



CONCORD ROAD  
CHURCH of CHRIST

# WEEKLY BULLETIN CHRONICLES

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## FROM DAN'S DESK....

### "THERE WAS NO VOICE AND NO ONE ANSWERED"

Monday I saw this headline on the Fox News website: "Neo-Pagans Get Worship Circle at Air Force Academy." The article began, "Witches, Druids and pagans rejoice! The Air Force Academy in Colorado is about to recognize its first Wiccan prayer circle, a Stonehenge on the Rockies that will serve as an outdoor place of worship for the academy's neo-pagans."

Think about that first sentence: "Witches, Druids and pagans rejoice!" *Rejoice?* What can pagan worshippers really rejoice about? I'm sure most of you remember the famous confrontation in 1 Kings 18 between Elijah and the 400 pagan priests at Mount Carmel. As these pagan priests passionately called on their god from morning until noon, the Scriptures say, "*But there was no voice, and no one answered*" (verse 26). Undeterred, the text says, "as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation," and the Bible again says, "*but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention*" (verse 29).

Stop and think about that . . . think about how heart-breaking that would be . . . to serve a god who has no voice . . . to serve a god who does not answer . . . to serve a god who does not pay attention . . . to serve a god who is not real. That's nothing to rejoice over.

What is worthy of rejoicing over is that we serve a God who is real . . . who does hear . . . who does care . . . who does respond . . . who does speak to us from His Word -- the Bible. Praise be to the one and only true God who lives, who created all there is, who sustains the universe with His Word, and who redeems us through His Son, Jesus.

### The American Worldview: Christian or Pagan?

All human beings live life with a worldview. "Worldview" is defined as "the overall perspective from which one sees and interprets the world; a collection of beliefs about life and the universe held by an individual or a group" (*American Heritage*, 2000, p. 1983). People live life and make their daily decisions based upon their worldview. America has historically been characterized as a nation in possession of the "Christian worldview." America has, in fact, been viewed by the rest of the world as a "Christian nation." The Founding Fathers spoke often of the "Creator" and "Divine Providence." They were referring to the God of the Bible and the Christian religion—not the gods of Hinduism, Buddhism, Native American Religion, or even the Allah of Islam.

However, in the last fifty years, American culture has been undergoing a sweeping moral and spiritual transformation. Fewer and fewer Americans now live by the worldview advocated in the Bible. This observation has received recent verification from the independent marketing research company, the Barna Research Group, in the results of its nationwide random sampling of over 2,000 adults released in 2003 ("A Biblical Worldview...", 2003). The survey found that only four percent of American adults employ a biblical worldview as the basis of their decision-making.

It is surely tragic and ironic, as one looks back over world history, to observe that those nations who followed the pathway to immorality, idolatry, and paganism ultimately disintegrated from the inside out—in a kind of "moral implosion." America was born out of a keen awareness of this fact, and the Founders insisted that a biblical foundation was needed if the new nation was to survive indefinitely into the future. It appears that a sizeable percentage of our citizenry has abandoned the original intentions of the Founders. Indeed, the latest research shows that moral erosion among Americans is continuing ("Morality Continues...", 2003). Bible history demonstrates repeatedly that when a nation alienates itself from the one true God, opting instead for moral and spiritual regression, it seals its doom and eventual downfall. The only hope for America is a return to the restraint embodied in the sane, sensible worldview presented within the pages of the Bible. As the proverbs writer put it: "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (14:34).

Excerpt of article by Dave Miller of Apologetics Press

# YOUTH CORNER

with Paddy Flanagan

How much responsibility do you put on yourself as a Christian? In Romans 1.14-16 we see Paul pointing out three distinct "I am" statements that show how he took responsibility for his faith. I think we can take a great lesson in responsibility from Paul's example.

1. "I am obligated" (v.14). Paul knew that he needed to share the Gospel. Not only that, he knew that he needed to share it with all mankind, not just the people he liked or felt most comfortable around.
2. "I am eager" (v.15). Paul knew his responsibility but took it one step further. He enthusiastically wanted to share the Gospel! No one forced or bribed him into it, he knew the importance and wanted to get the message out.
3. "I am not ashamed" (v.16). Paul knew not to worry about what other people thought. He knew first hand how important the message was. This is a stark comparison to how a lot of people react today. Today people seem afraid to not go to a movie they know they shouldn't see because of what other people might say.

## Youth Calendar of Events

**February 26-28:** CYC in Gatlinburg-\$65 due to-day.

**April: 2-4:** Lads to Leaders

**April: 9-11:** Spring Training

**June 13-18:** Bible Camp

**June 27-30:** VBS

**Blankets & Bears:** We are collecting blankets & bears for the orphans of Haiti. If you would like to contribute please leave your donations in the box in the foyers by Monday, February 22. (We have extended our collection date). \*We are also collecting baby wipes, diapers & powdered milk.

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday Morning Worship.....9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:15 AM

Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00 PM

**Phone:** (615)373-4353 **Newsline:** (615) 373-3038

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## Mission Missive



### Gospel Chariot Missions

Happy new year to each and everyone of you. I thank God that He has given us an extended life to serve Him. 2010 has arrived and here are our plans and goals for the next five years. They are bold and most probably not possible to accomplish, **but with God all things are possible**. Our goal is to continue baptizing 1000 souls a year and travel into 11 countries. However, over the next 5 years we want to try and double that. Extending our efforts into the north of Africa. Here are our goals through 2015.

**2010:** Build a new Bible School in Plettenberg Bay for the Western Cape as well as rework our Nelspruit office for more effective outreach in the area.

**2011:** Establish a new study room in Atteridgeville Pretoria as well as rework our Durban study room and office for more effective outreach in the area.

**2012:** Establish a print shop for the various printings of the ministry.

**2013:** Build a new Bible School in Umtata. That is in the Eastern Cape. There are millions of people in the region.

**2014:** Rebuild new bodies on the two existing big Chariots. The vehicles are in good condition, just need to replace the bodies. The African roads take their toll.

**2015:** Build two new Gospel Chariots for the north of Africa. We are hoping to reach an entire continent.

As you can see we want to build more Chariots, but we first have to finish following up on some of the most exciting doors God has opened. We also need to communicate and network with brethren in the different countries before building the new Chariots. Remember GCM has the dream and Africa has the team. We need to find capable and competent brethren in the different countries to partnership us in this mass evangelism effort. We have now planned the work. Now we need to work the plan. We might not be able to accomplish all this, but I believe God loves those who just try. Only time will tell. God is Good. We give him the glory and you who support us the appreciation. God bless you all as you head into 2010. Through Him we live and move and have our being.

Your Fellow Servant,

George Funk

### LEADERSHIP

<b>Elders:</b> Roy Arnold	Buford Gregory	Steve Ellis
Buddy Williams	Sam Gant	David Harper
Don King	Ron Thomas	Jerry McCormick

**February Chairman for Elders:** Don King

**Ministers:** Minister-Dan Chambers (615) 373-4353

Minister of Education & Evangelism—Ryan Daniel (615) 373-4353

# Prayer List:

## Sick:

- **Charla Shipley** is now at home.
- **Jeanette Harrison** has a broken wrist.

## Shut-Ins:

Nell Bryan, Kathreen England, Robbie Gore, Martha Harris, Evelyn McMurtry & Dorothy Stoops.

## Continue to Remember:


**Hazel Brown; Lynn Burnett; Linda Douthit; Grady Dyal; Jimmy Miller; Barbara Montgomery; Don Montgomery; David Simerson; Gloria Smith; Michael Bohn** (nephew of Theresa Schlaff); **Fay Jenkins** (mother of Roger Jenkins); **B.R. Mitchell** (father of Judd Mitchell); **Vicky Rogers** (aunt of Sheri Daniel); **Bertram Shearer** (father of Malissa Sheppard).


## Welcome New Members:





Chad & Dayla Calendine  
Chloe & Logan  
98 Governors Way  
Brentwood, TN 37027  
(615) 776-5724

- **Sympathy:** **Robert Tedone**, father of **Liz Edwards**, passed away on Wednesday, **February 3**. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 6, in Connecticut.

- **Homebuilders Class (formerly 30's & 40's group):** There will be a meeting today after Bible class in Fellowship A to see how many would be interested in going to Gatlinburg on **February 26-28**. If you have any questions please see **Kevin or Robin Hulen**. 

- **Sympathy:** Our sympathy goes to the family of **Edith Yearwood**, former member of Concord Road. She passed away on Wednesday, **January 27**. Funeral services were held on Monday, February 1. 

- **Sympathy:** Our sympathy goes to the family of **John Smilor** on the death of his aunt, **Kaye Marquardt**, on Thursday, **January 28**, in Cleveland, OH. 

- **Birthday Wishes:** Happy 91st birthday to **Mary Ruth Walker** on Saturday, **February 13**. 

- **Visitation Team #2**, led by **Brian & Katie Cooper**, will meet on Wednesday, **February 10**, at 6:00 p.m. in fellowship A. See Brian or Katie for food sign ups.

- **Young Professionals/Young Marrieds:** There will be a Ladies Card Making Day on Thursday, **February 11**, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of **Kelly Reaves**.

- **LOGS:** There will be a potluck dinner & movie night on Saturday, **February 13**, at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship A. Please sign up by **Feb. 10** & let **Chris Schlaff** or **Linda Haedge** know if you can bring a dessert you eat with a fork.

- **Congregational Fellowship Meal:** There will be a congregational fellowship meal on Wednesday, **February 17**, at 5:30 p.m. **Menu:** Baked Ziti, green salad, rolls & something chocolate to celebrate Valentines! (\$5 per person, \$15 max per family, ages 6 & under & guests are free).

- **VBS Meeting:** There will be a VBS meeting for anyone who is interested in teaching or helping with VBS on Sunday, **February 21**, immediately following evening services in Fellowship A. The dates for VBS will be **June 27-30**.


- **Lads to Leaders:** Any child 2nd grade & below interested in participating in song leading at the Lads to Leaders Convention, please join us for practice beginning Sunday, **February 21**, at 5:15 p.m. in the Children's Bible Hour room. Please see **Kelly Alsup** for more information.


- **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:** The family of **Don & Roni King** invite you to a reception celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, **February 20**, from 2-4 p.m. at Concord Road Church of Christ. Your presence is our gift. 

- **Attention Parents of College Students:** In an effort to help our college students feel connected with their home congregation I would like to get their mailing addresses. (Please see my email address below). The first mailing to these students will be cookies for Valentine's Day. (I need to know if your student has any type of food allergy). Also, if anyone in the congregation would like to be a part of the program or is interested in baking cookies, please contact me at [Leanne@johnarutledge.com](mailto:Leanne@johnarutledge.com) or [leannestubb@gmail.com](mailto:leannestubb@gmail.com). Thank you, Leanne Stubblefield

- **Congratulations to Rhiannon Brazzell** on being chosen elementary "Teacher of the Year" at Friendship Christian last week!

- **Dealing with Grief Seminar:** The Brentwood Hills Church of Christ Senior Adults will offer a 13 week session on dealing with grief beginning Sunday, **February 14**, at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Ralph Samples will facilitate this series and it is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a spouse, parent, child, friend or family member.

- **Concord Road Preschool** is currently taking enrollment for the 2010-2011 summer & fall sessions. The school serves ages three years through five years. If you would like more information, please call 661-4612. 

- **Reminder:** Don't forget our services are being live streamed so please smile! Thank you.... 

\*If you have any announcements or information you would like included in the bulletin please contact the church office by Thursday afternoon at 373-4353 or email [melissa@god-answers.org](mailto:melissa@god-answers.org).

# February 7, 2010

## 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

Call to Worship.....Song Leader, Jeff Thomas  
Song, "He Has Made Me Glad".....#103  
Welcome & Announcements.....Ryan Daniel  
Song, "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing".....#121  
Song, "As the Deer".....#71  
Prayer.....Buddy Williams  
Song, "Seek Ye First".....#555  
Song, "I Love the Lord".....#359  
Lord's Supper.....Preside: Lee Whitfield  
Collection and Song, "Give Thanks".....#68  
Dismissal for Children's Bible Hour  
Song, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow".....#463  
Scripture Reading, **Matthew 6:25-34**.....Chris Rhodes  
Sermon, "**Stop the Worrying**".....Dan Chambers  
Invitation, "There's a Fountain Free".....#909  
Song, "Farther Along"..... #753  
Shepherd's Prayer.....Don King

## 6:00 P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader.....Jack Stubblefield  
Prayer.....Mike Zelnik  
Scripture Reading, **Philippians 1:21-26**.....Colin Stubblefield  
Sermon, "**Death & Beyond: What Happens Immediately After We Die?**".....Dan Chambers  
Preside.....Michael Hastings  
Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Brad Jones

### Assist in serving the Lord's Supper:

David Crawford	Tom Taylor
Jeremy Paisley	Steve Thomas
Jamie Pride	Charles M. Vance
John Rutledge	Darin Wyatt
Mike Sheppard	Jackson Whitfield
Cody Stubblefield	Chip Beasley

**Infant's nursery:** Rita Carr & Laurel Barrett

**Toddler's nursery:** Jennifer Flatt & Holly Flatt

### Children's Bible Hour:

Scott & Julie McFarlin/Charlotte Tuttle/Berenda Vance

**Take communion to shut-ins:** Dan Lee, Brad Daniel, Mike McFarlin

### Preparation of Communion Trays for February:

Ron & Faye Cooper

**Video cameras:** Phil Albritton & Brad Jones

### Greeters:

**Front:** Ralph & Rae Isenberg

**East:** Peggy Hooper

**West:** James & LeAnn Hunter

## Wednesday Bible Study February 10, 2010

**Song leader:** Coby Davis

**Devotion:** Shawn Everson

**Prayer:** Clay Stubblefield

## Notes:

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### **The Record — January 31, 2010**

Sunday Worship: AM: 152  
PM: Cancelled due to weather  
Sunday Bible Classes: 135

Wednesday Bible Classes:  
(02-03-10): 281

Contribution Total 01-31-10: \$7,930

Contribution YTD: \$78,424

Contribution Goal YTD: \$92,500