

# NEW YORK AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



## *Climb Higher!*

By God's grace,  
we shall ....

**APRIL 12, 2009**

### **WERE ALL PHARISEES HYPOCRITES?**

Holman's Bible Dictionary says that Pharisees were "Legalistic and socially exclusive (shunned non-Pharisees as unclean)" and "Tended to have a self-sufficient and haughty attitude." The earliest reference to this most influential group dates about 150 B.C. The name means "the separated ones." They were the developers of oral tradition, so they had a two-fold law—written and oral. It was the oral law, traditions, and hypocrisy that brought them into conflict with Jesus.

Jesus charged them with hypocrisy because of what they did: "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach." (Matthew 23:2-3 NIV). They had added traditions, thus making their worship vain—"They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men." (Matthew 15:9 NIV).

The error of the Pharisees was two fold. First, they changed God's will by adding traditions and modifications that came to be equal to God's will in their own mind. Second, they did not practice what they preached. Either one of these errors takes a person away from God.

But, were there ever any Pharisees that were not hypocrites? Consider these passages. "Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, 'My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day.'" (Acts 23:1 NIV). And again, "Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, 'My brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee. I stand on trial because of my hope in the resurrection of the dead.'" (Acts 23:6 NIV). And, consider Nicodemus. "Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council." (John 3:1 NIV).

Yet, no matter how conscientious Saul of Tarsus was, or how conscientious Nicodemus was, they had to be born again in order to enter the kingdom of Heaven. But, did you notice their name, "The Separated Ones?" How about the definition of church—ekklesia—"The Called Out!" We too are bound to God's grace in faithful obedience to His will just as all faithful of all times are.

But, are there hypocrites in the church today? Of course! Yet, they will never be able to keep the Pauls and the Nicodemases of today away from faithfully living the will of God!  
—Bill Keele

APR 12 A.M. "The Sunrise Service"  
P.M. "Devol—LTC & Awards "

### **PLANNED SERMON TOPICS**

APR 26 A.M. "The Other Side—Afterlife"  
P.M. Brother Keeper Meetings

APR 19 A.M. "The Anti-Christ"  
P.M. "James—Part Two "

MAY 3 A.M. "First Fruits"  
P.M. "James-Part Three"

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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  
314-420-0725

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**

**Don De Laughter** had nine thyroid biopsies on Fri, Apr 3. He will receive his test results on Fri, Apr 24.

**Angie Martin** has been diagnosed with Ulcerative Colitis. She is taking medication and she is feeling much better.

**Ed Reynolds** remains in Heath South, room #245B. He had a CT Scan on Mon, Apr 6. The shunt is working. There is also a noticeable reduction of fluid on his brain.

**Jenifer De Laughter**, daughter-in-law of **Don and Harriet De Laughter**, will have gal bladder surgery on Thurs, Apr 16 in McKinney, TX.

**Sympathy:**

**Brenda Braswell**, sister of **Crystal Wilson** died on Mon, Apr 6. Funeral service was on Fri, Apr 10, in Orlando, FL.

**Upcoming Area Events**

**Medina Children's Home**  
19th Annual North Texas  
Dinner & Auction  
Sat, Apr 18  
Guest Speaker: Lee Trevino  
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**Birdville church of Christ**  
Gospel Meeting & Seminar  
Fri, Apr 24 - Sun, Apr 26  
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**Northercrest church of Christ**  
Youth Rally  
"Stairway to Heaven"  
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

**TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Congregational Singing**  
5:30 pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Tue, Apr 14  
**Road Runners Meeting**  
6:00 pm in the Family Center.  
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Sun, Apr 19  
**Teacher Training Workshop**  
Elementary Level  
6:00 pm in the Adult classroom III.  
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**Youth Devo**  
following evening worship service  
at the Rhodes' home.  
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Sun, Apr 26  
**Brother Keepers Meetings**  
6:00 pm. Groups 1 through 6 will meet  
in the homes. Group 7 will meet at the  
building.

**NYA  
MAY 2009 EVENTS**

- 2nd Men's Breakfast**
- 3rd Baby Shower - Amy Boykin**
- 12th Road Runners Fellowship**
- 17th Grad Recognition**
- 18th Youth Outing—Rangers Game**
- 19th Teacher Training Workshop**  
Adult Level

**Our New Sound System**

The office staff is no longer making duplicate cassette tapes of worship service. The worship service is being recorded on CD's and it is a work in progress. For more info, contact Jon Criswell, Deacon.

**Notes of Appreciation**

Thank you for the fruit basket, visits, calls, and cards when I was in the hospital and aftercare at home.

In Christian Love,  
Ima Nell Spelce  
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I want to thank the church for your prayers. I ask for continued prayers for myself and family.

Melissa Ishmon



**Family Camp Out**

Fri, May 23 - Sun, May 24  
at

**Dinosaur State Park**  
Glen Rose, TX

A sign-up sheet is located in the lobby on the south wall next to the main bulletin board.

*Help Host A Baby Shower  
For Amy Boykin*



If anyone is interested, please sign the list on the main lobby bulletin board "SHOWERS." The shower is scheduled for Sun, May 3.

**Last Seen On The  
LOST & FOUND TABLE**

A silver metal pen with black ball pen and yellow PDA stylus on one end, and two buttons on one end for a red laser pointer, and a mini LED flashlight.

Owner: **Doug Christian**  
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A book "Managing Your Finances God's Way"

Owner: **Monique Robinson**  
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If items were picked up by mistake, *please* return to the owner, contact the office, or return to the table for them to pick up.

I hope everyone is having an awesome week!! I am so thankful that I am surrounded by all of your Youth. They have so much energy and enthusiasm for God. I see so much growth in each of them. It is so amazing! Thank you to all the parents. You have been really supportive and active in your child's life. I know that God has and will continue to bless our families. God bless you!

Parents please make sure you sign up your youth asap for Camp this summer. Camp fills up quickly! 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade is going to Camp Deer Run June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade is going to Camp Petti John July 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration forms are on the Youth Board.

Have an awesome week living for Him!!  
Brandon Kaag

### EVENTS

**Rangers Game:** Fri, April 18<sup>TH</sup> \$10 a ticket. Please pay Danny. Money **DUE** April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Devo:** Sun, April 19<sup>th</sup> after pm Services @ the Stinson's. Bring \$3 for dinner.

**Service Project:** April 25<sup>th</sup> More details to come.



## HABARI ZA CHIMALA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from Tanzania. I am enjoying my time here, except for being away from family, friends, and Sonic. Bill and Cyndi's cook, Mama Betty, keeps trying to fatten me up and, so far, I have been able to resist and stick to my 'diet.' I am trying to run every day for exercise and should be burning extra calories because of the altitude. The altitude here is 3940 feet compared to 600 feet in Arlington.

The Stinsons' home is very comfortable and spacious. This is a very pretty spot and, in a lot of ways, very peaceful. When the home was built, an office was included with a separate outside entrance. I spent quite a bit of time in the office some days, being available for employees who have questions and working on the financial records of the mission.

The experience of being here in Chimala for a little over six weeks has opened my eyes to some of the challenges faced by missionaries on a day-to-day basis. I have also become even more aware of how much more could be done if we had additional funds. I know everyone is feeling stretched financially with the changing economy. The downturn has certainly reminded me of what Jesus said about laying up treasures in heaven, not on earth where moth and rust can destroy and thieves can break in and steal (Matthew 6:20). Even small amounts of money can do a lot of good here. For example, for \$135, we can buy a durable bicycle that a preaching student can ride to go out to surrounding villages to teach and preach. For \$65, you can pay a primary student's tuition to go to school for a whole year. A year in our primary school means the child receives over 200 hours of Bible instruction.

Continue to pray for those of us here in Chimala just as we remember you daily in prayer.

In His service,  
Randy Gray

### ***SERMON SCRIPTURES & NOTES:***



**Order of Worship Services**  
**April 12, 2009**  
**Morning Worship Service 10 AM**

**New York Avenue Church of Christ**

**Our Record: Apr 05 & Apr 08, 2009**

**Welcome**

**Song Leader**

“Hosanna” All verses  
 “Humble Yourself” All verses

**Prayer**

“Low In The Grave He Lay” All verses  
 “Because He Lives” Verses 1 & 3

**Scripture**

**Luke 22:7-20**

**Lord’s Supper**

**Contribution**

“Sing Hallelujah To The Lord” All verses 886

**Shepherd’s Prayer**

**Sermon “THE SONRISE”**

**Invitation Song**

“There’s A Stirring” All verses PowerPoint

**Announcements**

“When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

**Closing Prayer**

~ ~ ~ **Sunday Evening Services 6:00 PM** ~ ~ ~

**Song Leader**

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reader James 3:1-12**

**Sermon– Devotional**

**Closing Prayer**

**Bill Keele**

**Jon Criswell**

934  
867

**Greg Walker**

408  
68

**Jeffrey Davis**

**Bill Stinson**

**Bill Keele**

PowerPoint

**Chris Parker**

**Chris Parker**

**Robert Medina**

**Mike Blake**

**Nicholas Spelce**

**Danny Hammonds**

**Wiley Collins**

Membership	353
Families	216
All Individuals	464
Bible Class	182
Morning Worship	256
Morning Worship Visitors	9
Afternoon Worship	180
Bible Hour	21
Wednesday - Apr 08	168
Contribution	7,633.50
Family Care	n/a
Bible Fund	8.72
Total	<b>\$7,642.22</b>

**Wednesday Night Apr 15, 2009 7:00 pm**

<b>Announcements</b>	Clay Starr
<b>Song Leader</b>	Jon Criswell
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Jeffrey Davis
<b>Devotional</b>	Kevin Crum
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Joe Toye
<b>Operate Sound</b>	Tommy Stinson

**Sun AM & PM April 19, 2009 Worship Service**

A.M. Welcome	Bill Keele
A.M. Song Leader	Chris Parker
A.M. Prayer	Andy Bennett
A.M. Scripture	Wiley Collins
A.M. Shepherd’s Prayer	Charles Willingham
A.M. Sermon	Bill Keele
A.M. P.M. Announcements	Clay Starr
A.M. Closing Prayer	Clay Starr
P.M. Song Leader	Mike Blake
P.M. Prayer	Joe Bob Brown
P.M. Scripture Reader	Sam Eden
P.M. Sermon	Bill Keele
P.M. Closing Prayer	Jon Criswell

**APRIL 2009 Schedule**

**Lord’s Supper:** D. Hammonds, C. Handy, S. Hudson, K. Hervey, N. Hervey, C. Jones, B. Kaag, R. Kenton, J. Louis

**Ushers:** K. Litke, K. Porter

**Sound :** am/pm Jon Criswell

**Lock the Bldg: Larry Binion**

**Bible Hr:** Angie Martin, Haley French, Julianne Stinson

**Nursery:** Apr 12 Primary:Shari Joel

Back-up: Rochelle Porter

April 19 Primary: Janell Johnson

Back-up: Jennifer Gray, Maleah Kenton

**Visitor Center:** Kevin & Jenny Crum

**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, and Luke Shook.

**Sick & Other:** Bill Arnold, Elton Arnold, Victor Crenshaw, Curtis Griffin, Ozelle Haggard, Roselyn Heebner, Harold Henson, Bobbie Jenkins, Bea Oberholzer, 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), 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**).