

Brady's "Squared-Off-Edge-of-the-Paper"

WINTERFEST 2010

Who: all high school teens

What: Over 15,000 teens gathering in Gatlinburg, TN to praise God and spend time fellowshiping together

When: Feb. 18th-21st; leaving Waterbury Church of Christ at 7:15 on Thursday night and will be back late Sunday night (probably around midnight)

Where: leaving from Waterbury; rally in Gatlinburg, TN; back to Waterbury

Why: Winterfest is a really unique and way to experience Christ with thousands of other teens, giving a sense of how great God's family is.

PARENTS, this is a fantastic trip that I went on throughout high school and it helped to shape my relationship with Christ. It's also an opportunity to make a lot of new friends from all over the nation. Gatlinburg is beautiful. The people are fantastic. And it's an awesome, Christ-filled weekend. Please get a registration form from me, fill it out and bring it back to me. If money is an issue, just come talk to me. Money will NOT be the reason your teen can't come.

This is a wonderful trip and I really want every high school student to be there. There are limited spots so get your registration/money in asap!

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Welcome to the Manchester Church of Christ. The congregation is made up of people who meet regularly to share in worship, study, prayer and fellowship. In Jesus Christ, we have found new direction for our lives. We are now seeking to follow the Lord's instructions in fulfilling the Great Commission (Matt 28:16-20 and the Greatest Commandment (Matt 22:34-40).

Attendance and Contribution For 1./10/2010	
Sunday Bible Classes	210
Sunday AM Worship	282
Wed. Bible Classes	111
Sunday Evening Worship	99
Offering to God	\$6,752.25
Weekly Budget	\$9,120.00

Upcoming Events

- January 17: New Fellowship Groups Meeting
- January 21: Area Preachers/Elders Meeting
- January 23: Singles Jan. Treasures @ Dee J.
- January 24: Senior Saints lunch @ Fellowship Hall
- January 24: 4th Sunday Special Programs PM
- January 31: Leadership Group Meeting
- February 7: Congregational Potluck/BYND

Sunday, January 17, 2010
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Assembly Times

Sunday:
 Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.
 Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.*

Wednesday:
 Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m.

*Small groups at homes 3rd Sunday evening
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## Arnie's Corner

In Luke 17:5 the Apostles said to Jesus, "Show us how to increase our faith!" What a joy it is to where faith lives and acts by love through lives that are committed to Him! It is very enjoyable to be a member of a congregation where faith is alive and well. Wherever and whenever faith is seen, there God is being glorified and people are happy.

Every growing Christian is searching for a deeper measure of faith. We pray for a stronger hold upon God and the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for a wider spread of living faith include every child in the family of God, which will result in a beautiful fellowship and sweet communion.

Jesus recognized in His circle, that there were people with different measures of faith. He said to his disciples, "Why do you have so little faith?" (Matt 6:30). In them, at first, he saw little, weak, feeble faith but he did not kick them out or abuse them. He encouraged them and helped them to grow and the record shows that they became strong. Jesus said to the people following him, concerning the faith of the centurion, "I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith." (Matt 8:10). No one has a corner on faith for here was an outsider who had a growing, expanding dynamic faith. Whatever measure of faith one may have it must be used or it will die. When faith is weak, feed it, put it to work and it will become stronger.

## News and Notes

- Gary Yeats is in California to attend the memorial service for his cousin, who was killed in a car accident.
- A sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer, please sign up to help with the pot-luck on February 7th. Please take a look at the needs and sign up to help.
- **Are you interested in a Spanish bible class?** It would be held here at our normal class time, 9:00am Sunday. Please see the sign up sheet on the information table for details.
- **Dear Church family,** We want to thank everyone for all your prayers, cards, love and support during this difficult time. We are very grateful. In Him, **Love, The Rohans**

## Anthony's Corner

Without a doubt, we are an incredibly blessed people in so many ways. Even in bad economic times, our prosperity surpasses the level of well over 90% of the rest of the world. Spiritually speaking, we have unlimited access, not only to the Word of God, but to so many books & lessons that are based on the Word. Various agencies designed to help those with various needs are numerous as well. With so much going for us, why is there so much trouble, so much anguish, so much frustration in our society? With all that we have going for us, there is still an insistence upon persistence in sin. It may sound terribly simplistic yet true that if more people would really embrace Christ in more than just a superficial way, many of society's ills just might be curtailed. As the people of God, we are concerned about those in sin, about those who suffer because of their sin and who face an eternity without God because of the unforgiven sin in their lives. And so we do our best to present Christianity to the world as attractively as we possibly can. As a result, we make sure that the building and web site are well-maintained, that the worship assemblies are appealing, that we are friendly to our guests, that we make ourselves relevant to those who seek a church home. All things that are good, fine, & necessary, yet what is still lacking? As we communicate the gospel to a world that needs to hear, believe & obey, the things we do & say must be accompanied by a changed life, a life that says that we are different from the rest of the world. Being distinctly different will always extract a price from us, as it did to our brethren who lived in the days between the time of the apostles and Rome's "legalization" of Christianity. As the pagans took note of how Christians would rather be put to death than to worship the Emperor, many saw that the Lord's people had something (or really Someone) for whom they would be willing even to die. It was in the distinctive lives lived by Christians, lives characterized by non-acceptance of the world's values even in the face of persecution, that got the attention of those that needed to be reached with the gospel. A steep price to be sure, yet with eternity in the balance, is any price too steep to pay if it means eternal life?

### Song Leader

Andre McMillian

### Song

### Song

### Welcome

Arnie Holmes

### Prayer

Maynard Johnson

### Song

### Song

### Communion Thought

Russ Mosher

### Lord's Table

### Song—1st Verse

### Offering

### Song con.t

### Song

### Scripture

Anthony Carty

### Song

### Sermon

"We are Christians! Now What?  
We Need to Grow Spiritually  
part I 1 Peter 2:1-3

### Song

### Announcements

Arnie Holmes

### Closing Prayer

Jim Todd

### Children's Bible Time

Irida Dautaj/Jenn Scanlon

### Toddler's Bible Time

Melissa Miller/Abby Costa

### Evening Service

Fellowship Groups

### Remember in Prayer

- **Those having health issues:** Cora Marshall, Becky Todd, Daniel Gipson (Don's son) heart and lung problems. Agnes Wuorio (Rae Holmes mother-cancer). Trudy Wright (Marsha Adam's mother) chemo, Don Bennet (preacher Northside) chemo. Sandy Hannington, hospitalized w/ Pneumonia. The Areys colds & infections, Karen Post diagnosed w/cancer, Delia Renteria (sister of Becky Chapa) heart problems.
- **Those looking for employment:** Richard Chang and John Bouffard
- **Those Traveling:** The Barnetts(Jamaica) The Rideouts (Florida) Doris McKinney (Florida), Hope Thurston (Texas), Emma Scanlon, Africa.
- **Haiti-country struggling after an earthquake which took many lives and injured many others.**

### Next Sunday we are going to have a Special Contribution to help the relief efforts in Haiti.

As you know, an earthquake destroyed much of this nation. Thousands of lives have been lost. People are desperate, and we want to help. Next Sunday the Manchester Church of Christ will pour out their hearts!

Congratulations to the MCC basketball team for their 75-73 buzzer-shot victory over first-place team Manchester Church of the Nazarene (MCN) last Saturday, Jan. 9th in the MCN Adult Basketball league! There are 6 church teams currently in the league which began in November and ends in February with the play-offs. We have 9 players on our roster: Jamal Robinson, David Flint (visitor), Doug Scanlon, Daniel Morbitzer, Zachary Liu, John Bouffard, Chris Curry, Mike Benjamin, and Osei Miller. Daniel Morbitzer leads the entire league in scoring averaging 38 points per game. MCC plays The Church of the Living God on Saturday, Jan. 23rd at 10 am at the Cornerstone Christian School gym on 236 Main Street in Manchester. Come on down and help us win!

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