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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: \$3609.11
BUDGET: \$4198.00
YEAR TO DATE RESPONSES: 1
PLACED MEMBERSHIP: 0
YEAR TO DATE BAPTISMS: 0
WORSHIP A.M.: 130
WORSHIP P.M.: 70
BIBLE STUDY: 94



Communion Preparation For: January 24, 2010
Snider/Hill

East Allen Worship Schedule For January, 2010

Scripture Reading: Ron Hardy

Lord's Table Comments: B. Cains, J. Nichols, W. Smith, A. Reece, S. Wagoner

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, W. Smith

Sunday A.M. Closing Prayer: B. Schepper, Denny Dempsey, B. Cains, B. McCurdy, J. Currie

Sunday P.M. Opening Prayer: R. Hudgins, L. Robrock, P. Michel, J. Nichols, P. Michel

Sunday P.M. Closing Prayer: B. McCurdy, H. McKamey, Brad Martz, S. Wagoner, B. Cains

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 17, 2010

CONFER'S COMMENTARY *Free At Last*

On Monday January 18th the nation will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. In one of the most memorable speeches in American History Dr. King concluded his remarks on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial with a quote from a spiritual that went, "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty free at last." His message to the nation paved the way for a new day regarding racial relations. Dr. King's speech is considered to be one of the greatest orations in our nation's history. In English Composition while a student at OVC we studied his speech because of its content and effectiveness. I remember thinking that the speech read like a powerful and moving sermon.

Freedom socially, politically and religiously has been an ideal that human beings have yearned for throughout the ages. The Pilgrims launched their journey across the Atlantic to escape religious and social persecution. They envisioned a place where they could practice their faith in freedom. When we read the Book of Exodus the enslavement of God's people comes to the forefront of the narrative. As Moses led his people out of Egyptian slavery freedom paved the road to the birth of a nation that gave rise to the Messiah. Without their divinely led escape from Egypt Israel as a nation with laws, kings, territory and legacy would never have existed.

Speaking of freedom the apostle Paul addressed the subject in the context of being free from the yoke of legalism. "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1) Being free from a system of merit based upon keeping the law is a genuine blessing. While we live under the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2) the basis of the gospel is the grace of God through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:21-31; Ephesians 2:1-10; Titus 3:4-7) Under Christ there is no earning one's salvation. Biblical faith leads to repentance from sin, confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and baptism forgiveness of sins. (Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-10; Luke 13:1-3; Mark 16:16) Freedom from sin is the gracious and wondrous result!

In a conversation with the Jews Jesus emphasized freedom from sin. "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32) His audience questioned the statement. "How is it that you say, 'You will become free?'" Then Christ responded. "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:34-36) The Jewish hearers were offended at the thought of needing to be free. "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone." Denial of their spiritual plight did not deter Jesus from teaching the truth that real spiritual freedom is found in Him. Their refusal to accept Jesus as the Messiah meant they would remain entrapped by sin.

Spiritual freedom is a spiritual blessing found only in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:3-11) The day we were raised from the watery grave of baptism we could have quoted that old refrain, "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty free at last!"



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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

Kay Howes~Kay is a life long friend of Cliff and Bev Fraser. She had surgery to correct a bowel obstruction. Prayers have been requested on her behalf especially since she is almost 90 years old.

Tish Snider~Tish had knee replacement surgery last Monday. She is now recovering at home and is undergoing physical therapy.

Paul Steele~Paul is the uncle of Karen Johnson. He had gallbladder surgery last week. Paul is in need of prayers for a complete recovery and for healing as he is still coping with the recent loss of his wife.

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.

Betty Pinney~Betty had been under the weather with bronchitis but is feeling much better.

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.

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~



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: We have a special prayer request for one of our members, family members and friends. We know of three young men have been or soon will be deployed. Cody Griner~a member at EAC, Mike Hall~grandson of Fred & Helen Wiggins, and John Randall~friend of the Confers are all helping in serving our country on foreign soil. Let us lift up these young men as they have been called to duty. There are probably others we all know who are serving as well.

Dear Heavenly Father, As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our service men and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops, and ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes and your peace, provision and strength to fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be filled with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's might power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus. Amen. ~COPIED



A.M. THE PURPOSE OF PARABLES

Luke 8:9-15

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P.M. THE MYTH OF THE PERFECT PARENT

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-7

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5TH SUNDAY: We will be having our 5th Sunday activities on Sunday, January 31st. We will have a pot luck after the morning services after which we will have an afternoon service. The young men will be in

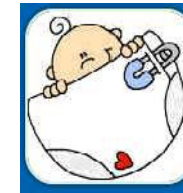
charge of the service. There will not be an evening service at 6:00 PM. Bring your favorite dish and plan on staying! Let us all be of an encouragement to our young men. Those in charge are as follows: Set Up~Group #4, Serve~Group #5, and Clean Up~Group #1. Please check to see what group you are now in since there was a revision that took place the first of the year.



Nursery Volunteer

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| Teen Girls | Jan | 17, 2010 |
| Kathy Tanner | Jan | 24, 2010 |
| Arlene Repine | Jan | 31, 2010 |
| Angela Wagoner | Feb | 7, 2010 |

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



THANK YOU: Ladies of East Allen, We are so grateful for your generosity in sending us the Babies R Us gift card. It is a wonderful thought and we really appreciate it! You have provided such a blessing to our family. Thank you all and God bless.

Love, Denver & Audrey Confer



MISSION TRIP MEETING: There will be a Mission Meeting **TODAY**. 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.



BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY FELLOWSHIP: TONIGHT 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: TONIGHT 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.



WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE CLASS:

On Wednesday's the women are having a Bible class in Room #8. They are using the book which is a study on the book of Ephesians. Lynn Robrock is teaching a class on "WHY I AM A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST" which

will be held in the main auditorium. Lynn's class is open to **EVERY-ONE**. So the women have a choice of either class.



OFFICE HOURS: This is just a reminder for everyone that the church office is open from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM Monday thru Thursday with the office being **CLOSED** on Fridays. During this time there will be someone available to answer your phone calls. If you call after 1:00 PM Monday thru Thursday or if you call anytime on Friday you will need to

leave a message on the voicemail. If it is an emergency feel free to call the ministers or one of the elders. If you have any prayer requests you can also email them to the church's email address or to Debi's email. Both addresses are listed on the back of the bulletin.



NEW WEBSITE/BLOG: Everett has started a new blog site. If you are interested in reading his reflections you can check them out at the following address: conferscommunique.blogspot.com. You will also be able to post comments or questions in regards to the posts. Feel free to check it out!