

## Sunday Morning Order of Worship

Welcome, Call to Worship and Prayer **Gerald Jackson**

Worship in Song **Bruce Reed**

- ♪ 381 Years I Spent In Vanity
- ♪ \*38 Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord
- ♪ OS In Christ Alone

Prayer of Thanksgiving **Zach Bobo**

Scripture Reading **David Garrett**

• **NO Gospel Express Today** •

- ♪ OS The Lord's Supper

Communion Prayer **William Wilkerson**

- ♪ 319 Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone

Contribution Prayer **William Wilkerson**

- ♪ 346 He Lives
- ♪ 351 He Bore It All

Morning Message: **Gerald Jackson**

Invitation

- ♪ 464 Because He Lives

*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 **Percell Duckett**

- ♪ 881 Mansion Over The Hilltop

Prayer **Percell Duckett**



\* 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.  
[www.rossroadchurch.org](http://www.rossroadchurch.org)**

## Last Sunday's Record

**Bible Class** 49  
**Morning Worship** 177  
**Sunday Evening** 44

### CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

**Budget** \$ 4,606.00  
Yearly Average to Date  
**April 5, 2009** \$ 3,823.61

## 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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[www.rossroadchurch.org](http://www.rossroadchurch.org)**

**[avcm@rossroadchurch.org](mailto:avcm@rossroadchurch.org)**

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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**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

**Office Hours** Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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## Contact Information

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## Our Shepherds

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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.

April 12, 2009

*Heart to Heart*  
**ROSS ROAD**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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• The Road to Heaven •

*Ascension*  
Gerald Jackson

## Camouflaged Easter Eggs?

It was the Saturday before Easter Sunday. I was in Wal-Mart getting some gardening supplies. The store was packed. Parents were buying all of the Easter goodies. The shelves were stocked full of the chocolate bunnies, peeps, and plastic eggs. They had electric blue, brilliant yellow, hot pink and dazzling white. All of the colors that would make an Easter egg hunt exciting for any child. As I walked down the aisle, I couldn't help but reminisce. I smiled as I remembered the joy of finding all of the wonderfully colored eggs. It was at that exact moment that I looked on the shelf and saw a package of "Camouflaged Easter Eggs." Okay, sure I'm in Wal-Mart, and yes Wal-Mart does have a higher than average clientele who frequently sport camouflage apparel, but, camouflaged Easter Eggs? I thought about it for a moment and settled with the idea that, "well, it's just another color to paint the Easter Eggs." But then I had a second thought, wait a minute, I thought finding the Easter Eggs was the whole purpose for having the hunt. That's why we paint them in bright colors. Who thought of such a cruel joke to play on the kids? Who would hide camouflaged Easter Eggs knowing that the kids would have a difficult, if not impossible time finding them? This sounds like the strategy of some worn out mom who just needs a few extra minutes of rest or some prankster dad who loves watching the kids struggle in futility. They take the camouflaged eggs and hurl them out in the back yard and shout, "Go git em kids!" These eggs hit the grass and virtually disappear. Tragically, I hear some Christians explain salvation in a similar fashion. They teach that you can't know if you are saved or not. Or maybe you are saved one moment but then you lose your salvation because you sinned. Listen folks, you can't lose your salvation. You can surrender it by choosing to follow Satan.

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# 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** continues to need prayers.
- **Peggy Hendrix's** sister, **Dorothy Bryant** was released Thursday from Baptist East.
- **Jason Wilkerson** has been admitted to Lakeside. Please keep Brenda, William and Jason in your prayers.

## Kennington Pointe Folks

- **Annie Castleman** continues to need prayers for strength.
- **Lucille Dennis** continues to grow stronger.



# Looking Ahead

Mark These Events on Your Calendar

<b>April 13   27</b>	Elder's Meeting
<b>April 15   22   29</b>	Ladies Class
<b>April 17</b>	Six State Sing - Southwind CoC
<b>April 19</b>	White Station SOMA Presentation
<b>April 25</b>	Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>April 28</b>	WEW   Annie Young
<b>April 30</b>	Delta Capella Performance - BPAC
<b>May 9</b>	Graduation - MHEA, Harding, U of M
<b>May 10</b>	Mother's Day
<b>May 11</b>	Postage Increase to \$.44

# Praise & Details

More About the Family & Events

## White Station - SOMA

| April 19

White Station Church will be here for a presentation about the work they do at the student center on the campus of The University of Memphis and how we may be able to get involved with that ministry. The center is called SOMA, meaning body in Greek. We will have a combined Bible Class @ 9:00 AM in the auditorium for the presentation. Rusty Woods and Jonathan Woodall will be our speakers. There will also be in attendance, several U of M students that are former Ross Road Members.

## Women Encouraging Women (WEW)

| April 28

This month's WEW lesson is entitled The Crucifixion, and will be facilitated by Annie Young. We will begin promptly @ 7 PM in the Library. Come join us.

## Worship Committee | IT | AVCM



All members of the worship committee are asked to attend a **weekly** meeting on **Sunday afternoon @ 4:30, in the Library**. We are working on a new supplemental song book.

## Congratulations



Abbey Randolph participated in a dance competition at the DeSoto Civic Center Sunday evening. Her dance studio received a second place trophy for the dance production "Greased Lightning" from Grease.

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You can throw it away by choosing to rebel against the Lord God, but you can't inadvertently lose it. People who embrace this idea go back and forth, doubting whether or not they are saved. Whenever we follow this kind of teaching, salvation becomes as elusive as the camouflaged Easter egg. When it comes to our salvation, God takes no pleasure in watching us struggle in futility. The Lord wants us to walk assured in His pathway. "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). Satan is the only one who wants us to doubt our salvation. If he can get us to doubt that we are saved, he knows that doubt will eventually erode our faith. The Lord gives us every assurance that we are His. If someone is causing you to doubt your salvation, remember who it is that wants you to doubt. This morning we are going to look at, "The Power of the Resurrection."

*Grace & Peace! Gerald*

## Words of Wisdom for the Week:

To understand the value of money, you have to save some. . . spend some. . . and then give some away.

# From Our Shepherds

Percell Duckett & Bruce Haynes

## Are You Smarter Than A Stone?

There is a popular TV variety show and game called, "Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader?" I know many of you detest that game because it makes you feel so... well, you know what I mean, but don't be that way. Remember what God said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face down cast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?" (Ge 4:6,7) So don't begrudge the fifth graders or the game, just make sure that you have been properly prepared, then you MAY prove to be smarter than a fifth grader the next time you play the game. The idea of being smarter than a stone comes from the scriptures (Lu 19:40, Hab 2:11, Jos 24:27.) The Holy Spirit made it quite clear that if men fail to give God the praise He deserves that even the stones will cry out. When the disciples were praising God in Luke 19:38, the Pharisees asked Jesus to rebuke them - which means to tell them to shut up - but Jesus responded by saying that if they should be quiet that the stones will cry out. Some of you are thinking that doesn't make sense. Stones can't speak, they are inanimate. I say to you, is anything too hard for God? According to Joshua 24:27, these stones shall be a witness against you. What does a witness do? A witness tells what he has seen or heard. Because of who God is, His word will not return void and His creation will give Him the praise that He deserves. So the question that that should be considered is, are you smarter than a stone? If you fail to give proper witness and praise to the Lord, then maybe you are dumber than a stone, but you don't have to stay that way. Remember that if men fail to praise God that even the stones will cry out in praise to Him.

## 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!**



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!!**