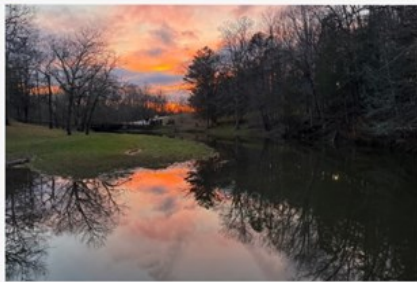


CHRONICLES

February 4, 2024 Volume 5



YOUTH CORNER

with Cody Peery

How Much is Enough?

When I was a kid, I played two different sports in High School. I enjoyed playing both tennis and football. One of the things I had the opportunity to do quite a bit was practice. Now like many individuals who played high school sports, practice was a daunting thing that quite frankly I didn't want to do most of the time. Yes, there were times when practice was fun, but most of the time, I was never super excited for practice. During practice we would run the same drills over and over. The schedule was pretty similar almost every day. It was repetitive, and over time I just mentally and physically was done with it. I remember one day we were having a very bad practice, and our coach blew the whistle and called us to the middle of the practice field to take a knee. Now when the coach blew the whistle that generally meant it was time for our team meeting and it was time to go home. In my mind when I heard that whistle, I got really excited that the torture was over for the day. So, I unbuckled my shoulder pads, took my helmet off and began to trot over to the middle of the field to take a knee. When we all got there, our coach had his arms crossed and he made this statement, "Do ya'll think you have done enough today"? Several of the guys immediately yelled out yeah, we did, and He responded, "Okay practice is over go home". I was thrilled and not expecting that because he seemed very frustrated. It was one of those brutally hot muggy days, so I wasn't going to argue. We broke it down then we went to the locker room and changed and went home. Friday night rolled around, and it was game day. At the start of the game, we were fired up, but then it was halftime and time to go to the locker room. We were getting beat by 3 touchdowns to a team we should have been beating pretty badly. When we got to the locker room, the coach walked in and made one statement then walked out. He said, "This is what happens when you think you have done enough, but you just got content". Wow what a life lesson we learned that week.

That same thing can happen to us spiritually. We get into a habit of just doing the normal and never striving to push on and grow. We set these limits of how much is enough to be good, but never to fully flourish spiritually. We set a limit on how much time we put in. We set a limit to how many things we are going to participate in, and if we are honest, we set up a schedule that we feel is good enough but could be improved upon. I know we all have limits, but if we are honest spiritually, chances are we need to raise our spiritual goals and strive to flourish more. So rather than settling for a low amount of how much can I get by with, why not look and how much can I improve to serve the God who has blessed me. It's a choice we all get to make, and I hope we will reconsider how much is enough in our weekly devotion to God and His Church.

Calendar of Events



- Tonight:** Devo 7 PM (Kirby) Middle School (6-8)
- Tonight:** Devo 7 PM (Rhodes) High School (9-12)
- February 11:** HS Hangout High School (9-12)
- February 12:** Upper Room High School (9-12)
- February 23-25:** Challenge Youth Conference Youth Group (6-12)
- February 26:** Upper Room High School (9-12)
- February 28:** Blue Coast Burrito Middle School & Family
- March 2:** Young at Heart Banquet Youth Group (6-12)
- March 3:** Devo 7 PM (Williams) Middle School (6-8)
- March 3:** Devo 7 PM (Staggs) High School (9-12)
- March 4:** Upper Room 7 PM High School (9-12)
- March 17:** HS Hangout 7 PM High School (9-12)
- March 18:** Upper Room 7 PM High School (9-12)

Mission Missive Ghana Missions Update William Ayisi

Beloved in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I wish us all a prosperous 2024!

Weekly Gospel Broadcast.

The live weekly gospel preaching at all the three different FM radio stations (Fox FM @ Kumasi, Adwenpa Fm @ Tarkwa, and Nkwan Fm @ Assin Fosu) have as always been very successful this year with recorded baptisms. In all 12 baptisms have recorded from these live radio preachings and about 10 backsliders have been restored within the year. We are looking forward to your continuous financial support and prayers for this program in 2024.

Working with the campus church at University of Mines and Technology @ Tarkwa

I have assisted the campus church of Christ this year whenever the university is in session with assigned teachings and sermons. The Tarkwa church of Christ with some brethren who are alumni of the university are planning to construct an auditorium for the campus church so that brethren who are students at the university would have their own place of worship near the university. The Tarkwa church of Christ has given the campus church a piece of land to build the auditorium.

Preaching work/duties at Tarkwa Church of Christ, Western Ghana

One of the highlights of my preaching duties at Tarkwa church of Christ this year is the evangelism that was carried out in the month of September which I reported on in my October update. The evangelism was done in four communities around Tarkwa. Before the evangelism, training was given to members on how they could approach people with the gospel on one on one basis. 7 baptisms were recorded, and 256 prospects were reached during the program. I am happy to report that since then additional 6 baptisms have been recorded from the list of prospects that we continue to study with.

My family and I are doing well. We are at home for the holidays season.

May God Bless us all into 2024 and prosper us in all we do especially towards eternal life in Him. Amen.
In the service of our Great King and Lord.
William Ayisi (Ghana Missions)



LEADERSHIP

- Elders:** James Barrett Shawn Everson Carl Haedge
Rick Scott Jeff Thomas Dwayne Stubblefield Buddy Williams
- February Chairman for Elders:** Jeff Thomas
- Ministers:** Minister: Dan Chambers (615) 815-5382
- Youth Minister:** Cody Peery (731) 432-2436
- Office:** Melissa Tolbert (615) 373-4353

Prayer List:

- **Malaika Ballard**, wife of the minister at Spring Hill C/C has cancer and has asked for prayers.

Shut-Ins:

Jim & Helen Costello; Ken & Mary Culp; Carl Harper; Nylene Lanham; Virginia Layne; Pat Miller

Continue to Remember:

Betty Anderson; Chip Beasley; Mercedes Bruce; Trip Campbell; Ronell Coburn; Collin Cuthrell; Emery Dougan; Glenna Graber; Buford Gregory; Linda Gilliam; Perry & Linda Henry; Betty Jackson; Joe & Mary Kinzer; Bill & Audrey Lambert; Bob Lee; Jo Mehr; Brenda Moore; Jeanett Morris; Jerry Nash; Rod Priestler; David Simerson; Kathy Smith; Neva Smith; Stanley Smith; Barry Stephens; Betty Stubblefield; Donna Warren; Wendell Williams; Nancy Bendure (mother of Noel Bendure); **Austin Blevins** (father of Alicia Collins); **Sharon Crowe** (mother of Jennifer Kinzer); **Rose Daniel** (niece of Terry West); **Mike Derryberry** (father of Lori Reed); **Tracy Henry** (son of Perry & Linda Henry); **Megan Searcy** (niece of Anita Pennell); **Al & Pam Thweatt** (parents of Allison O'Dell).

• **Visitors Welcome Center!**

Visitors, please stop by the welcome table that has been set up as you enter the auditorium. There is information available about Concord Road as well as a visitors card to fill out. We'll be glad to try & answer any questions you have!




• **Announcement from the Elders:**


The shepherds would like to share the following recent event with the congregation. In 2023 we were approached to be the distribution advisors for a charitable Trust that was set up by an individual who is not a member of Concord Road. We have accepted responsibility for this oversight and will be distributing these funds primarily for domestic soul winning efforts outside of our planned Concord Road expenditures (named in our annual budget and in our year end giving and in any other special contributions received from the congregation for specifically designated purposes). Your shepherds



February Anniversaries

Nick & Pam Paul (11)
Elliott & Andrea Popham (11)
Mike & Malissa Sheppard (12)
Howard & Lucy Puryear (14)
Brent & Katie Jacobs (25)
Dave & Lindsay Beasley (26)

- **Guys & Grub:** Attention Men!  Join us for our next get together on Thursday, Thursday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sportsman Grill. *They meet the 2nd Thursday of each month. *Please contact Jason Lambert if you plan on attending!

- **Game Night** will next meet on Friday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Tea Room. *  Please note the date change. *Bring snacks & finger foods. *They meet the 2nd Friday night of each month. All are welcome! For information see David or Renae Harrison.

- **The Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Party** is rescheduled for Saturday, February 17. This event takes special planning. Please text Jenni Jones (tall) 615-618-0865 if you would like to attend or host, **this will be a new sign up for Hosts and attendees.** If you are willing to host, please let her know how many guests you are willing to have, including yourselves. **Sign ups are due Saturday, February 10.** If you do sign up, please be committed to attending, remember your host is planning a meal for you. At noon on Saturday the 17th, you will receive a text message from Jenni with the address of where you will be dining. You will not know who the other guests will be or whose house you will be going to until you ring their doorbell!





- **The American Heritage Girls** troop that meets at Concord Road would like to invite you to our Sunshine Diner on Saturday, February 24, at 9:00 am to enjoy breakfast that will be served by our girls. Please sign up via the link sent by email so we can plan accordingly. We hope to see you there!



February Birthdays

David Story (1)
Ron Gambill (2)
Caleb Pauls (2)
Leigh Ann Smith (2)
Matthew Spencer (2)
Jim Craig (3)
Reida Gambill (3)
Lee Isenberg (3)
Quinn Spencer (3)
Melissa Tolbert (4)
Lois Wright (5)
Jeanett Morris (6)
Daniel McRady (7)
Cameron Craig (8)
Faith Dodd (8)
Marilyn Haedge (8)
Alexander Turner (8)
Brian Phillips (10)
Steve Thomas (10)
Stan Gunselman (12)
Michael Parsons (12)
Geneva Smith (12)
Harper Cuthrell (13)
Brenda Forehand (13)
Clint Neel (13)
Gavin Elliott (15)
Phil Andrews (16)
Savannah Brinson (17)
Kaye Scarborough (17)
Harlan Hammond (18)
Katherine Townes (18)
Olivia Reaves (20)
Ben Gass (21)
Linda Majors (22)
Kevin Demumbran (25)
Linda Henry (25)
Tonya Reiningner (25)
Rhonda Taylor (25)
Lynda Calendine (27)
Zachary Jenkins (27)
Jenny Jones (27)
Jeremy Paisley (27)
Hunter Hoffman (28)
Jimmy Pigg (28)
Leanne Stubblefield (28)

- **Ladies Bible Class:** The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class taught by Lisa Hilton  meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room #212. Join us as we learn life lessons to take with us as we journey to the promised land. Childcare will be provided.

- **Coffee Service:** Fresh coffee and fellowship may be found in the new education area immediately after morning worship. 



February 4, 2024

9:00 A.M. Worship Service

Call to Worship..Song Leader.....Stan Gunselman
 Prayer.....Eric Marvin
 Lord's Supper.....Preside: Buddy Williams

Assist in serving the Lord's Supper:

Ryan Staggs Frank Walton
 Michael Parsons Kipp Turner
 Chris Rhodes Roger Jenkins
 Dennis Makins Mac Alsup

Scripture Reading.....John Bufford
 Sermon.....Dan Chambers
 Prayer.....Chad Stephens

6:00 P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader.....Singing Service
 PrayerSinging Service
 Sermon.....Cody Peery
 Preside.....Ron Gambill
 Prayer.....Brett Pharr

Wednesday Bible Study

February 7, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Song Leader: Colton Hawkins

Devotion: Matthew Rochford

Prayer: Brad Jones

*Lads 2 Leaders Bible Bowl and Children's Wednesday Night Classroom

Changes: This year's book for the Lads 2 Leaders Bible Bowl event is Romans. Weekly practices for Juniors (K-6th grade) have shifted to Wednesday nights, continuing to meet in the 5th/6th grade classroom, through the end of March. 5th and 6th graders not participating in L2L Bible Bowl will continue with Apologetics on Wednesday nights in the 2nd grade classroom. The Wednesday night 1st and 2nd grade Bible classes will be COMBINED in the 1st grade classroom through March. Beginning in April, all children's classes will return to their regularly assigned classrooms. For regular Bible class questions, please see Amanda Turner. For more Bible



*KFC meets downstairs in the High School class area during Sunday night service and is for 1st-5th grades. For more information see Chris Brady.



* **Little Leaders** will meet in the Children's Bible Hour room during the evening services beginning **tonight**. See Adam Garner for more information.

Notes:

- **Concord Road Annual Chili Cook Off:** Bring the heat! Come join us for our annual Chili Cook Off And enjoy some fellowship Sunday, February 18, after evening service. Scan the QR code on the front or check your email to sign up to volunteer, bring sides and/or desserts, and register to compete. Instructions will follow closer to the date.



SCAN ME

- **Widow & Widowers Lunch :** All of the widows and widowers are invited to our next luncheon on Thursday, February 22, at 11:15 a.m. It will be held at Uncle Julio's in Brentwood. There is a sign up sheet across from the church office. Please sign up no later than Sunday, February 18, if you plan to attend contact Linda Marvin at (559) 362-8939 or email LindaDMarvin@gmail.com.



- **College Ministry:** *Sending Love* is a ministry that supports our college kids. Care packages are sent quarterly as well as birthday cards and gifts throughout the year. We would love to show these kids how much we care by having them adopted by a church member for the school year. If you can commit to praying for, emailing, or sending cards to a college student, contact Julie Spencer



- **Children's Bible Hour Volunteers Needed:** We're looking for a few more slots to be filled this year for Bible Hour teachers. Please see the link in your email for the dates needed to be filled. Curriculum and craft/activities are ready to go. If you're interested and have never taught Bible Hour, we're happy to walk you through it. See Baillie White for more information.



Welcome Members & Visitors: Please take a moment to check in and let us know you're here. "Check in" is located at the bottom right corner of the Concord Road app or scan this QR code. *Encouragement & visitor cards are still available in the pews.*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday Morning Worship9:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Bible Class.....10:30 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

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The Record —January 28, 2024

Sunday Worship: AM: 519 PM: 219

Sunday Bible Classes: 477

Wednesday Bible Classes: 308

Contribution TOT: 1-28-24 \$50,579

Contribution YTD: \$175,314

Contribution Goal YTD:\$148,000