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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: \$3641.02 **WINTERFEST:** \$655.00 **TOTAL:** \$4296.02

BUDGET: \$4198.00

YEAR TO DATE RESPONSES: 8

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: 0

YEAR TO DATE BAPTISMS: 2

WORSHIP A.M.: 129

WORSHIP P.M.: 66

BIBLE STUDY: 91



Communion Preparation For: March 14, 2010

Cary/Reece

East Allen Worship Schedule For March, 2010

Scripture Reading: D. Schuster

Lord's Table Comments: J. Nichols, W. Smith, J. Cagnet, J. Currie

Communion Table: R. Hardy, G. Davis, T. Shauver, B. McCurdy, M. Bulmer, B. Armstrong

Sunday A.M. Opening Prayer: J. Cagnet, J. Nichols, B. Pendergrast, Brad Martz

Sunday A.M. Closing Prayer: B. Schepper, R. Hudgins, H. McKamey, B. Hartz

Sunday P.M. Opening Prayer: P. Michel, R. Cary, M. Cary, W. Smith

Sunday P.M. Closing Prayer: B. McCurdy, T. Johnson, C. Wiggins, P. Michel

Sunday A.M. & P.M. Songleaders: D. Dempsey/H. McKamey

Wednesday Evening Prayer: S. Wagoner, L. Robrock, J. Nichols, Denny Dempsey

Wednesday Evening Song Leader: P. Michel

Wednesday Evening Invitation: E. Confer, P. Michel, E. Confer, B. Cains

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

March 7, 2010

CONFER'S COMMENTARY *The Ties That Bind*

What a great day! For those of who attended the Potluck/Hymn Sing at the East Chestnut congregation last Sunday you could easily utter a hearty amen to that sentiment. I heard so many positive and encouraging comments from those in attendance. We were truly blessed through the hospitality from East Chestnut. The singing was excellent. Our fellowship was strengthened. The food was delicious. I believe the Lord was uplifted and glorified via this effort.

In the spirit and thought of Psalm 95 we offered up songs of praise. Verse seven says, "For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand." Worshipping with those of "like precious faith" reinforces those biblical ideas. My hope and prayer is that we will further develop the ties that bind us in Christ. There is nothing quite as unifying as worship. Our worship together rekindles the fires of faith. Among the blessings of being together is the deeper realization of the words from Psalm 133 where David penned how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity. This text served as the basis for my comments.

Brother Sims shared thoughts from John 4 where he challenged us to tear down barriers to unity and fellowship. Jesus overcame the barrier of gender as He spoke to the Samaritan woman. (John 4:7) Next our Lord hurdled the barrier of ethnicity. (John 4:9) Jews did not associate with Samaritans. But Jesus swam against the cultural and religious norm. Then there was the barrier that the woman was sinner. (John 4:16-18) Some folks would refuse to engage such a sinful woman. But Jesus came to seek and save the lost. (Luke 19:10) The final barrier centered on the wrong kind of worship. (John 4:23-24) Jesus taught worship that honors the Lord is done in spirit and in truth. Doctrine does matter! Brother Sims' lesson packed power that will strengthen the ties that bind.

The Joint Worship was concluded with Brother Sims inviting a respected brother from East Chestnut to lead us in prayer. He asked me to call upon one of our members so I chose Brother Wil Smith to also direct us in prayer. We held hands as these two brothers in Christ led us in petitioning the Father. It was a scene that will forever live within my memory. It was a sweet and precious moment. Once again God worked to impress upon me how wonderful it is to belong to the Lord's church. God's family is much, much bigger than the local church.

From our time together I am now more committed to praying for sister congregations in the area. This habit will help me to look outside of EAC. Each one of us will be a better servant as we consider the efforts of fellow Christians who faithfully serve the Lord and build up the Lord's church in our area. In the words of Abraham shared with Lot, "For we be brethren." (Genesis 13: 8, KJV)



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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

Billy Cains

ELDER IN CHARGE

Jim Cagnet

INVITATION

Jim Cagnet

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

Thelma Tharpe~Thelma is the sister of Lil Smith. She was taken to the hospital in Memphis last weekend. Prayers have been requested for Thelma and her health situation.

CONTINUED PRAYER REQUESTS

Dean Confer~Dean is the grandson of Debi and Everett. Dean saw his cardiologist on Wednesday. The doctor is happy with his growth. Dean's oxygen level is good but they did have to increase his medication due to his weight gain. Dean will now be seen by a pediatric cardiologist at Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital. Surgery may be in a few months but it will happen by the age of 6 months.

Kennedy Dempsey~Kennedy is the daughter of Dennis and Jeni Dempsey. Kennedy is doing very well from her recent surgery. She is in the NICU at Lutheran. Visitors are limited to family but Dennis, Jeni and Columbia would welcome any visitors.

Norma Lothamer~Norma is the sister-in-law of Red and Betty Hudgins. She is in Lutheran Hospital with a multitude of health issues.

Diane McKamey~Prayers have been requested for Diane and her family. Diane's cancer has returned and she saw a specialist on March 5th.

Michelle Potts~Michelle is a friend of Brandon Armstrong. He has requested prayer for Michelle. She has lost her mother and brother in the past year.

Norma Shenfield~Norma has not been feeling well this past week. She has been experiencing some dizziness.

Juanita Shie~Juanita was in Parkview Hospital with RSV.

THOSE WITH LONG TERM HEALTH ISSUES

Marsha Chapman~Cancer	Bev Fraser	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
Jimmy Farmer~Cancer		

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

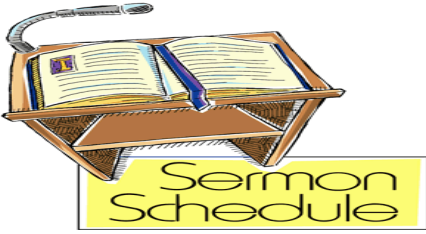
Claire Frame~Claire is due to be born in April. She has a heart defect that will require several surgeries starting with one as soon as she is born. Claire's parents and grandparents are good friends of the Confers.

SHUT INS

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~

“DO NOT KEEP THE ALABASTER BOXES OF YOUR KINDNESS SEALED UP UNTIL YOUR FRIENDS ARE GONE. SPEAK APPROVING, CHEERING WORDS WHILE THEIR EARS CAN HEAR THEM...BE MADE HAPPIER BY THEM.”
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A.M. GUARDING AGAINST COVETING

Luke 12:13-21

Everett Confer

P.M. PLEASE LISTEN TO ME, PART II

MARRIAGE MATTERS

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	I Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christians' Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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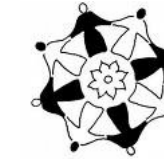
Nursery Volunteer

Liz Knight	Mar	7, 2010
Pam Wagner	Mar	14, 2010
Renee Cunningham	Mar	21, 2010
Peggy Jenkins	Mar	28, 2010

Sunday Cradle Roll:	Deb Cary
Wednesday Evening:	Dawn Mathias



UPCOMING HARBORSIDE SERVICE: Please take note that **NEXT Sunday, March 14th** East Allen is in charge of the worship service at Harborside. The service will begin at 2 PM. Everyone is encouraged to come and be apart of this ministry.



WINGS: The monthly meeting for *WINGS* will be tomorrow Monday, March 8th at 6:30 PM at the home of Debi Confer. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.



COMMUNION SCHEDULE: There is a need for individuals to take communion to Bob Jones every Sunday. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please call the office.



BARNABAS MINISTRY: The monthly Barnabas Meeting will be held **TODAY**. It will be held in room #9 at 5:00 PM. If you are interested in being a part of this outreach ministry please attend!



SPRING AHEAD: Don't forget to change your clocks on Saturday, March 13th. We spring ahead! We don't want you to be late on Sunday morning!



LEADERSHIP MEETING: Next Sunday, March 14th there will be an Elders, Ministers, Deacons, and Department head meeting at 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM respectively.

THINGS I'VE LEARNED

~I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life goes on, and it will be better tomorrow.

~I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he or she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

~I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

~I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."

~I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

~I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you, but if you focus on God, your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

~I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

~I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.
“WISDOM CRIETH WITHOUT; SHE UTTERETH HER VOICE IN THE STREETS.” Proverbs 1:20
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