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Our Mission: We are followers of Christ, united for the purpose of spreading the "good news" to others through outreach, edification, benevolence and fellowship.

Our Vision: The East Allen County Church of Christ family will be known for its dedication toward spiritual growth and encouragement until Christ comes again.

CONTRIBUTION: \$2042.72
BUDGET: \$4198.00
YEAR TO DATE RESPONSES: 31
PLACED MEMBERSHIP: 2
YEAR TO DATE BAPTISMS: 6
WORSHIP A.M.: 144
WORSHIP P.M.: No Services Due to Weather
BIBLE STUDY: N/A



Communion Preparation For: January 10, 2010
Cary/Reece

East Allen Worship Schedule For January, 2010
Scripture Reading: Ron Hardy

Lord's Table Comments: B. Cains, J. Nichols, W. Smith, A. Reece
Communion Table: B. Hartz, A. Reece, M. Bulmer, B. Armstrong, Brad Martz, G. Davis
Sunday A.M. Opening Prayer: S. Wagoner, J. Cagnet, H. McKamey, R. Hudgins
Sunday A.M. Closing Prayer: B. Schepper, Denny Dempsey, B. Cains, B. McCurdy
Sunday P.M. Opening Prayer: R. Hudgins, L. Robrock, P. Michel, J. Nichols
Sunday P.M. Closing Prayer: B. McCurdy, H. McKamey, Brad Martz, S. Wagoner
Sunday A.M. & P.M.: M. Cary/Denny Dempsey
Wednesday Evening Prayer: R. Hudgins, S. Wagoner, W. Smith
Wednesday Evening Song Leader: P. Michel
Wednesday Evening Invitation: K. Tanner, E. Confer, P. Michel, E. Confer
Wednesday Evening Announcements: E. Confer

"MAY THE GLORY OF GOD FILL US, THE HOUSE OF GOD"
I KINGS 8:10

EAST ALLEN COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 3, 2010

CONFER'S COMMENTARY

David's Relevant Question

In the 42nd Psalm David asks in verse five, "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." Who among us has ever been discouraged? The answer is obvious. Simply wearing your humanity puts you at risk to becoming downcast. David was no different. Yet what is the alternative?

Once again the solution lies within Scripture. David began the psalm with this memorable word picture. "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?" His deep desire was the Lord. His tears served as food day and night. (Psalm 42:3) The community queried, "Where is your God?" When we descend into discouragement unbelievers rub salt into the wound. Those with whom you associate can help or hinder your recovery from the hurt of discouragement.

In verse eight David adds, "By day the Lord commands his steadfast love and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life." While David struggles through the valley of the downcast he feels "a deadly wound in my bones." The taunting continues that I already noted. But then in verse eleven a repetition falls from his pen. "Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." Discouragement does not mean perpetual pain. You can find your way out of this muddled mire. The Lord is the One to lead us through it. He is your salvation. He is your God. That does not change.

Scripture does not candy coat the human drama that unfolds with discouragement. David experienced being downcast. It was real. Rather than hide it from readers of the Bible his encounter is on permanent display. When you slide down this path pretending it does not matter or that there is something wrong with your faith provides little solace. Being open about discouragement is the best way to initiate the process of working through it. God is the One you need to approach. His strength, wisdom and comfort will empower you to pass through the period of discouragement.

Be sure you ignore the whispers from the enemy. Spend time with those who will encourage you. Lift up your voice in praise to God for the spiritual blessings you enjoy. Read and meditate upon "these things" that Paul discusses in Philippians 4:8. Discouragement can be overcome. God will walk with you every step of the journey. I believe that is David's spiritual thought for us. In view of the downcast experience the shepherd from Bethlehem directs us to the Lord. Your zest for all things spiritual makes the difference. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." (Matthew 5:6)



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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
Bible Study 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

MINISTERS

Everett Confer
Herchel McKamey

ELDERS

Jim Cagnet
Lynn Robrock
Wil Smith
Chuck Wiggins

DEACONS

Mike Cary~Finance
Jason Currie~Benevolence

BUILDING LOCKUP

Sam Wagoner

ELDER IN CHARGE

Chuck Wiggins

INVITATION

Chuck Wiggins

MISSIONS

Dale Turner

BUILDING & GROUNDS

John Geary
Ron Hardy
Matt Blair
Billy Cains
Aaron Muldoon

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Paul Michel
Ken Tanner

YOUTH

Adam Reece



NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

There have been no new prayers requests this week.

CONTINUED PRAYER REQUESTS

Claire Frame~Claire is due to be born in April. She has a heart defect that will require several surgeries starting with one as soon as she is born. Claire's parents and grandparents are good friends of the Confers.

THOSE WITH LONG TERM HEALTH ISSUES

Marsha Chapman~Cancer	Jimmy Farmer~Cancer	Dick Shenfield~Cancer
Noble Dinger	Ed Gardner~Cancer	Gary Shippy~Cancer
Charlotte Dye	Joann Pickett~Cancer	Teresa Tester~Rheumatoid Arthritis
Roger Eller	Linda Robrock~Pulmonary Hypertension	Ernest West~Cancer

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Dorothy Inman~Renaissance Village	Adlebert Schuster~Coventry Meadows
Bob Jones~Village of Heritage	Rex Surber~At Home
Hazel Price ~Woodview Healthcare	

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SERMONS ARE BEING TAPED SO IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES RESTLESS PLEASE TAKE THEM TO THE NURSERY. ~THE ELDERS~

GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE THE YEAR LONG

There are certain times of the year that we plan on giving-and that is good. But there are some gifts that we can give all year long-gifts that don't cost much financially, but gifts that are of great value nonetheless. Make plans to give:

THE GIFT OF PRAISE~Acknowledging someone else's qualities or just a job well done is always appropriate and appreciated. Make sure this is done right in front of their face and watch for the smile.

THE GIFT OF CONSIDERATION~Try putting yourself in the other fellow's shoes for a while. Make an effort to gain a genuine understanding of their side of the case. Let them know you understand and are truly concerned.

THE GIFT OF CONCESSION~Humble yourself and just at the right time be sure to say, "Sorry, you're right and I'm wrong."

THE GIFT OF GRATITUDE~Always remember to say, "Thank you very much" and never fail to mean it. People like to know that what they are doing is appreciated by others.

THE GIFT OF ATTENTION~When someone else speaks to you, listen attentively. If their words are directed to you personally, meet their eyes squarely. Undivided attention makes one feel important.

THE GIFT OF INSPIRATION~Do your best to plant seeds of courage and action in the hearts of others. Do what you can to encourage others. Help others to strive for greater accomplishment and lasting satisfaction.

THE GIFT OF YOUR PERSONAL PRESENCE~Few things equal the value of your shoulder~given in a hug, offered to cry on, used to move the arm to pat another's back, or just to bring the rest of your body into the presence of others. In times of trouble or joy, your presence makes the difference on other's lives.

These are the gifts that all of us can bestow throughout the year and the great thing is that we will all be the richer for giving them.

"AND REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS, THAT HE SAID, 'IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.' " (ACTS 20:35)

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Sermon Schedule

A.M. JOHN THE BAPTIST & JESUS

Luke 7:18-23

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P.M. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE

Luke 16:19-31

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A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

To be of greater service, Lord,
 A closer student of Thy Word;
 To help to bear a brother's load
 And cheer him on the heavenly road;
 To tell the lost of Jesus' love,
 And how to reach the home above;
 To trust in God whate'er befall,
 Be ready at the Master's call,
 For any task that He may give
 And thus through all the year to live
 For Him who gave Himself for me
 And taught me that my life should be
 A life unselfish, not self-willed,
 But with the Holy Spirit filled.

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Nursery Volunteer

Shannon Currie	Jan	3, 2010
Gerri McCracken	Jan	10, 2010
Teen Girls	Jan	17, 2010
Kathy Tanner	Jan	24, 2010

Sunday Cradle Roll:	Angela Wagoner
Wednesday Evening:	Deb Hart/Deb Cary



A NEW BROTHER: We are rejoicing with the Currie family. Taylor put Christ on in baptism on Friday, December 25th. His grandfather had the great honor of performing Taylor's baptism. Welcome to the family Taylor!



MISSION TRIP MEETING: There will be a Mission Meeting on Sunday, January 10th. The meeting will be held in Room #8 after the morning worship service. Any one who is interested in going on the mission trip should attend this meeting. The age requirement to go on a mission trip is that you must be at least 16 years old.



APPRECIATION: The family of the late Doris Pendergrast expresses their thanks for all of the prayers said on behalf of Doris. They also appreciated all of the cards, phone calls, visits and the planter that was sent.



BARNABAS MEETING: There will be a Barnabas meeting TODAY at 5:00 PM. We will be meeting in room #9. Anyone who is interested in this outreach ministry is welcomed and encouraged to come.



ELDERS/MINISTERS MEETING: Next Sunday, January 10th there will be an Elders and Ministers meeting which will begin at 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM respectively. The meeting will be held in room #9.



DIRECTORY UPDATE: If you have not checked your directory information please do so. Please make sure your info is accurate and if not please make any corrections.

DON'T SAY AWAY FROM CHURCH.....

- ~Because you are poor. There is no admission charge.
- ~Because you are rich. Money is not everything.
- ~Because it rains. You go to work in the rain.
- ~Because it is cold. It is warm and friendly inside.
- ~Because it is hot. So are fishing and golfing.
- ~Because no one invited you. People go a lot of places uninvited, and even pay to get in. *This paper is your invitation!*
- ~Because of hypocrites. We associate with them in the world every day.
- ~Because of company. Bring them along; they will admire you.
- ~Because we have little children. Jesus says, "suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me" Matt 19:14.
- ~Because your clothes are not nice enough. God look on the heart.
- ~Because you do not like the preacher. He is human, as we all are.
- ~Because the church always wants money. That is not true here.
- ~Because you have plenty of time in the future. Are you sure?

"O COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN; LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER."~PSALM 95:6

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