

## Sunday Morning Order of Worship

Welcome • Call to Worship and Prayer	Bruce Reed
Worship in Song	James Riddick
♪ 712 Jesus Is Coming Soon	
♪ *75 Days Of Elijah	
♪ 484 You Are My All In All	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	Bill Randolph
Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:13-14	Bobby Edwards
• NO Gospel Express Today •	
♪ 894 Beulah Land	
♪ *90 Create In Me A Clean Heart	
Communion Prayer	David Bobo
Contribution Prayer	David Bobo
♪ 616 The Way Of The Cross	
Morning Message: Traveling The Broadway	Gerald Jackson
Invitation	
♪ 867 To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way	
<p style="color: red; font-size: small;">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.</p>	
Closing Remarks	Bruce Haynes
♪ 969 Don't You Want To Go To That Land	



\* 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 Evenings Worship @ 6:00 PM

Percell Duckett | LG

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 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	133
Sunday Evening	61
<b>CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION</b>	
Budget	\$ 4,606.00
Yearly Average to Date	
June 7, 2009	\$ 3,837.13

### 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

<b>Sunday Services</b>	
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
<b>Wednesday Services</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Bible Study

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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!

### Our Deacons

Audio-Visual Communication	Kevin Kelly kevinKelly@rossroadchurch.org
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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 •

### Mother's Day Out

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## Contact Information

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David Garrett   Youth Minister davidgarrett@rossroadchurch.org	
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• Call cell phone for appointments •	

### 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.

June 14, 2009



• The Road to Heaven •  
*Ascension*  
 Gerald Jackson

## The Strait Gate and Narrow Way

Why is the way to life to be found on the strait and narrow? The answer is simple. God is filtering all of the riff-raff. That seems to be a bit harsh, but it is nonetheless true. If we are not careful, we may get the cart before the horse with this particular verse of Scripture. We often imagine traveling a narrow path then entering the strait gates for our ultimate reward in Jesus. But, there are some things that we must pay careful attention to in this verse.

The first thing we need to notice is that we enter the gate before we get on the narrow path. The word used to describe the gate to life is strait. It means a small, close or constricted entrance. So there is some exacting that is required in order to pass through. It reminds me of air travel. After you go through all of the security measures that are required, you then have to shuffle and squeeze your way through a crowded airplane. Finally, you find your seat. You take a deep breath and plop down into that narrow confinement that you will occupy for the duration of the flight. That's the idea of entering the strait gate. It requires effort.

The second thing we notice is that after we have entered the gate, the path we are required walk is narrow. Again, this requires effort. The Lord sets the boundaries for us to travel through, and He has His reasons for exacting the boundaries. These boundaries help us keep our focus on the ultimate goal—eternal life. This morning our lesson comes from Matthew 7:13, 14. Let's consider the strait and narrow.

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

- **Shameka Boatman** suffered a stroke.
- **Delecia Garrett and Brazille Banks** ask for prayers for forgiveness.
- **Crispin Jackson**, a new member to the body of Christ, is a single mom in need of a job and strength to raise her children and keep her home in order.
- **Edgar Jones** will be taking physical therapy.
- **Tonya Kelly's** sister, **Judy Hector**, had a portacath put in for easier transfusions. She is still recovering from surgery last week at Germantown Methodist rm # 314S. **Kevin's** results for his MRI were not specific, but he was referred to a neurologist for a further workup.
- **Emily Randolph** will have outpatient surgery on Wednesday.
- **James Riddick's** grandmother **Jo Riddick**, was taken to Baptist East Wednesday morning with chest pain.
- **Barbie Wright's** brother, **Gerald Ross**, was admitted to a nursing home in Oklahoma. Pray he gets stronger mentally and physically.

## Kennington Pointe Folks

- **Lucille Dennis** celebrated her 90th birthday last week. Her son, **Tommy Dennis**, will have knee replacement surgery on the 11th.

# Looking Ahead

Mark These Events on Your Calendar

<b>June 14</b>	Life Groups
<b>June 15   29</b>	Elder's Meeting
<b>June 17   24</b>	Singing Class For Everyone
<b>June 21</b>	Worship Committee Meeting @ 5 PM Life Groups
<b>June 27</b>	Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>June 28</b>	Big Breakfast - Honoring Our Men Back Yard Picnic - Last Life Group
<b>July 3</b>	Cook Out, Fire Works, Clothing Giveaway
<b>July 5</b>	Anniversary Cake
<b>July 13-16</b>	VBS

# Praise & Details

More About the Family & Events

## Singing Class

| June 17

It does not matter if you think you can't sing, this class will be for EVERYONE, including ALL of the YOUTH classes. This will give our teachers a small break for the summer. Everyone will meet in the auditorium @ 7 each Wednesday. James Riddick and Bruce Reed will be the facilitators. Come and learn how to read shape notes, sing new songs and just praise God.

## Big Breakfast

| June 28

The ladies of Ross would like to honor all of our men. This is to show appreciation for all those things you do for our spiritual bodies and our earthly bodies. Sunday, June 28th will be your day. Beginning at 9:00 AM we will be serving you a breakfast feast in the fellowship hall. David Bobo will be leading our devotional thought. There will be **no classes** so no one has to teach and miss out. Ladies, please sign the sheets on the bulletin board for the foods you can furnish.

## Back Yard Picnic

| June 28

We will be celebrating our last Life Group meeting until September. This will be a CASUAL SUNDAY, beginning with our Big Breakfast, and after second service we will have our Back Yard Picnic. Some will have missed our breakfast, so please stay for our picnic. Bring enough picnic food for your family and stay for fellowship and games. There will be NO EVENING SERVICE.

## Women Encouraging Women (WEW)

| June 30

This month's WEW lesson is entitled "The Love Of The Father." The scripture reference will be John 3:16 and will be facilitated by Ann Duckett. We will begin **promptly** @ 7 PM in the Library. Come join us. Thanks to all the guys who have been cooking on the nights we have class.

## Annual Fireworks and Cook Out

| July 3

We will have our July 4th cook out on Friday afternoon / evening. We will also be having our clothing giveaway. We will need coordinators for the giveaway. If you are interested please let the elders know. Then as night falls, we will be dazzled by the fireworks display thanks to the home owners association adjacent to our property. Bring your lawn chairs and bug spray and enjoy!!

## Congratulations

Tiffany Williams has passed all the required tests to begin teaching in August. She has been hired for a position at Oak Haven High School. Well Done Tiffany!!!

## New Member

Congratulations to our new brother in Christ, Langston Hampton. Langston was baptized last Sunday. His address is 6538 Gadwall, Memphis 38141.

## Words of Wisdom for the Week:

Wealth consists not in having possessions but in having few wants.

# From Our Shepherds

Percell Duckett & Bruce Haynes

## Why Me?

During these times of economic distress, personal health problems, national security issues and what appears to be a breakdown in the moral fabric of this country, one can easily become self focused. When this occurs, the devil wins because we forget about the grace and gifts that God has blest us with. Satan wins every time he distracts us from teaching the lost, acting as a source of encouragement for each other, and glorifying the Father. Many of us have experienced personal tragedies (health issues, job loss, relationship problems, difficulties with our children, etc.) during the past year or so, and thanks be to God we have survived. Let's not forget about the words of David, which are recorded in Psalm 37:25 "I was young and now am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging for bread." Folks, know for certain that if we stand with the Lord, our spiritual, physical and emotional needs will be provided. That is the kind of God that we serve.

## 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!!**