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ASSEMBLIES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday Morning
Bible Study:
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning
Worship:
10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening
Worship:
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study:
7:00 p.m.

Bible Study at other
times by appointment

The Two Who Never Gave Up **Joel Stephen Williams**

A woman fell on the stone stairway of the police station in Boston and was severely injured. She was taken to the hospital and examined by a doctor who said to the nurse: "She will not live more than a day." After the nurse had attended to her for a few hours, the woman told her story.:

I have traveled from California, stopping at every city of importance between San Francisco and Boston, visiting two places always--the police station and the hospital. My boy went away from me and did not tell me where he was going, so I have sold all my property and made this journey to seek him out. Some day he may come into this hospital and if he does, tell him that there were two who never gave him up.

Evening came and the doctor told the nurse: "It is now but a question of minutes." The nurse bent over and said: "Tell me the names of the two and I will tell your son if I see him." With tears in her eyes she replied: "Tell him that the two were God and his mother." Moments later, she died.

Human analogies are limited in their usefulness to explain God. If we compare God to a father or a mother, those analogies may not work well for someone who had a bad father or mother. In other cases human analogies are highly useful. Imagine the great seeking love of that mother who traveled the length of the country to try to find her son. Think of the shepherd who goes out in search of the one lost sheep (Lk. 15:4-7). Think of the hen who gathers her brood under her wings (Mt. 23:37). Think of the father who watches daily for the return of a wayward son (Lk. 15:11-32). Think of the husband who takes his unfaithful wife back into his home (Hosea). Truly the seeking, searching love of God is beyond measure: "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:39).



Welcome

Welcome to worship! The book of James tells us that “Abraham believed God’ ...and he was called the friend of God.” (James 2:23). It is our desire that all of us know friendship with God. Let our friendship become a reality here and now. Not only friendship with God but with one another. “Blest be the tie that binds...”

Please take the time to fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering tray at the appropriate time.

Please remember to silence all pagers and cell phones during worship.

There is an attended nursery for ages 2 and under and Bible classes offered for ages 3 thru 4th grade during the lesson.

To our members: Please take the time to fill out an Event Card and place it in the offering tray. We would like a record of how often we, as a congregation, have reached out to our brethren each week. Thank you.

-The Elders

The Watering Hole



Gospel Minutes

Shall We Surrender This Plea?

Upon The Rock
Important Questions

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Greeting the Assembly: Joe Wolf
Song Service led by: Jay Allison

162-All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

959-Just A Little Talk with Jesus

Prayer: Jim Watters

68- Give Thanks

Contribution

354- I Gave My Life for Thee

The Lord’s Supper

1st Prayer- Barry King

2nd Prayer- Gary Johnson

103- He Has Made Me Glad

(Children 3 years-4th grade dismissed to classes)

15- Step by Step

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 16:1-2

Jim Harrison

Congregation: Psalms 118:24

*“This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it!”*

Lesson: Gary Meeker

932-O Heart Bowed Down with Sorrow

Announcements: Gary Meeker

768- Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

Prayer: Joe Wolf

Sunday Morning Sermon: Getting More Out Of The Contribution

Text: 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

1) Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. 2) On the first day of the week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

I. The Contribution In Our Assemblies

A. The early church cared for one another

B. A weekly collection was instituted

C. The use of funds collected

II. Getting More Out Of Our Contribution

A. Understand the grace of giving

B. Learn the blessedness of giving

C. Experience the joy of giving

Sunday Evening Sermon: Lessons From Malachi – Part 1

I. “In What Way Have You Loved Us?”

- A. They could not see or comprehend God’s love
- B. Many today are ungrateful

II. “In What Way Have We Despised Your Name?”

- A. The priests polluted the alter with their attitudes and actions
- B. God reminded them that a son honors his father
- C. Many despise God today

III. “In What Way Have We Defiled You?”

- A. Defiled food on the alter
- B Specific accusations
- C. We are to give of our best

IV. “Oh, What A Weariness...”

- A. They found worship a wearisome burden
- B. Making an application
- C. How can we make our worship more enjoyable?



Those in Need of Prayer:

Ethan Carpenter's dad, **Kent**, continues to recover at Methodist Hospital.

Jim Hodges is at home recovering from knee surgery.

Della Stalcup is home now.

Catherine Garmon is at St. John's Hospital, room 321.

Prayers have been requested for **Arlene Biby** who is suffering from a severe ear infection. She is a friend of the "Hickory Knoll Girls". (Rosemary, Ufie, Betty M.)

Katie Wade is experiencing problems with her gall bladder and possibly had surgery last Friday.

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Bill Beck, Ron Johnson, Jerry Johnston, Dennis Keener, Don & Debbie Archer, Debbie Bair, Wayne & Wilda Bryan, Della Stalcup, Harriet Hobbs, Jean & Jerry Weir, Jean Kendall, Luther Hodges, Lois Montgomery, Mary Anne Watters

OUR HOMEBOUND: Bessie Coppock, Mattye Gum, Laura Oliver, Laverne Toombs, Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Robbie Dickerson, Garnet McKinney, Becky Adkins, Chalus Masters

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

Community Northview: Margie Tompkins

Primrose: Charlie Callendar

Manor Care: Selbert & Jewell Braden

Summitville Convalescent Center: Lola Conner

Rawlins House, Pendleton: Betty Wunder

Community Parkview, Elwood: Albert Burton

Meadowbrook Rehab Center: Hubert Oliver, Anna Norris, LaTheda Hathcoat

Miller's Merry Manor, Chesterfield: Mary Janes, Gladys Sanders, Wendell Parson

Miller's Merry Manor, Middletown: Gladys Boles, Bob & Betty Hathcoat

OUR MISSION WORKERS: Jody Apple (PA), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)

Event Cards

Here are the totals for February:

Transportation: 35	Visit: 62
Encouragement: 65	Calls: 79
Benevolence: 28	Other: 9
Special Needs: 9	

GRAND TOTAL: 287

Keep up the great work for the Kingdom!

Attention Parents of Kindergarteners

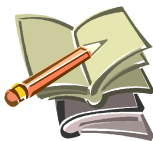
Kindergarten Round-Up/Registration
For Anderson Community Schools
2009-2010 School Year
April 22, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Administration Building (Wigwam)
1229 Lincoln St.

More information is posted on the
Community Bulletin Board.



Many of you donated towards the \$1,050.00 needed to purchase Bibles for the Shults-Lewis Children's Home. We are excited to announce that your contributions totaled \$1,200.00!!! On behalf of the students at Shults-Lewis, Gerald Frump thanks every one of you for your outpouring of love to these kids.





Parenting Class

If you are interested in attending a parenting class, please let one of the Elders know in writing what day of the week & time is convenient for you.

Pantry Needs

We are almost out of shelf space in the pantry! If we can get the needed items brought in, we should be able to help feed the hungry in our community for a while!



Medicine Bottles

The Allen Parke Church of Christ in Michigan is collecting clean medicine and vitamin bottles with labels removed. Please place your old bottles in the box in the Family Room. These will be sent to the African Christian Hospital.

Still Available: Electric Clothes Dryer-FREE! See Jay & Shirley Allison if interested, or call 649-5607.

MARCH

Dates to Remember...

Mar. 15 Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

Mar. 17 Ladies Lunch

Mar. 29 Building Reserved



Happy Birthday to:

Gladys Allison.....Mar. 9
Jama Sottong.....Mar. 11
Ron Johnson.....Mar. 12
Betty Wunder.....Mar. 14

Happy Anniversary to:

Ed & Debbie Boles.....TODAY!

Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

Mark your calendar for March 15 for the pitch-in immediately following the evening worship service. March's theme is: Soup & Sandwiches!



Ladies Lunch



Who: all women of the congregation
Where: Ponderosa Steakhouse
When: Tuesday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m.

Sign up to attend!

YOUTH

Jesus is the Light, Life, Word
LTC is just 5 weeks away!

Monthly Devotionals

There are sign-up sheets on the Youth Bulletin board for monthly devotionals for both age groups (grades 3-6, 7-12). If you can open your home to our young people, please sign up. *Please don't make Ryan beg!*



Congratulations to Annie Lippman for receiving the South Madison Schools Character Trait Award in Citizenship! Annie was granted this award because she is hardworking, caring, displays a positive attitude, possesses a great smile and is intentionally kind to others.

APRIL

Spring Egg-stravaganza



The Shelton's & Alexander's will be hosting the Annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 pm. Please start brining in candy donations to fill the eggs. Ask your friends to come! Invites are available in the Family Room.

Upcoming Gospel Meeting

The Eagle Valley Church of Christ, Indianapolis, has invited the congregation to their Gospel Meeting, April 5-8. Information is posted on the Gospel Meetings, Lectureships and Seminars Bulletin Board.



Upon The Rock Lectureship



The Westside Church of Christ in Yorktown will be hosting the annual Upon The Rock Lectureship on April 18-19. More information is posted on the Gospel Meetings, Lectureships & Seminars Bulletin Board.

MAY



Together with their families
Valerie Amanda Moorer & Randal David Bates
Invite you to share with them the day they unite as Husband & Wife
Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 5:30 in the evening
Northside Church of Christ-2510 E. 10th St., Jeffersonville, IN
Dinner reception to follow

TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Florine Smith

MIDDLE: Ray Smith

NORTH: Dale Wiles

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER: Gary Johnson

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Charlotte Meeker

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Jim Harrison

OPENING PRAYER: Robert Allison, Sr.

LESSON: Gary Meeker

CLOSING PRAYER: Jay Allison

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- MARCH 15, 2009

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Angy Hughes

MIDDLE: Caleb & Jared Hughes

NORTH: James Hughes

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY: Bob Moorman

SONG LEADERS:

A.M. Jim Harrison **P.M.** Ryan Cox

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Ryan Cox

2ND PRAYER: Jay Allison

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Jim Watters

ALTERNATE: Josh Johnson

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: Barry King

A.M. CLOSING: James Hughes

P.M. OPENING: Jim Harrison

P.M. CLOSING: Norman Alexander

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Jama Sottong

WEDNESDAY EVENING- MARCH 11, 2009

SONG LEADER: Miles Gooding

DEVOTIONAL: Jim Harrison

CLOSING PRAYER: Ryan Cox

Goals & Achievements

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Sunday Bible Class	82
Sunday A.M. Worship	178
Sunday P.M. Worship	92
Wednesday Bible Class	101

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$3,716.78	\$3,146.78	(-\$570.00)

MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:

Nick Allison	Jim Kendall	Joe Wolf
David Archer	Millard Hogue	Colin Zachary

BAPTISMAL CLOTHING: Lois Gaw

COMMUNION: Mike & Becky Wade

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gary Meeker

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHER

Ages 3-5: Becky King & Heather Wolf

Grades K-4: Richard Shelton

SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK

Norman Alexander	378-6420
Robert Allison, Sr.	534-3569
Barry King	778-4624
Gary Meeker	778-2868

PREACHING MINISTER

Gary Meeker	778-2868
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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER

Ryan Cox	643-5152
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BENEVOLENCE, Dale Wiles	644-5387
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FELLOWSHIP, Gary Johnson	378-7179
FINANCES/BUDGET, Dan Smith	642-4819
HEAT/AIR SYSTEMS, Jim Hodges	649-5143
INVOLVEMENT, Jim Harrison	642-8668
MISSIONS, Jay Allison	649-5607
SAFETY SYSTEMS, Charles Buckner	642-6991
SUPPORT/SPECIAL SERVICES, Mark Gooding	724-9428
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