



NEW YORK AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Climb Higher!

By God's grace,
we shall

MAY 31, 2009

“SOME TO BE PASTORS AND TEACHERS”

Several years ago, I got a book on church leadership that made a big impression on me. It was based on the NIV and one major function of church leaders. One part that caught my attention was the NIV rendering of Ephesians 4:12, when it translated this function as “to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” So, I thought, Ephesians 4:11 means that God has given apostles and prophets (temporary) and evangelists, pastors (elders), and Bible teachers (permanent) to prepare Christians for ministry.

However, the book said that the phrase, “pastors and teachers” were referring to the same men—pastors who teach! This was new to me, so I did some serious research on Ephesians 4:11-13. The book was right—the grammar of the original language indicated that “pastors” are the “teachers” of Ephesians 4:11. I studied further on this same thought. This was affirmed in 1 Timothy 3:2, “able to teach.” Titus 1:9 goes into more detail, when Paul writes, “He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it”—teach the truth and teach against error!

I was curious. What does “able to teach” mean? This particular word is only found twice in the New Testament. Thayer says it means “apt and skillful in teaching.” The same word is applied to the evangelist in 2 Timothy 2:24. I don't know of many churches who would hire a preacher who was not a “skilled teacher.” Yet, how many churches have appointed men to serve as elders who don't teach in the church context at all? Elders are shepherds in a flock context in the same way that an evangelist works in a flock context.

Christian men—do you consider it an obligation to learn to teach? Do you consider it a normal and natural part of your spiritual growth? Do you consider increasing your teaching skill a personal spiritual goal? Now I ask the question in light of the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20 NIV, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” This command was given to the apostles, but note their task, “teaching *them* to obey everything I have commanded you.” So, we are all to teach, but elders are to be skilled teachers. I thank God that all of our elders are teachers. Yet, we always need more men preparing themselves to become “pastors who teach. What about you?” —Bill Keele

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

PLANNED SERMONS

JUN 14 A.M. “Would You Go To Jerusalem”
P.M. “Holy Spirit Series—Acts ”

JUN 7 A.M. “The Edited Version of Life”
P.M. “The Holy Spirit—Gospels”

JUN 21 A.M. “Hands that Build the Castle”
P.M. “Holy Spirit Series—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

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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

Edna Earle Smith was released from AMH on Thur, May 28. She had chest pains and problems with diabetes. She will be undergoing further tests.

Neita Horton, sister of **Dianne Chance**, is in MCA, room # 215A. She had an arteiogram on Thur, May 28.

SYMPATHY

Our sister in Christ, **Virginia Rose**, died on Fri, May 22. Visitation is scheduled for Mon, Jun 1, from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. The funeral is Tue, Jun 2 at 1:00 pm. at Arlington Funeral Home. She is preceded in death by her husband, **Earl Rose**.

Mitchell Short, age 2, nephew of **Doug and Tanya Short**, died on Tue, May 26 in GA. Funeral arrangements pending.

Welcome New Members

David & Stephany Birdow
Katelyn, daughter



**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.



Wedding Announcement

Henry & Pamela Cooper invites everyone to the wedding of their daughter, **Bridget to Breon Tyson** on Sat, Jun 6 at 5:00 pm. church of Christ at Freetown Road. Followed by the Reception. Announcement on the main lobby bulletin board.

Gospel Tent Meeting

West Mansfield church of Christ
Jun 7-12, '09 7:30 pm nightly.
Flyer on the main lobby bulletin board.

TODAY'S EVENTS

2010 Chimala Team Meeting
at 4:00 pm. See page 3 for details.

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Congregational Singing
at 5:30 pm.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat, Jun 6
Men's Breakfast
at 7:00 am in the Family Center.

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Tue, Jun 9
Road Runners Meeting
at 6:00 pm in the Family Center.
Please sign up on the Road Runners
bulletin board for dish to bring.

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Sun, Jun 14
New Members Luncheon
following morning services.

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Bible Hour Meeting
at 5:00 pm in the parlor.
Teachers and members that are
interested in helping are invited.

Sun, Jun 7
Promotion Day
School Age Children's Classes

It's A Boy! Congratulations!
Tommy & Amy Boykin
are the proud parents of
Cody Thomas Boykin.
He was born on Fri, May 22.
He weighed 7 lbs, 19 3/4 inches long.

A Note of Appreciation
To my Christian Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers,
thoughts, phone calls and cards during my
recent bout with cancer. The doctors tell me
that my body is now clear of cancer and you
had an important part in it. We love you and
think of you often.
Gerald and Carolyn Cleveland,
parents of Lori Rhodes

New York Avenue church of Christ
Celebrates .. June 2009



Birthdays

- 01 Nancy Binion
- 01 Roselyn Heebner
- 02 Irless Jordan
- 04 Jamie Henson
- 04 Gene Smith
- 09 Alex Muller
- 10 Breanna Quade
- 11 Bill Arnold
- 11 Anna Hammonds
- 12 Charles Hervey
- 13 Paige Criswell
- 13 Dominga Rodriguez
- 16 Jessica Wheeler
- 17 June Pannell
- 18 Becky Cretsinger
- 18 Cherrylyn Shirley
- 21 Gabriel Jurado
- 22 Dwayne Ford, Jr.
- 22 Harry Lawing
- 23 Denver Blackman
- 23 Dianne Crowe
- 23 Paul Stinson
- 24 Margie Jordan
- 25 June Newhouse
- 26 Brandon Kaag
- 26 Shenethia Mabry
- 26 Chris Martin
- 26 Jimmy Goodwin
- 28 Leonie Jones
- 28 Ricky Montgomery
- 29 Ryan Dawson



ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 JB & Jean Anderson
- 03 David & Stephany Birdow
- 05 Jesse & Juanita Blackman
- 06 David & Shari Joel
- 07 Doug & Lydia Christian
- 07 John & Viola Gossett
- 07 Parker & Debbie Repp
- 07 Steven & Monique Robinson
- 08 Stan & Sherrie Hudson
- 11 Tommy & Janet Rudzewicz
- 13 Norman & Donna Thompson
- 15 Craig & Michelle Minkner
- 15 Bill & Cyndi Stinson
- 17 Denver & Jean Blackman
- 17 Billy & Crystal Wilson
- 18 Jacob & Victoria Crowder
- 18 Charles & Jennifer Johnson
- 23 Spencer & Sheila Huni
- 24 Chris & Angela Redman
- 25 Chris & Angie Martin
- 29 Chris & Charlene Parker
- 30 Joe & Leslie McCormick

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

Good Morning!

Some of you are already done with school while this upcoming week is the last week for the rest of you!! Summer is officially here! This morning was the last Drug and Alcohol Education class taught by David Rhodes. It was very informative and we can't thank David enough for teaching. Next Sunday, Scott Guynes will start teaching the Sunday morning youth class.

Our summer will definitely be packed with fun activities. Please notice below that tonight we have a devo at the Starr's house as well as a youth retreat meeting after this morning's worship. We would love for all parents to attend this meeting so we can help boost our attendance for this retreat. Our goal is 100% attendance.

VBS is also in the works. Today we are 6 weeks out from the start of VBS and we **still need many volunteers**. Please see Anna or Marisol if you are willing to help in ANY way. There are many different roles covering a range of different talents, so I know there's something in it for you! You also don't necessarily need to be present during all of the VBS for some of the roles in order to help out. Again, VBS is July 12-16.

Here are some upcoming events:

Devo: Tonight at the Starr's casa. We will return to the building at 9:00 pm.

Work Camp: June 7th - 10th.

Youth Retreat: June 28th - 30th: Lake Murray State Park, Ardmore, OK. **Information Meeting: TODAY** Theme "Unity"
Wed, June 17th **Deadline** to sign up and pay \$30. per teen. More details to come.

Danny

HABARI ZA CHIMALA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The first summer visitors have already arrived in Chimala. In this first wave are seven students from the Harding University School of Nursing. Harding students have been coming to the mission in the summer for over 10 years, bringing with them footlockers full of medical supplies valued at about \$10,000 a year. While at Chimala, the students will complete their obstetrics clinical rotation. They will assist with newborn assessments, work alongside the midwives delivering babies, and provide vitamins and immunization in the mother-baby clinic. Of course, the students do not come alone. Dr. Janice Bingham who served in Chimala during the 1990s and is now a faculty member at the School of Nursing is leading the group. Dr. Dean Paulsen, physician, is accompanying the group for the third year. Their presence on the mission guarantees a busy month at the hospital.

The Stinsons and the Raynors spend extra time and energy ensuring that the visitors to the mission are well cared for and have a positive experience. While everyone pitches in, Cyndi Stinson coordinates having the houses ready for the visitors down to such details as having clean sheets on the beds and safe drinking water in the refrigerator. She arranges for each group to have household help so that the visitors from the States can do the work they came to do. If asked, the missionaries will say that the effort is worth it. The missionaries know that people who visit Chimala have a new appreciation for missions and specifically, for the work at Chimala. Keep this group and others making plans to work at Chimala in your prayers.

In His service,
Randy Gray



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

IMPORTANT MEETING TODAY FOR TEAM MEMBERS!!!

All adult team members and the parents of those team members under 17 please plan to meet today at 4:00 pm to plan our summer fundraising events. These include and are not limited to—luncheons for June, July and August plus the Pancake Breakfast and Car Wash. We will also plan a Saturday morning Ladies Day Event in August. Bring your ideas for additional ways to raise the mission trip funds.

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 as there will not be a per person cost for this event. Don't forget the desserts!!!



**Order of Worship Services
May 31, 2009
Morning Worship Service 10 AM**

Welcome

Song Leader

“We Bow Down” All verses
“Into My Heart” All verses

Prayer

“Tis Midnight, and on Olive’s Brow” All verses
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Verses 1, 3, & 5

Scripture TBA

Lord’s Supper

Contribution

“More Love to Thee, O Christ” All verses 435

Shepherd’s Prayer

Sermon

Invitation Song

“What Will You Do with Jesus” All verses 739

Announcements

“My Country` Tis of Thee” All verses 803

Closing Prayer

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

Song Leader

Prayer

Scripture I Peter 3:13-22

Sermon “INSIDE OUT”

Closing Prayer

Bill Keele
Andy Bennett

Brandon Kaag
Scott Guynes

Charles Hervey
Ed Wharton

Archie Crowe
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Mike Blake
Robert Medina
Nicholas Spelce
Bill Keele
Craig Minkner

Membership	362
Families	224
All Individuals	480
Bible Class	145
Morning Worship	227
Morning Worship Visitors	12
Afternoon Worship	101
Bible Hour	n/a
Wednesday - May 27	144
Contribution	4,700.00
Family Care	n/a
Bible Fund	17.53
Total	\$4,717.53

Wednesday Night Jun 03, 2009 7:00 pm

Announcements	Rick Spelce
Song Leader	Nathan Hervey
Opening Prayer	Don Hammonds
Devotional	Joe Bob Brown
Closing Prayer	Mike Blake
Operate Audio	Jon Criswell

Sun AM/PM Jun 07, 2009 Worship Service

Welcome	Bill Keele
A.M. Song Leader	Chris Parker
A.M. Opening Prayer	Alex Muller
A.M. Scripture Reader	Nathan Hervey
A.M. Shepherd’s Prayer	Randy Gray
Sermon	Bill Keele
A.M.P.M. Announcements	Buddy Clark
A.M. Closing Prayer	Buddy Clark
P.M. Song Leader	Joe Toy
P.M. Opening Prayer	Don Oberholzer
P.M. Scripture Reader	Sam Eden
P.M. Sermon	Bill Keele
P.M. Closing Prayer	Wiley Collins

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 : May 31 am/pm Jon Criswell, Jun 07 am/pm Alex Garcia

Lock the Bldg: Don Oberholzer

Bible Hr: Rick & Vicki Spelce

Nursery: May 31 Primary: Leslie McCormick
Back-up: Lisa Starr, Roselyn Jones

Jun 07 Primary: Donna Bassham, La Rae Shirley
Back-up: Janell Johnson

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**).