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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:** \$2647.00 **HAITI:** \$1535.00 **TOTAL:** \$4182.00

**BUDGET:** \$4198.00

**YEAR TO DATE RESPONSES:** 1

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP:** 0

**YEAR TO DATE BAPTISMS:** 1

**WORSHIP A.M.:** 132

**WORSHIP P.M.:** 57

**BIBLE STUDY:** 81



**Communion Preparation For: February 7, 2010**

Pinney/Schuster

**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 31, 2010

### CONFER'S COMMENTARY

#### *Hope for Haiti*

The news is filled with stories from the devastated country of Haiti. Money and supplies continue to pour in from around the world. I read a story on Wednesday morning about a man who had been rescued fourteen days after the earthquake. Incredible! You have to wonder how he survived for that long without food and water? I don't know any details but my faith tells me that God's providential hand played a role. Amidst the devastation and danger that the people of Haiti face there is light at the end of the tunnel.

First, the support from around the world led by the USA warms your heart. With the problems and weaknesses we face, as a nation there remains the one constant, compassion. Americans are generous. A number of Christian organizations have reached out to assist their regional neighbor. Celebrities have raised money and flown supplies to Haiti. The marines were dispatched to bring security and stability to an extremely volatile situation. As I watch the reports from the media a sense of gratitude swells within me. Once again we are reminded that human beings have the capacity for great good.

However, Hope for Haiti that will ultimately impact that country in the long-term has more to do with their spiritual needs than their physical/material ones. The immediate circumstances take priority but human beings remain sinful and require redemption. Hope for Haiti originates with Jesus Christ and reception of the gospel. Peter introduced his first epistle with reference to the "living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3) We may be tempted to limit the vision for rebuilding Haiti to the material world. Hope for Haiti has more to do with a spiritual renewal that comes from God.

Paul described the Ephesians before their conversion to Christ with this penetrating portrayal. "Remember that you were at that time (*before conversion*) separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world." (Ephesians 2:12) Paul further details their past and how God had transformed them through the blood of Christ into a holy temple. (Ephesians 2:13-22) What was true of the Ephesians is true of any child of God. Haitians need the hope of the gospel. You might be thinking, "But that is true for all nations." And you would be correct. But right now our sights are set on Haiti because of the trauma and upheaval there.

The N.T. speaks about hope in a number of texts. But one that caught my attention is found in Ephesians 1:18. "Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints." The hope God has called us to is found ONLY in Jesus Christ. (John 14:6) Keep in mind that hope does not disappoint. (Romans 5:5) Jesus Christ is the Hope of Haiti.



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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**

**Confer Family**~Everett and Debi are requesting prayers for Denver and Audrey as they begin their journey as parents and for Audrey's healing from her c-section.

**Brooks Pendergrast**~Brooks recently had surgery for a torn tendon in his left arm. Prayers are asked for a complete recovery.

**Prosser Family**~Yolanda Prosser has requested prayer for her mom (Marsha Chapman). Marsha had an ultrasound done on her abdomen last Wednesday. A spot was found so they were checking on that. She also requested prayer for the Stewart family at their recent loss of Esther Stewart who was a member at East Chestnut. Also, Yolanda asks for prayers for her and her family that they will continue to strive to do the Lord's will.

**Ronda Schmitz**~Prayers have been requested for Ronda, Marc and their grandsons. Please keep Ronda's daughter Lindsey in your prayers as well. Let us be of strength and encouragement to Ronda and her family.

**Alyse Shie**~Alyse had her gallbladder removed on Wednesday. She is at home recovering.

**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  |                                    |

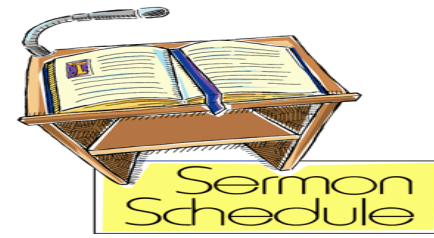
**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SERMONS ARE BEING TAPED SO IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES RESTLESS PLEASE TAKE THEM TO THE NURSERY. ~THE ELDERS~**

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** This week the office received a letter concerning an employment opportunity. The positions are for skilled machine technicians. If you are interested please call the office for further information.



**REST SAFELY IN HIS CARE**

**There are many things in life that we cannot understand, but we must trust God's judgment and be guided by His hand, and all who have God's blessing can rest safely in His care, for he promises safe passage on the wings of faith and prayer.**



**A.M. TAKE UP YOUR CROSS**

**Luke 9:21-27**

**Everett Confer**

**P.M. THE EFFECTS OF CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS & HARSHIPS**

**The Young Men**

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**5TH SUNDAY: TODAY** we will be having our 5th Sunday activities. 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. 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.

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**Nursery Volunteer**

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| Arlene Repine  | Jan | 31, 2010 |
| Angela Wagoner | Feb | 7, 2010  |
| Linda Schuster | Feb | 14, 2010 |
| Get Nichols    | Feb | 21, 2010 |

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



**THE BOYS HAVE ARRIVED!** Debi and Everett are very happy to announce the arrival of their twin grandsons on January 21st. Hudson David was born at 12:55 PM weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 19 inches long. Dean Ross was born at 12:56 PM weighing 5 pounds 6 ounces and was 17 3/4 inches long. The boys were born on their father's birthday! Denver and Audrey are the very proud parents. Aunt Brielle and Aunt Chantelle are pretty excited about their nephews!



**A NEW SISTER:** We rejoice with the Dempsey family. On Tuesday, January 26th Jeni Dempsey was baptized into Christ. Jeni is the wife of Dennis and the daughter-in-law of Denny and Pam Dempsey. Welcome to the family here at East Allen County!



**TWO NOTES OF THANKS:** This week we have received two notes of thanks. The first one states: We appreciate our family at East Allen and know we can count on your continued prayers on our behalf.

This card was signed~The family of Doris Pendergrast. The second card says: Thanks you so much for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers the past couple months. We feel so blessed to be a part of such a great church family and look forward to raising our girls in the church. Thank you also for the baby chairs and gift card. I'm sure the girls will love the chairs! And this is signed~Dennis and Jeni Dempsey.



**GREETINGS!** Brothers and Sisters, We have settled in to our temporary family at Myrtle Beach Church of Christ. We have been welcomed as fellow Christians. The minister, Tony Stafford, the deacons and elders make Sharon and I feel right at home. Almost a month has gone by since we came here. Time is going fast. We will see you in April~Bob & Sharon Martz. If anyone would like to drop Bob and Sharon a note the office has their temporary address.



**ATTENTION YOUTH:** There are several events taking place for our youth. 1)The young men will be leading the services this afternoon. 2)Following the afternoon services TODAY the youth will be going to Pokagon to go tobogganing. The cost is \$10 each. You need to have a change of clothes that is weather appropriate. 3)On Sunday, February 7th there will be a **Winterfest Meeting** following the morning service in room #8. All youth who are planning on going and their parents need to attend this meeting. If you have not already made it, the **FINAL** payment is due on **February 7th**. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they make final preparations and while they are at this event which takes place February 19-21 in Gatlinburg, TN.



**DEVOTIONAL & SUPER BOWL PARTY:** The youth will be having a devotional and Super Bowl Party at the home of Joe and Get Nichols on Sunday, February 7th at 5:30 PM. Everyone is asked to bring snacks and beverages.