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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: \$3884.00 **HUNGRY HERMAN:** \$375.00 **TOTAL:** \$4259.00

BUDGET: \$4198.00

YEAR TO DATE RESPONSES: 31

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: 2

YEAR TO DATE BAPTISMS: 6

WORSHIP A.M.: 142

WORSHIP P.M.: 72

BIBLE STUDY: 65



Communion Preparation For: January 17, 2010

Johnson/Nichols

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 10, 2010

CONFER'S COMMENTARY *Comfortable Christianity*

Doesn't that sound inviting? Comfortable Christianity sounds too good to be true. The truth is Jesus never promised Comfortable Christianity. As much as we may want Christianity to be comfortable that is not necessarily the case. Being a Christian is the greatest road to travel through life. I have never regretted becoming a Christian. I am thankful for God's church. A careful reading of the New Testament demonstrates the spiritual blessings we enjoy in Christ along with the central role the Lord's church serves in God's plan to save the world. (Ephesians 1:3-14; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 3:8-11)

The rub that comes with Comfortable Christianity is where it leads. If we expect our life in Christ to be comfortable we will most assuredly end up in the quicksand of complacency. Jesus' description of the church at Laodicea illustrates my contention. "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich. I have prospered and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked." (Revelation 3:15-17) That is not exactly a glowing resume for a congregation of God's people! Most telling Jesus indicts the church with the dangerous disease of spiritual malaise. They were rich having prospered and believed they required nothing. I would have to say they felt very comfortable with their spiritual condition.

After Jesus rebuked Peter for not having the things of God in mind (Matthew 16:21-23), He taught the disciples a challenging truth. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 16:24-25) When you read phrases like "deny himself" and words like "cross" you get the distinct impression that N.T. Christianity is not as easy as the world makes it out to be. Our Savior models the message. "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28)

Anyone who reads the Gospel accounts, especially the latter sections of these divinely inspired narratives will know that Jesus suffered tremendously and sacrificed Himself on the cross in order to redeem the lost world. Suffering and sacrifice remain two sides of the same coin when it comes to Christian Living. During 2010 there will be times when God calls you to sacrifice. You will be challenged to suffer for the Cause of Christ. Do you remember Paul's prophetic promise in 2 Timothy 3:12? The text reads, "Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." We can be confident that the Lord continues to bless us with His Presence and strength. (Romans 8:28-39)

Rather than yearn for Comfortable Christianity rely more on the Lord when challenges and difficulties land in your lap. When you are asked to do something that translates into sacrificing your time plunge ahead with the attitude of a servant. The goal is not comfort but service. God is searching for lost souls who then crave above all else a biblical relationship with Him.



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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

Betty Pinney~Betty has been under the weather with bronchitis.

Esther Stewart~Esther is from the East Chestnut Church of Christ. She has been diagnosed with cancer and the prognosis is not good. The family has asked for prayers for strength.

Ken Tanner~Ken has asked for prayers. He is going through some difficult times right now.

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

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| 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~

CHRIST HAS A JOB FOR YOU

If you are not working in the church because no one has give you a job, wait no longer. Christ has a job for you:

- ~Feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, help strangers, clothe the naked, visit the sick (Matthew 25:34-40).
- ~Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2).
- ~Comfort one in trouble (2 Corinthians 1:4).
- ~Do good, communicate (Hebrews 13:16).
- ~Warn the unruly (1 Thessalonians 5:14).
- ~Restore one overtaken (Galatians 6:1).
- ~Study the scriptures (John 5:39).
- ~Teach (2 Timothy 4:2-4).
- ~Give (Matthew 5:42; 10:42).
- ~Sing (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19).
- ~Pray (Matthew 6:9-15).
- ~Bear Fruit (Philippians 1:11; 4:15-17).
- ~Increase your faith in God (John 6:29).
- ~Exhort one another daily (Hebrews 3:13).

God has already handed out the assignments. Let us strengthen our hands to the task that is before us. ~COPIED

A.M. JESUS & THE SINFUL WOMAN

Luke 7:36-50

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P.M. ISRAEL DEMANDS A KING

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HIS WAYS

"His ways are good~
They will be joy to you.

His ways are right~
They will be wisdom to you.

His ways are pure~
They will be refreshment to you.

His ways are sure~
They will be strength to you.

His ways are best~
They will be blessings to you."

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Nursery Volunteer

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| Gerri McCracken | Jan | 10, 2010 |
| Teen Girls | Jan | 17, 2010 |
| Kathy Tanner | Jan | 24, 2010 |
| Arlene Repine | Jan | 31, 2010 |

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



MISSION TRIP MEETING: There will be a Mission Meeting on **Sunday, January 17th**. The meeting will be held in Room #8 after the morning worship service. Anyone 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.



ELDERS/MINISTERS MEETING: TODAY 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.



BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY FELLOWSHIP: Next **Sunday, January 17th** we will be having our monthly Birthday and Anniversary Fellowship after the evening service. Those in charge are as follows: Set Up~Group #1, Serve~Group #2 and Clean Up~Group #3.



BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY FELLOWSHIP ADDITION: Next **Sunday, January 17th** marks our monthly Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship. Our main focus for this fellowship will be in honoring Dennis and Jeni Dempsey. Dennis and Jeni are expecting

twin girls which are due the middle of March. They are registered at Target and Babies R Us. You may make a selection from their registry or if you prefer Deb Cary is collecting money to purchase a gift. If you have any questions please see Deb.



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY: We express our deepest sympathy to Gerri and Richie McCracken. Gerri's brother Donald Farmer passed away recently. We also express sympathy to the family of Dan Thompson Sr. Dan and his wife June were members here at EAC several years ago but now attend the North Adams church. Dan passed away from cancer. His funeral was held on Saturday, January 9th.



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.

BEAUTIFUL SNOW

"Once I was pure as the snow~but I fell,
Fell like the snow, but from heaven to hell,
Fell to be trampled as filth on the street,
Fell to be spit on, scoffed at, and beat,
Pleading and cursing and begging to die,
Selling my soul to whoever would buy,
Dealing in sin for a morsel of bread,
Hating the living and fearing the dead,
My God, can it be I have fallen so low:
And yet I was once like the beautiful snow."

~AUTHOR UNKNOWN