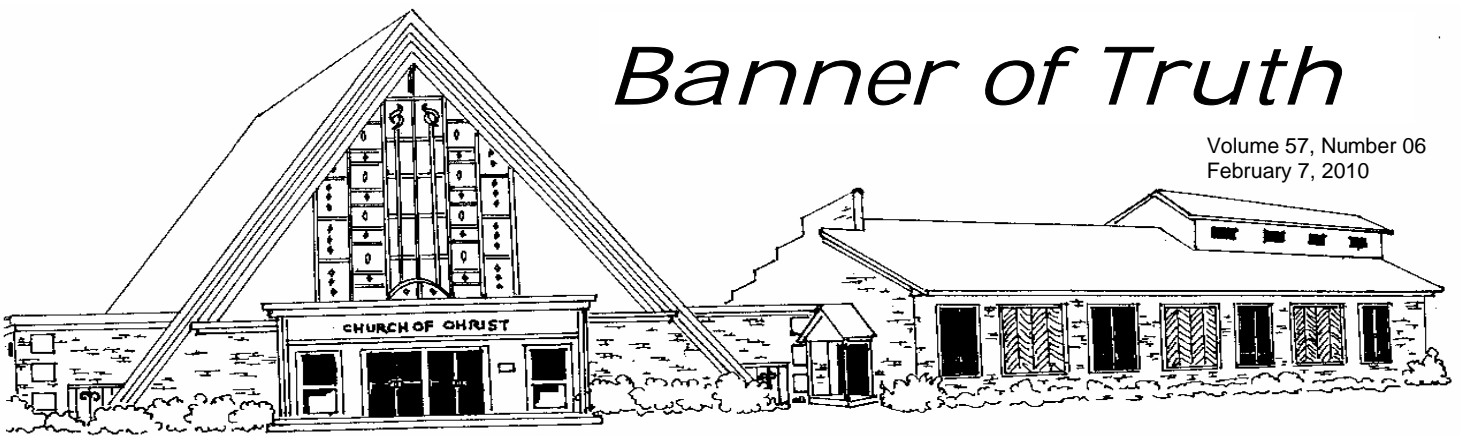


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Rick's Rightings

RESPONSE: Last Wednesday night *Mary Ann Robertson* came forward during the Lord's invitation. She stated that she wanted to be a better example to others and she wants to be an encourager rather than a discourager. That is a wonderful statement made from a sincere heart. I think all of us should consider ourselves in these areas and see if we need to make similar resolutions. Let's pray for her and for each other as we seek to serve God in the best way we can.

WELL, HERE WE GO... It is now time for us to make the transition from the auditorium to the Activities Building for our worship services. By the time you get this bulletin, we will have already met for Wednesday night Bible classes, but this Sunday will be our first Lord's Day in the AB. As I mentioned last week, there will be some adjustments as we figure out the way to do things most efficiently and with least disturbance. Thanks in advance for your patience as we settle in for the time while our auditorium is being expanded.

THANKS to all who have been working so hard through this process, sometimes behind the scenes. Special thanks to *Bob Pritchett* as the elder in charge of building and grounds. He has spent many hours talking with contractors and companies to get us to this point. He has spent much time at the building making sure things were getting done. Thanks to all who have worked in various ways, moving tables and chairs, moving boxes of books, cleaning out classrooms, cleaning up, and doing so many things that needed to be done.

THE 74TH ANNUAL FREED HARDEMAN LECTURESHIP begins this Sunday night, February 7 and goes through next Friday morning. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to hear great lessons by brethren from across the brotherhood. People travel from hundreds and thousands of miles to take part in it and I hope you will be able to go for a day or two. As I have been doing for many years, I will be attending for the week. If you go, you can hear me speak on Wednesday morning at 8:30 AM in Auditorium D. I hope you can attend the Lectureship because it will be a great time of spiritual nourishment for you. Hope to see you there.

"GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR THE HOME" Marriage Seminar will be **February 26-28** with *Roy Sharp* and *Mike Cravens* from Freed Hardeman University.

A CLOSING THOUGHT: "God's gift to us is who we are and our gift to God is who we become."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SICK

Brian Crow, past preacher at Dresden, had a bad fall at his home in Birmingham, AL. He fractured his skull and broke several ribs and bones. He is now in ICU on a ventilator at a hospital in Birmingham. **Nancy Mansfield**, mother of Barbara McClain, is in Jackson Madison Co. Hospital, Room 917 with pneumonia and other problems. The family asks for prayers. **Dorothy Yates** is now recuperating at home. **Kassie Wright**, daughter of Jeff and Brenda Wright, fell at cheerleading practice and tore her Achilles tendon in her left leg. She will have surgery.

PRAYER LIST

Shirley Ayers, Garrett Baker, Barry Barber, Modene Barnhill, John Beddingfield, Anna Laura Bell, Jerri L. Benderman, Jennie Booker, Judy Bumpus, Kathy Childress, Alene Clifton, Mary Ann Coates, Sandra Cobb, Geraldine Damron, Jack Dobson, Lindell Doty, Danielle Edwards, Kay Exum, Reed Exum, Omelia Faulkner, Brennon Forrester, Clara Forrester, Leon Forrester, Mary E. Freeman, Madelyn Frutiger, Earl Garner, Gerald Garner, Pat Gerhardt, Morgan Gentry, Glynn Giffin, Marjorie Gill, Mary Frances Gingras, Abby Glover, James Gravenmier, Lisa Green, Ruby Gunnels, Doug Halliburton, Deana Hane, Mary Ellen Harris, Bobbie Jean Henry, Clay Higgs, William Higgs, Bill Hollandsworth, Hayley Holmes, Joy Jackson, Johnny Kemp, Winnie Kirkland, Emily Knudsen, Timo Kramer, Jewell Langford, Mark Langley, Bob Laws, Caleb McClarin, Zach McGregor, Bob Mann, Wanda Mann, Mike Marker, Cara Marvin, James Meadows, Arnie Melson, Margaret Melson, Creed Melton, David Monroe, Alan Moody, Carlos Moore, R. C. Nunley, Jimmy Parham, Beverly Perea, Janet Powers, Ron Powers, Jim Randolph, Paul Rea, Steve Reynolds, Ricketts' baby, Glen Smethwick, Georgette Smith, Paul Smith, Judy Spence, Nick Taylor, Emily Taylor, Josh Terry, Odell Terry, Zachary Terry, Rachel Thompson, Albert Tucker, Barbara Tyson, Judi Utter, Cody Wade, Rodney Wade, Eulane Walker, Pauline Walker, John N. White, Lynn Whitworth, Dorothy Willhite, Marvie Williams, Francis Wilson, Relma Wright, Dorothy Yates.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Brandon Box, Lance Dobson, Chad Glover, Jacob Hankins, Chris Hoque, Ray Jimenez, Scottie Jones, Scott Kimbrough, Matthew Leke, Zach Marker, Ian Martin, Jeff Mayo, Darren Moore, Clinton Randles, Jon Sims, Brad Smith, Marcus Tanner, Jonathan Ulderich.

PRAYER BEEPERS

Reed Exum 235-4685 and Bob Laws 235-4684

CARE GROUP

Care Group 1 meets Sunday night after evening services.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

February 10th - Series Title: *ABCs of a Godly Heart*. Topic: The Js and Ks of a Godly Heart. Teacher: **Melba Figgins**.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING

The Evangelism Committee meets Sunday at 4:45 p.m. in Adult 2.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Missions Committee meets Sunday at 5:15 p.m. in the Conference Room.

NEW BABY

Congratulations go out to **Jeremy and Valerie Andrews** on the birth of a daughter, **Emma Irene Andrews**, born on January 29, 2010. She weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. Proud grandparents are Jamey and Cindy Andrews and proud aunt is Jessica Andrews.

RESPONSE

Mary Ann Robertson came forward on Wednesday night, asking for prayers from the congregation.

THANK YOU

Martin Church of Christ, Thank you so much for helping us when our house burned down. Your donation was greatly appreciated.

Josh & Misty Mansfield

Martin Church of Christ, Thank you for the ham at Christmas. It is so nice to be thought of in such a nice way.

Sincerely,

June Wright

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

The Martin Church of Christ will be having a Marriage Seminar entitled "God's Blueprint for the Home." February 26th-27th. Speakers: Roy Sharp and Mike Cravens.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Lindell and **Gloria Doty** will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on February 13th. Cards and e-mails would be appreciated. 521 East Main St., Palestine, AR 72372. E-mail - lindelldoty@att.net. **only well-wishes, no gifts please.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

There is a list posted on the bulletin board for needs. Will pick up on February 21.

SOLES FOR SOULS

If you have some new or gently used shoes, sandals or boots that you would like to sent to Haiti, bring them to the church building by Sunday morning.

DONATIONS FOR HAITI

If you would like to make a donation to help in Haiti, make a check to Martin Church of Christ and give it to one of the Elders. Our money will be sent through the Estes congregation and 100% of money given will go directly to Haiti.

STUDENT CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb. 07 - Super Bowl Party at 7 pm at COCSC.

Feb. 09 - Brian speaks at FHU lectureship.

Feb. 09 - Singing/LifeTalks @ 8 pm at COCSC.

Feb. 10 - Brian speaks at FHU lectureship.

Feb. 11 - Valentine's Banquet @ 6 pm at COCSC.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb. 26-28 - Challenge Youth Conference in Gatlinburg.

WELCOME VISITORS

Greg Barton Martin, TN
Kelley Cross Family Union City, TN
Mallory Haislip Martin, TN
Wes & Susan Kellough Martin, TN
Brady Maddox Martin, TN
Michael McCord Seymour, TN
David McCant & Lisa Bandette Martin, TN

ELDERS CORNER

1. Between worship and Sunday school men will be posted to watch the transition of the children from the new Activities Building and Classrooms.
2. Elders discussed Absentee List and made assignments.
3. Men's Retreat tentatively scheduled for March 20th, speaker - Chris Dempsey.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

International Gospel Hour WCMT 1410	7:45 AM
Men's Prayer Group	7:00 AM
Morning Worship	9:00 AM
Broadcast WCMT 1410	9:00 AM
Bible Study	10:15 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

Monday

Ladies' Prayer Group	7:00 PM
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Tuesday

Tuesday Bible Study	10:45 AM
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Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 PM
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THE RECORD

Morning Worship	306
Bible Study	265
Evening Worship	310
Wednesday Evening	268
Budget	\$11,750.00
Contribution	\$ 9,983.05
Budget To Date	\$ 584.34

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Brian's Lifelines

For the Glory

An article from the Yahoo home page caught my attention. The title read: "What It Costs to be a Winter Olympian." Okay, you had me at "costs." Let me give you just a brief excerpt from the article.

"If you're intent on seeing your son's or daughter's mug on a Wheaties Box, be prepared to spend. And that cliché you often hear about competitive figure skaters that most can skate as soon as they can walk? It's not an exaggeration. Future Olympians start as soon as they can stand on skates and train three hours a day for a decade or more. The cost? Families shell out roughly \$100,000 over the years in private ice time, coaching, custom-made dresses and skates, travel and various competition fees. And only a handful of them end up peddling cars, cereal and fruit juice."

Have you ever stopped to think about the discipline it takes, or the sacrifices these athletes make, or the money that is spent on the Olympic training? I would love to ask each competitor this question, "Why are you doing this?" I would love to hear the answers. Some answers may be noble and unselfish, but I would bet many honest answers would be, "Because I want to be famous," or "I'm trying to please my parents."

I wonder what the church might look like if we put that much energy into the Christian race? I wonder what our families would look like if parents invested that much time and energy into their children's spiritual training? I'm trying to remember the last real sacrifice I made for Christ. How disciplined are we in our Spiritual conditioning? How much of my life and your life is spent on an undeterred focus on bringing God the glory? The Christian race: "Why are you doing this?" What would your answer be?

Suggested devotional reading: 1 Corinthians 9:23-27

Brian Stephens