



NEW YORK AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Climb Higher!

By God's grace,
we shall

MAY 3, 2009

IT'S NOT A SALVATION ISSUE

Anytime I make a decision that something is "not a salvation issue," I have made a major decision. I have decided that it doesn't really matter what is believed or practiced about whatever the issue might be. I have put it down on the level of human choice and preference. In essence, I have decided that either God has not spoken on the matter or that what God has said is not applicable today.

Are there things that are "not a salvation issue?" Of course. What time should we meet on the Lord's day? How much parking should we provide? Which qualified teacher will teach an adult class? What method of teaching ought we to use in our nursery class? The list could go on and on.

However, not all "salvation issues" are identified as such. A man is commanded to love his wife and his wife is commanded to respect her husband—is that a salvation issue? Children are commanded to obey their parents—is that a salvation issue? A deacon must hold the deep truths of the faith—how about this one? The Lord's Supper consists of unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine—is this a salvation issue? Baptism in the first century was by immersion—how about this?

The temptation to move something into the "non-salvation issue status" is a way to promote unity amidst diversity. The "saved by faith only" doctrine has moved many things into the "not a salvation issue" category. The denominational approach to Christianity has done the same. It has sought to refine Christianity down to a few absolute points (perhaps three?)—love God, your neighbor, and accept Jesus as your personal savior. Some have reduced it to two—Love God and your neighbor. And some have reduced it to believing in some sort of supreme being.

There may be something that I am not sure about, but the best way for me to go is to treat it as a salvation issue for myself and live it that way. There are a lot of things that are being labeled "our tradition," thus placing them in the "not a salvation issue" category. Congregational acappella singing. Sunday observance of the Lord's Supper. Women in male leadership roles. Attendance at services. Where do we stop? When someone tells me that something is not a salvation issue, I need to treat their conclusion with respect. However, you and I both must live by His word, and not look for loopholes." —Bill Keele

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

PLANNED SERMON TOPICS

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

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

MAY 24 A.M. "Christianity—Black & White"
P.M. "Miracles and Providence"

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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

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YOUTH

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Cimmarron Davis * * * Carolyn Herring

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, biopsies showed negative for malignant cells. He will be taking thyroid medication.

Melissa Ishmon was released from JPS, on Tue, Apr 28 and she is under hospice care at home.

Margarette Lord is in AMH. She is scheduled to have surgery on Mon, May 4. She will have a portion of her colon removed.

Virginia Rose is in AMH, room #4120. She has lower back pain. Test result is pending.

Shasta Hewitt, niece of Claudette Smith, had 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

Carol Perkins, sister of **Dorlis White**, died Sun Apr 26. Funeral was on Thur, Apr 30, at Pleasant Hill Church of Christ, Edmonton, TX.

Evelyn Christine Cheek, mother of **Richard Cheek**, died on Sun, Apr 26. Funeral was on Wed, Apr 29, at Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Home, Ft. Worth, TX.

Rinette Ross, wife of **Chuck Ross**, cousin of **Becki Connel**, was killed in an auto accident on Wed, Apr 29, Oklahoma.

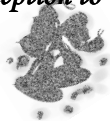
Wedding Announcement

Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Stapleton request your presence at the marriage of their daughter,

Lisa Lynn
to

James J. Hendrix,

Sat, Jun 20, at 2:00 pm at Grapevine church of Christ. Cake Reception to Follow.



TODAY'S EVENTS

Chapp's Outing
following morning services.

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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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Congregational Singing
at 5:30 pm.

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2010 Mission Trip Meeting & Sandwich Supper
following evening services.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, May 4

Guy's Night Out
Meet at the Parks Mall 6:00 pm.
Contact Kevin Crum for more info.

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Sat, May 9
Youth: The Amazing Race!
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
at the Crum's home.

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Tue, May 12
Road Runners Meeting
6:00 pm. in the Family Center.
"Mexican Fiesta"

Contact Oma Griffith for more info

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Sun, May 17
2009 HS Graduation Recognition

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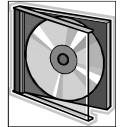
Teacher Training Workshop
at 6:00 pm
Adult classroom III, Education Wing.

Reminder!!!

*Mother's Day, May 10th
&
*No Brother Keepers Meeting in May

**COMING SOON !!!!
A Job Board**

NYA Worship Services



Free CD's & DVD's are available upon request.

- ✓ **The office staff will notify Jon Criswell with the total number requested.**
- ✓ **Upon receipt, the office staff will process.**
- ✓ **CD's & DVD's will be placed on the table located at the north side of the lobby in front of the Administrative Assistant's office.**

Call office (817) 465-6500 or email nyachurchofhrist@sbcglobal.net.

A Thank You Note

I would like to thank all the ladies and gentlemen, that helped in furnishing food for the families of the bereaved. It has meant so much to each one of them. Also, many thanks to LaTisha Haney and Dorlis White for allowing us to attend the services for Earle by cleaning up the Family Center and kitchen. God Bless you all!
Oma Griffith

2009 GRADUATES



Courtney Templeton
Timberview High School
Jenny Gray
OK Christian University
BA in Education
Summa cum laude

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Danny Hammonds
UTA
BA in Nursing

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Marisol Kaag
UTA
BA in Education

YOUTH & PARENTS

I hope everyone is having an awesome week!! God is so good. He blesses us with so much. I hope we always remember where all good things come from. If our earthly Fathers' know how to give good gifts to their children, how much more will God take care of us and bless us? Praise God for everything!!

For those in 7th -12th grade wanting to go to Camp Deer Run, it is now full. For those in 3rd - 6th grade wanting to go to Camp Petti John, it still has room. Please sign up quickly because it will also fill up.

Our next big event is **VBS**. July 12th - 16th Please sign up on the Youth Board

We have a lot of things coming up! So please Mark Your Calendars.

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

Work Camp is June 7th- 10th. Deadline to sign up and pay for Work Camp is **TODAY**. Please Pay Brandon \$30.

EVENTS

Chapp's Today After Morning Worship Service.

Chimala Dinner Tonight 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 9th. 5 pm-9 pm: drop off and pick up at the 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,

How wonderful to see Bill and Cyndi pull up in the driveway at Chimala on Monday, April 27th. We were very glad to see them, knowing that their return was a positive answer to our prayers.

The Friday before, April 24, Chris, Tam, and I taught lessons during a Friendship Seminar in Mbeya. Mbeya is the government center for the Mbeya Region and has over 200,000 people. We met at the building belonging to the Forest congregation. Preachers from the Mbeya area were present along with their wives. Tam taught the women in the large classroom. Tam took Mama Betty and Mama Thomas to help answer questions, in case Tam had any trouble with her Swahili. Tam is quite proficient in Swahili. Chris and I taught in the main auditorium. I spoke on the Christ-Centered Home and Chris spoke on the role of a preacher in today's church. Mennard was our interpreter.

The seminar was a two-day event, but we could only attend one day due to the price of diesel fuel. The women numbered about 15 and the men numbered about the same. Because a large number of preachers and members have jobs and are unable to attend on Fridays, the attendance on Saturday was expected to be higher.

I am looking forward to being back in the States in just a couple of weeks. I appreciate so much your continuing love, support, and prayers while I am gone.

In His service,
Randy Gray

Sermon Notes/Scriptures:

New York Avenue Church of Christ

Our Record: Apr 26 & Apr 29, 2009

Membership	353
Families	219
All Individuals	467
Bible Class	181
Morning Worship	287
Morning Worship Visitors	15
Afternoon Worship	BK 162
Bible Hour	N/A
Wednesday - Apr 29	138
Contribution	6,672.00
Family Care	20.00
Bible Fund	13.26
Total	\$6,705.26

Wednesday Night May 6, 2009 7:00 pm

Announcements	Andy Bennett
Song Leader	Joe Bob Brown
Opening Prayer	John Gossett
Devotional	Charles Willingham
Closing Prayer	Joe Toye
Operate Sound	Kurt Litke

Sun AM/PM May 10, 2009 Worship Service

A.M. Welcome	Bill Keele
A.M. Song Leader	Jon Criswell
A. M. Prayer	John Gossett
A.M. Scripture	Jeffrey Davis
A.M. Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Gragg
A.M. Sermon	Bill Keele
A.M. P.M. Announcements	Chris Bennett
A.M. Closing Prayer	Chris Bennett
P.M. Song Leader	Joe Toye
P.M. Prayer	Kevin Crum
P.M. Scripture	Myles Louis
P. M. Sermon	Bill Keele
P.M. Closing Prayer	Stan Hudson

Order of Worship Services

May 3, 2009

Morning Worship Service 10 AM



Welcome

Song Leader

"Great Are You Lord" All verses
 "Seek Ye First" All verses

Prayer

"Yield Not to Temptation" Verses 1 & 3
 "It Is Well With My Soul" Verses 1, 3, & 4

Scripture TBA by the Reader

Lord's Supper

Contribution

"All the Way My Savior" All verses 22

Shepherd's Prayer

Sermon "The First Fruits"

Invitation Song

"All Things Are Ready" Verses 1, 2, & 4 23

Announcements

"God Be With You" Verse 1 170

Closing Prayer

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

Song Leader

Prayer

Scripture James 5:13-20

Sermon "JAMES-PART THREE"

Closing Prayer

Joe Bob Brown

Archie Crowe

Christopher Jones

Bill Keele

Roy Kenton

MAY 2009 Schedule

Lord's Supper: J. McCormick, D. Martin, R. Medina, A. Muller,
 D. Oberholzer, K. Porter, R. Ramage, C. Redman,
 T. Shirley

Ushers: B. Clark, R. Kenton

Sound : am/pm Jon Criswell

Lock the Bldg: Tommy Stinson

Bible Hr: Rick & Vicki Spelce

Nursery: May 03 Primary: Rochelle Porter

Back-up: Marisol Kaag

May 10 Primary: Jennifer Gray, Maleah Kenton

Back-up: Leslie McCormick

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, Robert Connel, 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**).