

NEW YORK AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Climb Higher!



By God's grace,
we shall

MAY 24, 2009

AM I MISSING OUT?

It is not unusual to have friends who attend "Spirit-Filled Churches." They speak about how the Holy Spirit guides their life and some tell of experiences with miracles. Some talk about speaking in tongues and having such uplifting services that they feel the presence of God. Some even have periods of healing with people being overwhelmed by the Spirit so that they fall to the floor.

Some have described Time in this way. The Old Testament was the age of the Father. The first part of the first century was the age of Jesus—when he was on earth. Since then, we have been in the age of the Holy Spirit. One popular Telecast program uses the phrase, "Expect a Miracle!"

The inward moving of the Holy Spirit began to be a popular doctrine when John Calvin taught his doctrine of Original Sin. He taught that, because of Adam's sin, humanity is spiritually helpless—unable to do anything or respond in any way that has any bearing on salvation. As a result, some help had to come from somewhere. So, he taught that the Holy Spirit saves some and doesn't save others. This doctrine has been modified . . . some. Today, it is commonly taught that the Holy Spirit must still act upon a person and enable a person to believe. Learning God's word alone is not enough. The Holy Spirit must empower belief. Once empowered, all the person is to do is to accept salvation. At that point, the Holy Spirit keeps the person saved. Here is a most important point: Evidence of salvation is an experience or inner conviction of being saved. Salvation is not confirmed by comparing what one has done with the Bible, but by feeling saved.

It is no wonder, then, that churches who teach this doctrine seek to keep people feeling saved and to help get others to feel saved. The greater the experience and feeling, the more evidence of salvation. Since nothing one does can have a bearing on salvation, the only thing left to verify salvation is feeling.

At the New York Avenue church of Christ, we want you to feel saved. We believe and teach that the feeling of salvation comes when we have done what God has asked us to do to be saved. On the day of Pentecost, those who repented and were baptized for the remission of their sins could feel saved because they were. Many of those who rejected the message probably still felt saved—even though they were lost. When we do what God asks, we can know we are saved. Walking in grace is walking in the Word. —Bill Keele

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

PLANNED SERMON

JUN 7 A.M. "The Edited Version of Life"
P.M. "The Holy Spirit-The Gospels"

MAY 31 A.M. Guest—Ed Wharton
P.M. "Inside Out"

JUN 14 A.M. "Would You Go To Jerusalem"
P.M. "Holy Spirit Series-The Epistles"

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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

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YOUTH

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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

Margarette Lord was released from the hospital on Sat, May 16. She is at home recuperating.

Virginia Rose remains in AMH, room #1313. The family is requesting no phone calls nor visits at this time.

Dwight Wacaster, Sr. remains in Baylor Hospital, room #1018. He is diagnosed with congestive heart failure.

Annaka Earles, grand daughter of **Robert and Lanette Ramage** had tubes placed in her ears.

Reminder!!!

- √ No Brothers Keeper Meetings in May
- √ The Office will be closed on Mon, May 25, Memorial Day Observance



DO YOU HAVE A PAIR OF SCISSORS?

Your help is needed on Wed, Jun 10, at 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

We are requesting you to cut fabric in the Family Center to make robes for **VBS**.

No sewing required!

Pattern only requires :

- *straight sides
- *a hole for the neck
- *a long belt to tie the waist.

Questions or comments, call Kay Keele at (817) 472-5188 or email: gkkeelee@hotmail.com

TODAY'S EVENTS

Congregational Singing
at 5:30 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat, May 30

KFC Movie Outing

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Sun, May 31

Youth Devo

following evening services at the home of Clay & Lisa Starr.

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Sat, Jun 6

Men's Breakfast at 7:00 am in the Family Center. Contact Kevin Crum for more info.

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Tue, Jun 9

Road Runners Meeting

at 6:00 pm in the Family Center. Contact Oma Griffith for more info.

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Sun, Jun 14

New Members Luncheon

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Bible Hour Meeting

at 5:00 pm in the parlor.

Teachers and members that are interested in helping. Contact Angie Martin for more info.

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Sun, Jun 28

Potluck Luncheon

Chimala Mission Team 2010 Fundraiser following morning worship service. Contact Teresa Stinson for more info.



Vacation

Bible

School

at **NYA**

SUN JULY 12 - THU JUL 16

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

"TRAVELING BACK IN TIME"

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and strangers.

Thank You Notes

NYA Family,
Thank you for the cards, telephone calls and especially your prayers. I appreciate and love each one of you.

Wayne Tucker

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New York Ave,
Just a note to say thank you for the cards, prayers, flowers, and phone calls. I appreciate so much all that you have done.

Dorlis White and the family of Carol Perkins

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Thank you for all the prayers and concerns for Shasta Hewitt after her surgery. She is home and doing well. Thanks again,
Shasta Hewitt and Claudette Smith

BABY SHOWER

For

Amber Guynes

Sat, Jun 20th

at the home of Jenny Crum. Please sign up if you are interested in being a hostess on the main lobby bulletin board.



New Members' Luncheon

Sun, Jun 14
in the Family Center
following morning services.

All members are asked to bring a covered dish except for the new members. All visitors are invited to attend and eat with us!

Contact Alice Kenton for more info.



YOUTH & PARENTS

Good morning! EIGHT DAYS OF SCHOOL LEFT!!! Isn't that exciting? I know many of our youth have been so busy with school activities and they deserve a break. We look forward to spending a lot of time together over the summer.

Drug/Alcohol Education class: Next week is the last class. We would like to extend an invite to all parents. David Rhodes has covered some great information and even if you have not been to one before, you still have the opportunity to learn a great deal from his training and experience.

Upcoming Events:

KFC: 10am on Saturday May 30th, meet at the Parks in Arlington movie theater to watch the movie UP! Bring \$5 for the movie and parents are welcome to join us. Stay and eat lunch in the food court afterward if you like.

Devo: May 31st after evening services at the Starr's Casa.

Work Camp: June 7th – 10th. We need ladders! Anyone who would be willing to allow us to borrow a ladder please bring it up to the building on or before May 27th. We will put your name on the ladder to guarantee the return of your ladder. For questions, contact Danny or Brandon.

Youth Retreat: June 28th – 30th, at Lake Murray State Park in Ardmore Oklahoma.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our events!

As we prepare for the summer, please keep all of our activities and participants in your prayers. And parents, please remember that we hope that not having a ride to an activity is ever a reason for not attending. There are 4 of us that can come pick up your child for any event.

Danny Hammonds

HABARI ZA CHIMALA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have not sent a container of supplies to Chimala for many years. These metal containers are 40 feet long- or about the size of a semi-trailer's load. The reason that we have gone so long without shipping a container is very simply the cost.

The last container cost \$ 20,000.00 to ship to Chimala. That container was caught up in additional red tape because of problems with the shipping company. The red tape resulted in a delayed shipment and additional expenses. As result of the large amount of money required for payment, we decided to not ship a container to Tanzania for a while. Other financial needs arose for the mission and shipping a container was postponed several times.

We were relieved to learn that the US Defense Department has a program that sends humanitarian aid to countries all over the world. Because the government pays the cost, there are rigid guidelines about what can and cannot be shipped. During the application process, we were informed there was a back log of at least 11 months before we could receive a container to fill and ship. Once the container is filled, the time for transit will be three or more months. The timeline provided by the Defense Department means a shipment would not reach Chimala until at least July of 2010.

Now, the warehouse behind our church building is overflowing and supplies at Chimala have been completely used up. We need to send a container, especially with secondary school scheduled to open in January 2010.

As a result, we have sent out a plea for funds to ship a 40-foot container of the supplies that are most needed as soon as possible. We are continuing to process our application with the Department of Defense for the next shipment. While this situation is frustrating, we know that God can work in all of this to bring out what is best. We ask for your continued patience and your assistance in raising the funds to get these supplies to where they can be used for God's glory.

In His service,

Randy Gray



**2010
Chimala Mission
Team News
From Teresa Stinson**

We have more interested teens and adults wanting to join the 2010 mission team and we plan to introduce you to the team at the first luncheon. We hope you will help support the team by participating in events to help raise the needed funds to make this wonderful service opportunity possible. We will be planning events that should be of interest to many.

Events planned for June 2009—

June 20th—(Father's Day Weekend)

Pancake Breakfast & Car Wash (8:30 to 12:00)

The Pancake Breakfast will be \$5.00 per person.

The Car Wash will accept donations for services rendered.

The public is always welcome so invite your family and friends to come and support the 2010 Chimala Mission team.

June 28th—Kick Off Potluck Luncheon -After morning services

We encourage everyone to bring your favorite "potluck" dishes and join us for lunch. Donations will be accepted and placed in a fund to help support our 2010 team members. Don't forget the desserts!!!



Order of Worship Services
May 24, 2009
Morning Worship Service 10 AM

New York Avenue church of Christ
Our Record: May 17 & May 20, 2009

Membership	358
Families	223
All Individuals	475
Bible Class	175
Morning Worship	296
Morning Worship Visitors	8
Afternoon Worship	174
Bible Hour	27
Wednesday - May 20	127
Contribution	7979.00
Family Care	
Bible Fund	14.15
Total	\$7,993.15

Wednesday Night May 27, 2009 7:00 pm

Announcements	Mike Blake
Song Leader	Ben Eden
Opening Prayer	Danny Hammonds
Devotional	Mike Blake
Closing Prayer	Larry Binion
Operate Audio	Chris Redman

Sun AM/PM May 31, 2009 Worship Service

Welcome	Bill Keele
A.M. Song Leader	Chris Parker
A.M. Opening Prayer	Brandon Kaag
A.M. Scripture Reader	Scott Guynes
A.M. Shepherd's Prayer	Charles Hervey
Sermon	Ed Wharton
A.M.P.M. Announcements	Archie Crowe
A.M. Closing Prayer	Archie Crowe
P.M. Song Leader	Mike Blake
P.M. Opening Prayer	Robert Medina
P.M. Scripture Reader	Nicholas Spelce
P.M. Sermon	Bill Keele
P.M. Closing Prayer	Craig Minkner

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.

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, Luke Shook, and Wallace Webb.

Sick & Other: Bill Arnold, Elton Arnold, Robert Connel, Victor Crenshaw, Curtis Griffin, Ozelle Haggard, Roselyn Heebner, Harold Henson, Glyn Hodges, 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), 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), Buddy King (**Glyn Hodge's** nephew), Jasper Matthews, II (**Cimmarron Davis's** cousin), Zachary Scott (**Denver & Jean Blackman's** grandson), Brandy Smith (Pam Logsdon's daughter), 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**).

Welcome		Bill Keele
Song Leader		Jon Criswell
"Soldiers of Christ Arise"	All verses	585
"Stand Up For Jesus"	Verses 1, 2, & 4	595
Prayer		Don Oberholzer
"Hallelujah Praise Jehovah"	All verses	200
"I Am Mine No More"	Verses 1, 2, 3, & 1	924
Scripture To Be Announced by Reader		Ben Eden
Lord's Supper		
Contribution		
"Onward Christian Soldiers"	All verses	522
Shepherd's Prayer		Chris Parker
Sermon "Christianity in Black and White"		Bill Keele
Invitation Song		
"All Things Are Ready"	Verses 1, 2, & 4	23
Announcements		Seth Bullington
"Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims"	Verses 1, 3	247
Closing Prayer		Seth Bullington
~ ~ ~ Sunday Evening Services 6:00 PM ~ ~ ~		

Song Leader		Chris Parker
Prayer		Ben Eden
Scripture	<u>I Peter 3:13-22</u>	Aaron Minkner
Sermon "Miracles and Providence"		Bill Keele
Closing Prayer		Nathan Hervey

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 Kurt Litke, May 24 am/pm Chris Redman
Lock the Bldg:	Don Oberholzer
Bible Hr:	Rick & Vicki Spelce
Nursery:	May 24 Primary: Marisol Kaag Back-up: Dianne Chance, Chloe Louis
	May 31 Primary: Leslie McCormick Back-up: Lisa Starr, Roselyn Jones