

**Chattanooga School of
Preaching & Biblical
Studies
Spring/Summer
Quarter
Apr. 30 - June 18**

GREEN'S LAKE ROAD Church of Christ

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Ron Barrow	Josh Perry
Johnathan Cass	Otis Samples
Les Clark	Carl Vaughn
Jack Ellis	Mickey West, Sr.
Perry Hillis	

PREACHERS

Reid Perry
Jim Lewis

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.
Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
Thursday: (Sept. – April)
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Comcast 13

Good News Today
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
Comcast-Channel 6 & EPB-Ch. 6

Know Your Bible
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Comcast 96
Charter 5
Battlefiel

Erosion of a Nation

There was a time when we were urged to reach for greatness, and the way to the top was clearly marked by those who themselves had dared and succeeded to be great. Inventors, writers, entrepreneurs, business sharpies, athletes, teachers, and so forth, were the products of healthy education, religion, and sound parenting.

We are making history in 2012 because we are proving what we've been taught about history; those who ignore it are destined to repeat it. Look at our current behavior:

- 1. We care more about possessions than people (possessions define us personally)**
- 2. We accept feeling over fact in relationships, employment, and religion**
- 3. We believe Government can save us**
- 4. We relegate God and the Bible to the realm of non-essentiality**
- 5. We are willing to restructure and redefine marriage**
- 6. We accept the exchange of lies as customary and usual.**
- 7. We believe reality TV is educational**
- 8. We are in debt and we keep spending - individually and collectively**
- 9. We adore sensuality, and idolize the carnal lifestyle**
- 10. We have abandoned good work ethics to embrace the welfare state of mind**

How do we stop the erosion? Revive the country. How do we revive the country? Honesty in government, re-direct schools to a Godly path, a strong and active Church, and re-establish the home and marriage as God intended.

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach (shame) to any people"
– Proverbs 14:34

Reid Perry

Care Group Outreach Teams: Meet in Room 302 after the Sunday evening service.

May 20 Hospitality - Josh Perry
May 27 Service - Les Clark
June 3 Friendship - Johnathan Cass
June 10 Compassion - Dennis Paladeni

The Sword family (Ukraine) sends their love and greetings to all of us. - via Margie Powell's Facebook.

A Youth Outing for 3rd thru 6th grades will go to Cloudland Canyon on Saturday, March 19th.

There will be a Bowling Fellowship on Sunday evening, May 20th, after the evening services at the Holiday Lanes on Brainerd Road. Come join the fun!

If you can help with donations for refreshments for Vacation Bible School, please give to Ann Perry by May 30th.

Thirsty?

Our physical bodies demand water. That shouldn't surprise anyone since 55% of the male body mass is water (51% in women). Our blood is 83% water and muscles are 75%; even our bones are 22% water. Our survival depends on getting enough water, and just a 2% deficiency means we are dehydrated.

Thirst is a sensation we all experience but few can explain. All we know is that when we're thirsty, we begin searching for something to drink.

How's your spiritual thirst? Jesus pointed to this reality: "If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37-38).

Do you crave the righteousness of God, found in the pages of Scripture? How long has it been since you had a drink?

- Tim Hall

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

Psalm 42:1

(copied from House to House, Heart to Heart)

the Church of Christ Will Never Do

The church of Christ wants to be a people who carefully follow God's Book for we know that only in that way can we honor the Lord and be pleasing in His sight (Revelation 22:14). With that in mind, there are some things that Christ's church will never do.

(1) The church of Christ will never tell you that man's way is as good as God's way. God's way is always best, every time! His wisdom is far greater than man's (I Corinthians 1:25).

(2) The church of Christ will never tell you that God accepts every kind of worship, so it does not matter how one worships. Jesus said that we must worship the Father in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). Several Old Testament examples remind us that some worship does not please Jehovah (for instance, Cain's worship, Genesis 4; see also Leviticus 10).

(3) The church of Christ will never tell you that since God is loving, we all have the right to live any way that we want. God is love (I John 4:8), but the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God (I Corinthians 6:9-11). God is gracious, but He still expects us to practice self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

(4) The church of Christ will never make light of trying to do exactly what God tells us to do in the Bible. The Lord wants us to obey Him (Luke 6:46). Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

(5) The church of Christ will never tell you that the way to receive the forgiveness of sins is to pray "The Sinner's Prayer." This is true because the Bible does not give this as the way of salvation. The book of Acts records the history and doctrine of the early church, and contains pattern cases of conversion. It records the conversions of thousands of people, yet no one was ever told to pray to get into the Christ. Instead, they heard, believed, and obeyed the gospel (Acts 2:38; 18:8, etc.). That is what we intend to tell the people of our generation as well.

-Roger Campbell, Malaysia

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Our Sick - Remember all these with prayers, visits and cards.

Don Griffith and Carl Vaughn still need our prayers. **John Fields** is having kidney and blood pressure problems. **Tucker Fields** has been having seizures. **Bea Pawlhamus**, grandmother of Marco Bianchini, has returned home from the hospital with hospice. **Doris Evans**, sister of Nell Price, is having heart problems and will see a specialist soon. **Steve Henry**, a friend of the McNabb's, had major surgery on Monday in Birmingham. He needs our prayers.

Sick and Shut-In: Keep them in your prayers.

Jeannie Granger	John Fields	Treva Long
Donnis Samples	Mary Hendricks	Sherry Manning
Billy & Mae Clark	Larry Powell	W.C. & Betty Smith
Eunice Acuff	Ken Raper	Henrietta Alexander & Family
Wanda Tucker	Steve Henry	Dimple Wheeler
Doris Evans	Don Griffith	Luther & Mary Crosby
Andy and Billie Toth	Mrs .Evelyn Powell	Luanne Latham
Jennie Davis	Jim Baugh	Joanna Barnes
Mary Edna Frost		

Card Shower
John Fields

Please bring empty toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls and paint stirrer sticks to Carla Cass or Gina Barrow. These will be used for VBS.

Green's Lake Road Events:

- May 19 Jr. Youth Outing (3rd-6th grades) to Cloudland Canyon
- May 20 Teen Singing at Rossville COC at 2:30 p.m.
- May 20 Bowling Fellowship after services at the Holiday Bowl on Brainerd Road.
- May 27 Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet at 5:00 p.m.
- May 28 Memorial Day
- May 29 Ladies' Devotional at 7:00 p.m.
- Jun. 3-8 VBS at GLR.

Area Events:

- May 18 31st Tri-State Singing at the Trenton COC at 7:00 p.m. until...
- May 20 Homecoming at LaFayette COC with Aaron Pope.
- May 20-23 White Oak COC - A series of lessons by Wesley Simons "The Second Coming".
- May 20-23 Gospel Meeting at Rising Fawn COC with Phil Sanders.
- May 22 Ladies' Day at Central COC (Chatt.) with Jane Washington.

Servants for May 2012
Usher: Mickey West, Sr.
Video System: Peter DeGraff
Song Leader: Perry Hillis
Greeters: John & Stephanie Fields
Prepare Lord's Table: Pete & Yong DeGraff
Van Driver (Sunday): Jeff Jones
Van Driver (Wednesday): Larry Clark

Servants: Week 05-20-12

	Wed. 05/16	Sun. a.m. 05/20	Sun. p.m. 05/20
Announce	David Cooper	Jack Ellis	J. Cass
Scripture		Richard Manning	Hal Hunt
1 st Prayer	Hal Hunt	J. Cass	D. Paladeni
Dismissal	Josh Perry	Adam Vaughn	Mickey Kelly

Pantry:
Tooth Brushes
Toothpaste

Psalms 149:3; 150:3-5

The question is often asked, “Since Psalms 149:3 and 150:3-5 speak of praising God with the use of instruments of music, why can’t we use instruments of music today?” This good question invites our attention to several important Bible principles.

One reason we must not use mechanical instruments of music in worship today is because we live under the authority of the New Testament and not the Old Testament (see Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:7-13; 9:15-17; Romans 7:1-4; Colossians 2:14-17; Ephesians 2:14-22; 2 Corinthians 3:6-11; Galatians 3:16-29). This is also why we do not offer animal sacrifices like Israel did in the Old Testament, and why we do not burn incense, or go to Jerusalem and observe the annual feasts which God commanded the nation of Israel. All of these practices were authorized under the Old Testament, and if we lived under the Old Testament authority, we could and must practice all of them. We do not practice these things because we live under the law of the New Testament, and they are not authorized in the New Testament.

Furthermore, it is a matter of record that the church which had its beginning in the New Testament never used stringed or other mechanical instruments in worship of God. They were never commanded to do so, and there is no example of the church ever doing so. In fact, history tells us the use of mechanical instruments of music in worship was not even attempted until the seventh century A.D., and they were not commonly used until several hundred years after that.

Of course, this does not prohibit the playing of instruments in other matters of life. We do many things which are good and wholesome in and of themselves, but do not include them in our worship service. The reason we do not include them in our worship is because there is no Bible authority for doing so. We must be careful not to add to or take from what God has said relative to our worship (2 John 9-11, Revelation 22:18-19).

Another important consideration on Psalm 149 should be of interest. Notice in verses 6-9 these words: ⁶Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; ⁷To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; ⁸To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; ⁹To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

Certainly, objection would be raised to take these words of this Psalm and use them for authority for the church to take the sword against heathens and execute vengeance, etc. In like manner we should not use verse 3 of this Psalm and verses 3-5 of Psalm 150 for authority as how the church should worship today. Again, we live under the law of Christ today and not under the Old Testament law of Moses. Worship of God “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24) under the law of Christ prohibits the introduction of mechanical instruments of music.

Jim Lewis