

## Worship Service Schedule

### Sunday Services

8:15 AM Communion Worship  
9:00 AM Bible Study  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
10:10 AM Gospel Express  
For children ages 4 yrs.  
to 4th Grade  
6:00 PM Evening Worship

### Wednesday Services

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Class  
3:00 PM Afternoon Bible Study  
7:00 PM Mid-Week Bible Study

January 4, 2009

# Heart to Heart ROSS ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Ross Road on the Web

LIVE! Online

We stream our Sunday Services  
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• The Sermon On The Mount •

*Ascension*  
Gerald Jackson

## A Word From The Lord

"We need a word from the Lord," is a cliché that has become common place among believers today. It carries the idea that no action is so important or necessary until we hear from God first. Certainly, wisdom dictates that this notion is always the appropriate action to take. The Word of God is able to make us wise. It guides us in the path of righteousness. God's Word encourages the faint-hearted. It strengthens those who are weak. It corrects the foolish. It consoles those who mourn. It teaches us not to fear but to have faith. And finally, it delivers us into the grace that saves us. I admit that the Bible can appear to be intimidating. But like anything else in life, when you get to know about it, it's not intimidating at all. As we prepare to read through the Bible this year, I want to break the Bible down so that it becomes more practical and less intimidating. This morning let's consider the idea, "A Word From The Lord."

## Small Group Ministry

This evening we will kick off our small group ministry. We will have a pot luck dinner of stew and cornbread. We are asking everyone to bring enough for their family. Desserts and drinks will be provided. We will name our group leaders at that time. All other information will be given at that time.

*Grace & Peace! Gerald*



# From Our Shepherds

Percell Duckett & Bruce Haynes

## Valuing and Cultivating Relationships

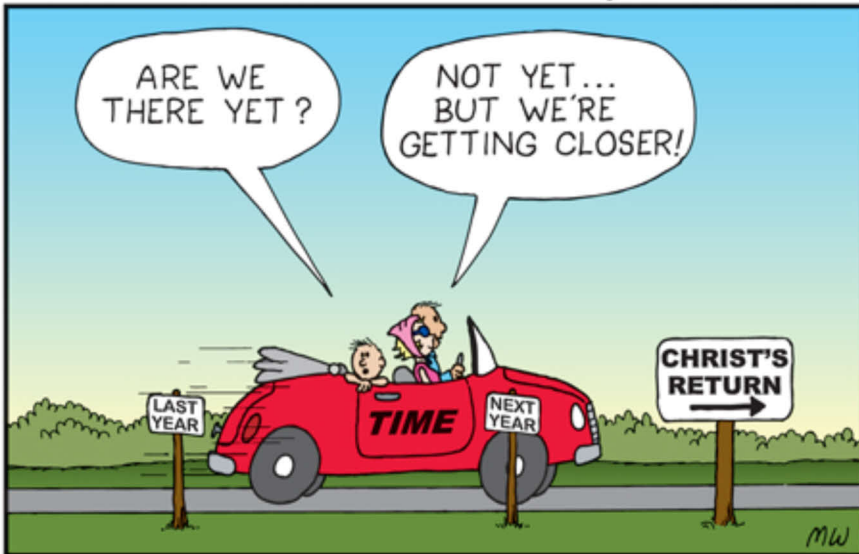
The Bible speaks about the value of a good name, and how it is better to have than silver or gold. I believe that strong friendships are to be sought after as well. I Samuel 18: 1- 4 speaks about the friendship between David and Jonathan, and how Jonathan loved David as himself. This description of their relationship is given on more than one occasion in I Samuel 18 - 20. We speak today about having each other's back, meaning that we would look out for the well being of each other or we would be there for each other to supply whatever is needed. The value of a good friendship can never be over stated. Remember, in Exodus 33:11 the scriptures tell how God would speak to Moses face to face, as a man would speak to his friend. James 2:23 tells how Abraham was called God's friend. Is there any greater honor than to be called a friend of God? The scripture continues to teach that greater love has no man than this, that he would lay down his life for a friend (John 15:13). Jesus said, that you are my friends if you keep my commandments (John 15:14). The leadership believes that if we develop strong relationships that we will become more like the Father and the Son. And, we will become a source of encouragement to one another. The benefits of good friendships cannot be concealed, and hopefully, the world will see how we love one another and desire to be a part of the Lord's Church. Let's all commit to embracing the concept of Life Groups and fully supporting this effort, which is designed to establish and/or cultivate strong relationships within the church.

### The Elders

*Ross Road is a place where you can experience God's love,  
grow in God's family, and serve in God's kingdom.  
Ross is the place for you!*

### TIME TRAVELERS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.  
- JAMES 5:8 KJV

## Looking Ahead

Mark These on Your Calendars

January 4	Life Groups Meet Tonight
January 5   19	Elder's Meeting
January 7	Ladies Class begins
January 11	Fellowship Dinner for the Jacksons Directory Picture make-up day Life Groups in Homes Men's Training Class
January 14	Ladies Luncheon
January 18	Life Groups in Homes
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr Day
January 21	Ladies Class
January 25	Life Groups in Homes
January 31	Men's Prayer Breakfast



### ALL ABOARD GOD'S CELEBRATION TRAIN!



Bible Hour For Children  
ages 4 yrs. old to 4th grade

#### NOTE TO PARENTS

Please remember to pick up your child after Bible Class and take them to the auditorium with you for worship service. Children will be dismissed to the Gospel Express after the opening prayer.

#### Before & After School Care

Phone 901.859.5203

Hours Monday - Friday  
6:30 AM - 8:00 AM  
3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

#### Mother's Day Out

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Office Hours Tuesday - Thursday  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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# In Your Prayers

Pray for Each Other

## Current Prayer Needs

### Ross Road Family & Friends

- **Edgar Jones** is back at work but not full time yet.
- **Tonya Kelly's** sister, **Judy Hector**, had blood and platelets transfused on Wednesday.
- **Sammie Kimbrell** requests prayers for strength and encouragement after the passing of his wife. He also seeks guidance in overcoming difficulties in the workplace and overcoming financial problems.
- **Renee Manner's** mother, **Mary Jackson**, has been in the hospital.
- **Andy Parman's** sister, **Donna Jolet**, is in Methodist North with congestive heart failure.
- **Leonard Randolph**, brother of **Bill Randolph**, has been diagnosed with cancer. The doctors will decide a course of action next week.
- **Bruce Reed** continues to improve but hates the neck brace.
- **Marcus Samuel Jr.** is a child at St. Jude whose cancer has gotten worse. Pray that his cancer turns around.
- **Ben Williams** is still home recovering.
- **Annie Young's** brother, **Noble Scott** passed away last week. The funeral will be January 10, in Louisiana.

### Kennington Pointe Folks

- **Annie Castleman** asks for prayers.



## Continue to Remember

Kim Alexander	Paul Montgomery
Helen Brock	<u>Pamela Moore</u>
Larry Cole	Willie B. Perry
Natalie Cravens	Rick Pratt
<u>Freddie Estelle</u>	Jacqueline Price
Judy Hector	<u>Becca Reed</u>
<u>Joyce Hicks</u>	Barbara Robbins
Tyrel Jones	Lewis & Tammy Short
<u>Tonya Kelly</u>	Mary Ellen Tomlinson
Benjamin Kerekes	<u>Willie Mae Ursery</u>
Monica Martinez	<u>Agnes Vaughn</u>
Julius Melton	<u>Jason Wilkerson</u>

**Underlined Names  
are Ross Road Members**



## Our Service Men & Women

- ★ Matt Beaty
- ★ Sam Coblentz
- ★ Bruce Haynes, Jr.
- ★ Colin Saulkner



# Praise & Details

More About the Family & Events

## Life Groups Start Today

| Tonight

Come back this evening for the kick-off of Life Groups this year. Life Groups will run for two months on and then two months off. We will meet in January and February and be off March and April. We will begin again in May and June and be off in July and August, etc. On the first Sunday of each month we will meet at the building. The remainder of the meetings will be in homes. Please come back tonight and find out more details.

## Ladies Wednesday Morning Class

| January 7

The ladies class will begin the New Year on Wednesday. If you have an hour or so of free time on a Wednesday morning @ 10:00 AM, we welcome you to join us for great fellowship, prayer time, and great Bible learning. Every second Wednesday of each month we have a ladies luncheon immediately after class.

## Events For The Day

| January 11

◆ If you and your family have not had your picture taken for the new directory this will be your make-up day. Pictures will be taken in the first classroom on the left. You will be given a form to fill out with all of your family information. This information will be used for the directory and to update the computer records as well. If your name has not been on the birthday calendar, this could be why. The directory is very close to being published. Please help us in this effort.

◆ We will have a welcome home fellowship dinner for the Jackson's immediately after second service. Please see the bulletin board and sign up for what you can bring. (Green and Leafy Please!)



◆ Life Groups will meet in homes tonight.

◆ Men's training class will continue in the new year. We will meet @ 5:00 this evening. If any men from 9 - 90 don't feel quite comfortable in front of an audience, please come to class to gain experience and build up your confidence.

**Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year**

## New Orleans Chicken

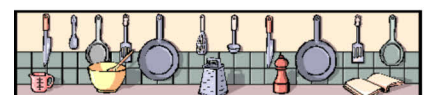
Contributed to the book by **Lois Colvett**

from "A Book of Favorite Recipes" - Compiled by the Ross Road Church of Christ

- 4 chicken breasts - boneless, skinless
- 1 8 oz carton sour cream
- 1 can Cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 4 slices of uncooked bacon
- 1 jar dried beef

Line 9x13 casserole dish with the dried beef. Wrap each chicken breast with one slice of bacon and place on top of dried beef. Mix the sour cream and soups together, pour over the chicken. Bake @ 275° for 2½ hours, uncovered. Best served with rice.

**What's Cooking?**  
Add This One to Your Recipe Box



# Sunday Morning Order of Worship

Call to Worship	Scripture & Prayer	Gerald Jackson
Worship in Song	Please Stand	James Riddick
🎵 *12 Firm Foundation 🎵 74 Praise The Lord 🎵 71 As The Deer		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		David Garrett
Scripture Reading		Bill Randolph
	• Dismiss to Gospel Express Today! •	
🎵 903 There's Power In The Blood		
Communion		Bruce Haynes
Fellowship of Giving		Bruce Haynes
🎵 749 The Battle Belongs To The Lord		
Morning Message		Gerald Jackson
Invitation Song 🎵 129 Amazing Grace During this invitation song, if you have a need for the prayers of fellow Christians, desire to be baptized into Christ, or to place your membership with the Ross Road Church of Christ, please come to the front.		
Closing Remarks 🎵 294 You're The One		Percell Duckett
Closing Prayer		Percell Duckett

**Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year**

- \* Indicates the song selection is in the Paperback Books in the bookracks.
- \*\* HO indicates a "Handout" of a song that is not in either of our books.
- \*\*\* OS indicates that the words are projected on the screen ONLY ... Song is not in book or on handout.

**Sunday Evening @ 6:00 PM**

*Gerald Jackson*



## Words of Wisdom

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

*Humor At A Glance*  
**Laughter Is the Best Medicine**

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think that Noah did much fishing while he was on the Ark?" "No, replied Johnny. How could he with just two worms?"

*Helpful Tid-Bits*  
**Hints, Tips, & Remedies**

Take your bananas apart when you get them home from the store. If you leave them all connected at the stem, they will ripen faster.

## Last Sunday's Record

Bible Class	49
Morning Worship	108
Sunday Evening	63
<b>CONTRIBUTION</b>	
Budget	\$4,000.00
Yearly Average to Date	
December 28, 2008	\$3,687.78

## We Believe ...

Though God's part is the big part, our part is also necessary if we are to reach heaven. We must comply with the conditions of salvation which the Lord has announced. Our part is clearly set forth in the following steps:

**Hear the Gospel** - "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" - **Romans 10:14**

**Believe** - "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." - **Hebrews 11:6**

**Repent of past sins** - "In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent." - **Acts 17:30**

**Confess Jesus as Lord** - "... they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?' Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' The eunuch answered, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.'" - **Acts 8:36-37**

**Be baptized for the remission of sins** - "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" - **Acts 2:38**

**Live a Christian life** - "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." - **1 Peter 2:9**

## Welcome Visitors

*Welcome to Ross Road! We are so glad that you have joined us this morning. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering tray when it passes. Also, please stay around a few minutes after worship so that we may meet you. Thank you for the opportunity to share the love of Christ with you - we hope you will be back soon!*

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