**Bible Hr:** Jeffrey & Cimmarron Davis

**Nursery:** Mar 22 Primary: Amber Guynes, Arianne Miller  
Back-up: Shari Joel  
Mar 29 Primary: Kelly Toye  
Back-up: Janelle Johnson

**Visitor Center:** Carolyn Herring, Alice Walker

**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:** 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, Luke Shook, and Wallace Webb.

**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 :** Brenda Braswell (**Crystal Wilson's** sister), 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), Dan Stephens (**Harriet De Laughter's** brother-in-law), John Swift (**Janie Swift's** husband), and Ethel Young (mother of **Cyndi Stinson** & grandmother of **Angie Martin**).

**Brothers Keeper Meetings at 6:00 PM.**  
Groups 1 through 6 will meet in the homes.  
Group 7 will meet at the building. Group 7 members are requested to bring sandwiches, chips, dips, and desserts.