



# NEW YORK AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

## *Climb Higher!*

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

APRIL 26, 2009

### **BROTHERS' KEEPER TONIGHT**

Our Brothers' Keeper meeting for April is tonight. The theme for all groups is: Fitting into His Family. As usual, groups 1-6 will meet in homes and Group 7 will meet here in the building. Group 7 members need to bring sandwiches, chips, dips, desserts, and whatever else you like. Our smaller groups on Sunday night give us an opportunity to enjoy a time of devotion together and get to know one another better.

God's command through the book of Hebrews is to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24. Our smaller "Brothers' Keeper" groups help us do that very thing. When we look at this work of encouragement, we realize that encouragement is a gift that we can give to others. To have someone believe in us. To have someone help us reach beyond our normal. To have someone reach for us when we are down and help us get up. To have someone to sit next to in worship and in prayer. All of these things and all of the other things we do to help each other get to heaven—all of these are gifts we give one another because we care.

### **OUR THANKS TO CHARLES WILLINGHAM**

Last Sunday, it was announced that Charles Willingham is stepping down as an elder. His reason is his health problems—especially issues with his back. He will continue to work and serve here as health allows. He will be missed by the church, and especially those in the leadership. His insights and wisdom have been a very important contribution to this congregation. Show him your appreciation and love for a job well done. —Bill

### **WHEN BABIES CRY**

We love babies! Most of us were a baby at one time. But, when babies create disturbances, they need to

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

#### **PLANNED SERMON TOPICS**

MAY 10 A.M. "Rocking the Cradle"  
P.M. "James-Part Four"

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

MAY 17 A.M. Guest  
P.M. Guest

#### **ELDERS**

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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**

**Andy Bennett** recently had surgery on back. He had additional herniation on the same disc after the first surgery.

**Melissa Ishmon** is in JPS, room #314. She had a scan done on Tue, Apr 21. She may have had a mild stroke.

**Margaret Lord** was released from AMH on Thur, Apr 23 and she is at home.

**Ed Reynolds** has been released from Heath South and he is at home.

**Monique Byrd**, sister of **Erika Ford**, was in the ER unit and she has returned home. She had a severe allergic reaction to a medication.

**Michele Dyer**, daughter of **Jeffrey and Cimmarron Davis**, was released from a hospital in Florida. She had pneumonia.

**Shasta Hewitt**, niece of **Claudette Smith**, is scheduled to have surgery on Wed, Apr 29, to remove an abscess from her brain.

**Cynthia Wellborn**, mother of **Cynthia Gragg**, is in the hospital in Longview, TX. She was diagnosed with Parkinson Disease.

**SYMPATHY**

Our dear brother in Christ, **Earl Rose**, died on Fri, Apr 17. Funeral service was Tue, Apr 21, at Arlington Funeral Home. Deepest consolation to **Virginia**, his wife, and family.

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**Grover E. Moore**, father of **Patsy Brown**, died on Thur, Apr 23. Funeral service will be Mon, Apr 27, at Bratcher Funeral Home, Denison, TX.

**Family Camp - Out**

Sat, May 23 - Mon, May 25  
at  
Dinosaur State Park, Glen Rose, TX.

**TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Brother Keepers 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 asked to bring chips, dips, sandwiches, and desserts. There will be no Bible Hour.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sat, May 2

**Men's Breakfast**

7:00 am

Family Center

For more info, contact Kevin Crum.

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Sun, May 3

**A Baby Boy Shower !!!**

**Tommy & Amy Boykin**

2:00 pm in the Family Center.

Everyone is invited. They are registered at Babies-R-Us and Target.

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**2010 Mission Trip Meeting & Sandwich Supper**

following evening services.

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Mon, May 4

**Guy's Night Out**

Meet at the Parks Mall 6:00 pm.

Contact Kevin Crum for more info.



**2010 Mission Trip**



All members interested in joining the mission team for a trip to Chimala next July and/or the fundraising efforts for the trip, please join us for a quick sandwich supper on May 3 after evening services. If you are unable to attend but are interested, please contact Teresa Stinson.

**A note of Appreciation**

Church family,  
Your phone calls, emails, cards, and plant were greatly appreciated.  
The family of Brenda Braswell  
Crystal Wilson

**New York Avenue church of Christ Celebrates May 2009!**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Dustin Moore
- 1 Charlene Parker
- 2 Viola Gossett
- 2 Willie Stults
- 3 Don De Laughter
- 3 Alex Doe
- 5 Lynda Gadama
- 5 Jeffrey Simmons
- 6 Jon Criswell
- 6 Cindy Rankin
- 6 Scott Templeton
- 7 Dwanika Ford
- 9 Jean Rhodes
- 10 Jerry Miller
- 11 Victor Crenshaw
- 11 Lynette Oliver
- 12 Amiya Guynes
- 12 Wayne Tucker
- 13 Kelly Toye
- 15 Jill Eden
- 16 Christine Williams
- 16 Jo Woodson
- 17 Stan Hudson
- 17 Alma Rodriguez
- 19 Samuel Eden
- 19 Naomi Johnson
- 19 Allison Templeton
- 20 Chandra Gray
- 20 Taylor Piper
- 22 Angelica Crenshaw
- 22 Bea Oberholzer
- 23 Jack Crabtree
- 23 Dianne Crowe
- 23 Jean Dunham
- 24 Jeffrey Davis
- 25 Monique Robinson
- 29 Walter Falls
- 29 Devota Martin
- 30 Peggy Justice
- 31 Shirley Inglis
- 31 Elmo Pannell



**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Mike & Paula Manzella
- 7 Archie & Dianne Crowe
- 15 Bill & Nancy Moore
- 21 Danny & Anna Hammonds
- 22 John & Emmalee Gideon
- 23 Marc & Chris Owens
- 28 George & Ann French
- 28 Kurt & Carolyn Litke
- 29 Terry & Vikki McHenry



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

## YOUTH & PARENTS

I hope everyone is having a great Week! School is almost over; hang in there and finish strong. We had a great turn out at the Devotional at the Stinson's. It is so encouraging to me to hear everyone singing praises and fellowshiping with each other. Our next big event is **VBS**. July 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> We need volunteers!! Please sign up today on the Bulletin Board. We have a lot of things coming up! So please Mark Your Calendars.

Work Camp is June 7<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to sign up and pay for Work Camp is Sunday **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please pay Brandon \$30.

Money for Six Flags Season Passes is due Sunday **May 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please pay Brandon \$75.

**Chapp's**: Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. After Evening Services all NYA members who would be interested in joining a 2010 mission team for a trip to Chimala next July and/or the fundraising efforts for the trip please join us for a quick sandwich supper. If you cannot attend but are interested please see Teresa Stinson.

**The Amazing Race!** Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>. 5 pm-9 pm: drop off and pick up at the Crum's house. What to bring: \$3 and tennis shoes (we will be running around outside)

Have a great week Living For Him!

Brandon Kaag



## HABARI ZA CHIMALA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Atupele Ephraim, a teacher at the Primary School, was in a bus wreck on Thursday evening (April 16). He was returning from the city of Mbeya in one of the small van buses that run from town to town. He was sitting behind the driver and that is where the truck hit the bus. Atupele's right arm was broken as well as badly cut, requiring many stitches to close the gashes. He also has many stitches in the area above his right knee. The bus driver was also brought to the Chimala Hospital for treatment. No one was killed in the accident and, for that, we are very thankful. We hope Atupele will be released from the hospital this week.

Our girls' dorm for the primary school has been overcrowded. We decided to move all the girls living in our Primary School dorm to the new Secondary School dorm until we are ready to open the Secondary School. This occurred on Wednesday, the 22nd. Once the final inspections were completed, the moving process began for the 51 girls.

It appears the rainy season has ended because it has not rained in 10 days. The temperature is starting to cool off. The sun is setting about an hour earlier. The grass is already starting to die and turn a golden brown and some of the trees are starting to lose their leaves. The dry season (winter) is starting to unfold in Chimala.

On April 12, we worshipped at the Airport church of Christ in Mbeya about 50 miles west of Chimala. The pulpit man, Peter Kamatula, a Chimala School of Preaching graduate, has worked in this location for three years. Peter is in the process of moving his family to Chimala in the month of June. He is to assume the position of Lead Instructor at Chimala Bible College. He and his family are very excited about this move ! The only problem is finding a good man to replace him at the Airport congregation.

Everyone here at Chimala feels their prayers have been answered with the expected return of Bill and Cyndi Stinson on Saturday the 25th. This also means that my time here is drawing to a close. I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

In His Service,  
Randy



**Order of Worship Services**  
**April 26, 2009**  
**Morning Worship Service 10 AM**

<b>Welcome</b>		<b>Bill Keele</b>
<b>Song Leader</b>		<b>Robert Medina</b>
“We Shall Assemble”	All verses	982
“Paradise Valley”	All verses	527
<b>Prayer</b>		<b>Chris Bennett</b>
“Boundless Love”	All verses	910
“Lamb of God”	All verses	950
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>TBA by the Reader</b>	<b>Archie Crowe</b>
<b>Lord’s Supper</b>		
<b>Contribution</b>		
“Home of the Soul”	All verses	243
<b>Shepherd’s Prayer</b>		<b>Chris Parker</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“THE OTHER SIDE-AFTERLIFE”</b>	<b>Bill Keele</b>
<b>Invitation Song</b>		
“Softly and Tenderly”	Verses 1, 2, & 4	584
<b>Announcements</b>		<b>Charles Willingham</b>
“Ring Out the Message”	Verses 1 & 2	833
<b>Closing Prayer</b>		<b>Charles Willingham</b>

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

**New York Avenue Church of Christ**

**Our Record: Apr 19 & Apr 22, 2009**

Membership	353
Families	219
All Individuals	467
Bible Class	Not Provided
Morning Worship	Not Provided
Morning Worship Visitors	16
Afternoon Worship	Not Provided
Bible Hour	Not Provided
Wednesday - Apr 22	138
Contribution	6, 682.00
Family Care	10.00
Bible Fund	48.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,740.28</b>

**Wednesday Night Apr 29, 2009 7:00 pm**

**Fifth Wednesday Devotional**

Everyone meet in the auditorium.

**Sun AM/PM May 03, 2009 Worship Service**

A.M. Welcome	Bill Keele
A.M. Song Leader	Chris Parker
A.M. Prayer	Don De Laughter
A.M. Scripture	Kevin Crum
A.M. Shepherd’s Prayer	Charles Hervey
A.M. Sermon	Bill Keele
A.M. P.M. Announcements	Andy Bennett
P.M. Song Leader	Mike Blake
P.M. Prayer	Archie Crowe
P.M. Scripture	Christopher Jones
P.M. Sermon	Bill Keele
P.M. Closing Prayer	Roy Kenton

**Brother Keepers Meetings**

Groups 1 through 6 will meet in the homes.  
 Group 7 will meet at the building. No Bible Hour.

**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 26 Primary: Sheneitra Mabry  
 Back-up: Linda Waugh, Jordyn Waugh

May 03 Primary: Rochelle Porter  
 Back-up: Marisol Kaag

**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, Thomas Templin, Gracie Williams, Jan Wiseman.

**Military:** Nick Cantrell, Spencer Christian, James Donald, Miguel Estrada, Walter Falls, Lorenzo Garcia, Jack Gossett, 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, Bea Oberholzer, Ed Reynolds, Dorothy Skinner, Gene Smith, Dwight Wacaster Sr., Ann Walker, Kirby Watkins, and Gracie Williams.

**Extended Family & Love Ones :** Glenn Blake (**Mike Blake’s** father), Ron Brown (**Dianne Crowe’s** cousin), Monique Byrd (**Erika Ford’s** sister), Suzanne Carter (**Harriet De Laughter’s** cousin), 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**).