

## Sunday Morning Order of Worship

Welcome, Call to Worship and Prayer Bruce Reed

Worship in Song James Riddick

- ♪ OS Jesus Is A Friend
- ♪ \*64 A New Anointing
- ♪ \*75 Days Of Elijah

Prayer of Thanksgiving David Hale

Scripture Reading David Bobo

• NO Gospel Express Today •

- ♪ 318 O Sacred Head

Communion Prayer Bill Randolph  
 Contribution Prayer Bill Randolph

- ♪ 959 Have A Little Talk With Jesus

Morning Message: Gerald Jackson  
 Invitation

- ♪ 924 Just As I Am

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 Bruce Haynes

- ♪ 464 Because He Lives

Prayer Bruce Haynes



The Word Is Mine In 2009



\* 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 we should follow the words being projected on the screen.

**Sunday Evening**  
**@ 6:00 PM**

Gerald Jackson

If you are unable to attend Ross or are traveling, you can watch & listen online!

**We stream our Sunday Services LIVE!**  
**Online @ 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.**  
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### Last Sunday's Record

**Bible Class** 47  
**Morning Worship** 132  
**Sunday Evening** 33

### CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

**Budget** \$ 4,606.00  
 Yearly Average to Date  
**March 15, 2009** \$ 3,897.17

### 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. 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!

## Worship Service Schedule

### Sunday Services

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Devo
- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:10 a.m. Gospel Express  
For children ages 4 yrs. to 4th Grade

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

### Wednesday Services

- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Class
- 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study

Ross Road on the Web

LIVE! Online

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For those who listen to our services LIVE! on the web ... Please let us know you listen by e-mailing us at the address above. If you experience difficulties related to sound or video, or have any other connectivity issues let us know!

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• Call cell phone for appointments •

### Our Shepherds

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All announcements, prayer requests, and other information for the "Heart to Heart" must be turned in to Raynee Randolph by 12:00 p.m. Thursday, NO EXCEPTIONS!

• Call 901.363.7439 or E-Mail [rroffice@rossroadchurch.org](mailto:rroffice@rossroadchurch.org) •

### Mother's Day Out

**Phone** 901.363.3644  
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 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
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### Before & After School Care

**Phone** 901.859.5203  
**Hours** **Monday - Friday**  
 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  
 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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• The Road to Heaven •

Ascension  
 Gerald Jackson

## And When You Fast. . .

We live in a time when fasting is not practiced as frequently as it was in the infancy of Christianity. In fact, there are some who think that Christians shouldn't fast at all. But our Lord Jesus expected it of the disciples then and His disciples now. It is one of the spiritual disciplines which enhance the other spiritual disciplines. It reminds you of that BASF commercial a couple of years ago. The slogan said, "BASF didn't make many of the products you use. It makes many of the products you use better." When we fast we make a sacrifice for the purpose of drawing nearer to God. Fasting seeks the presence of God in an intense focused manner that allows us to concentrate our spiritual energy into a particular effort for the Lord. Fasting doesn't make us pray. Fasting makes us pray with determined intent and effort. Fasting doesn't make us give more. It makes us give with greater understanding of the need for giving. Fasting doesn't make us meditate. It makes it possible for us to meditate with clearer vision. This morning we are going to look at the spiritual discipline of fasting. Our lesson comes from Matthew 6:16-18. Let's consider the practice, purpose and payoff of righteous fasting.

## "The Eldership"

This evening I will continue on teaching on the elders. I want to focus the lesson on the Elder's Office. Please remember that on the 29 we will have a coffee and cake fellowship in which we will recognize birthdays for the month of March and also take questions about the eldership.

Grace & Peace! Gerald

# In Your Prayers

Pray for Each Other

## Continue to Remember

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

Underlined Names  
are Ross Road Members



## Our Service Men & Women

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

## Current Needs

- **Judy Hector** was admitted to the hospital with a severe nose bleed on Sunday.
- **Lois Hicks** is recovering from a car accident on Wednesday.
- **Sonya Loggins**, friend of **Agnes Vaughn**, is in ICU in Jonesboro with diabetes and may be facing an amputation.
- **Jean Schrader's** sister-in-law, **Larry Cole** has been ill for some time. **Jean** also has had a pinched nerve in her back.
- **Cindy Walker's** mother is in ICU at The Med after falling through a ceiling. She has several severe injuries; broken back, fractured ribs, collapsed lung and is on a respirator. This will be a long recovery. Cindy is a former Ross member.
- **Christy Wigley** has breast cancer.

## Kennington Pointe Folks

- We need to keep all our Kennington Pointe folks in our prayers for good health during this cold and flu season.
- **Lucille Dennis** request prayers for health issues.



# Looking Ahead

Mark These Events on Your Calendar

<b>March 25</b>	Ladies Class
<b>March 27-28</b>	Ladies Clean Sweep Retreat
<b>March 28</b>	Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>March 29</b>	Elder's Question & Answer 7 PM
<b>March 30</b>	Elder's Meeting
<b>March 31</b>	WEW   7 PM
<b>April 1   8   15</b>	Ladies Class
<b>April 3</b>	Sycamore View - Grizzlies Night - 7 PM
<b>April 11</b>	Community Easter Egg Hunt
<b>April 13   27</b>	Elder's Meeting

# Praise & Details

More About the Family & Events

## Ladies Clean Sweep Retreat

| March 27-28

This will be our first retreat of 2009. It is being designed to help us organize and prioritize our Spiritual life and our earthly life as well. We have a block of rooms reserved for us at the Holiday Inn Select on Democrat. Our Guest speaker will be our own Pepsi Jackson. We will have Spa treatments on Friday evening. There will be two ladies prepared to give pedicures for a fee of \$20.00. A professional organizer, Lesley Adams, will have a class on Saturday to give us ideas that we can use to clean out, de clutter and organize our earthly lives. The cost of \$60.00 will include your room, Friday evening meal, spa treatment, a buffet breakfast in the hotel restaurant, as well as the Saturday Program. If you will not be spending the night your cost will be \$20.00. Check in time can be as early as 5:00 PM. We must check out Saturday by Noon. Please contact Raynee Randolph, Fran Robinson or Angela Bobo if you have any questions.



## Women Encouraging Women (WEW)

| March 31

This month's WEW lesson is entitled Weathering The Storm, and will be facilitated by Judy Franklin. The Scripture references will be Job 1:13-2:10. We will begin promptly @ 7 PM in the Library. Come join us.

## Sycamore View Grizzlies Night

| April 3

We have reserved a number of Plaza (Lower Sections) seats that normally sell for \$62 for only \$20 per seat. Call Robert Salek @ (901) 205-1463 and tell him your purchase is for Sycamore View Night. We want this to be a special event and would like an OVERWHELMING response. Kip Long will be singing The National Anthem and the evening will be filled with surprises. See the letter on the bulletin board for more information.



## Support Our Youth

Zachary Bobo's school band will be performing @ Walt Disney World, Florida in April. He is interested in doing work on the weekends to help pay for his trip. If any members have odd jobs such as stacking wood, raking leaves, moving furniture, etc, please call Zachary @ 901-299-3913.

## Easter Egg Hunt

| April 11

It's time again for our community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 AM until Noon. We will have the older children hunting in the front yard and the younger children hunting on the ball field. We need CANDY CANDY CANDY. Individually wrapped and NO CHOCOLATE. We will also need volunteers to stuff the eggs before the hunt. See David or Angela Bobo for questions.



## Words of Wisdom for the Week:

If I believe I cannot do something, it makes me incapable of doing it. When I believe I can, then I acquire the ability to do it, even if I did not have the ability in the beginning.

# From Our Shepherds

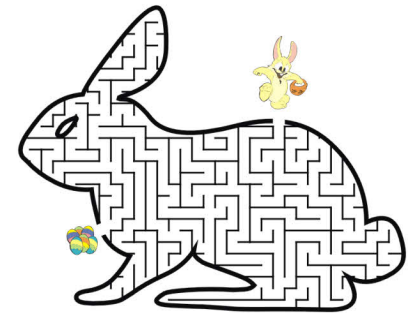
Percell Duckett & Bruce Haynes

## Love The One You're With

Kingston is our three year old boxer, but don't tell him that he is a dog. He is the most loyal and fun loving being that I know. He loves to be with people, but because of his ferocious look most people prefer not to get too close to him. All that he wants to do is give them a big old sloppy lick. What we have noticed about Kingston is that he enjoys being around people so much that he would rather be locked up in the kennel near people than to be free in the back yard. Freedom is something that most of us cherish to the point of risking death to obtain it. Kingston is so consumed with being in the presence of those he loves that he would gladly give up his freedom to be with loved ones. Jesus said that it is better to enter heaven with one eye, hand, or whatever, than to go into hell with everything. I think that Kingston gets it, but what about you? I wonder if we higher level beings are as consumed with our desire to be in the presence of the ONE that we love as Kingston is. You can learn a lot from a dog. Oh! I forgot don't ever call him a dog

## 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!*



**Children get your special "Children's Bulletin TODAY!"**



**ALL ABOARD GOD'S CELEBRATION TRAIN!**

**NO GOSPEL EXPRESS**

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.

**THERE WILL BE NO GOSPEL EXPRESS TODAY!!**