

"The Ripple"



From: The Church of the Living Water
Goodlettsville, Tennessee

Jesus Answered and said to her, *If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, "Give Me A Drink," you would have asked Him, and He would have given you Living Water!* John 4:10 NKJV

The Topic This Month



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Rev. Tony Sirten

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Services

Sunday 10:30 am

Tues Bible Study 9am

Wednesday Pot Luck

Supper 6:30 pm

Bible Study 7:00 pm

Potluck every first

Sunday following service

Board meeting and

spiritual leaders meeting

every first Sunday.

Five Fold Ministry



Rev. Ronnie Rogers
Co-Pastor

As I am writing this article it is Thanksgiving. By the time you receive it, it will be close to Christmas. My how time flies!

The other day, while I was spending time in prayer, the Lord impressed on me all the people who had touched and effected by life. I spent some time looking back over my life and thinking about some major events and the people who were there. The Lord also impressed on me that I had affected other people's lives. Of course I was not able to go back and recount those events, but I knew that my life had made and impact on someone else's.

I say all this as our 13th Anniversary is coming up. To think that 13 years ago The Church of The Living Water was just a thought and here we are today. I can look back over the years and see so many people that have effected and touched this church. Some have been here for years and are still active parts of the church. Others have stayed for their season. Whatever the time frame the impact was great.

Now, I look at the impact the church has had on the people. I can not count the numerous 'thank you' and 'this church has changed my life' I have heard over the years. Don't get me wrong; I don't think we are this all-great and mighty church. I just know in my heart that we have touched people's lives.

I look back over the years and the greatest events are those in which we have introduced or re-introduced someone to Jesus Christ. To have someone walk in those doors lost and find Jesus in the mist of our service is the best impact we as a church could have. I am so blessed to know that God placed me in a church that hold on to the unchanging hand of Jesus Christ. I am so blessed to be part of a body that believes in the Word. I am so blessed to know that our work is not done – that He has so much more for us to do. To know that others will continue to touch and impact us, as we continue to touch and impact others.

If you receive this newsletter, I want you to know that this body prays for you. That we lift you up before you ever receive the newsletter. Know that you are loved and that someone cares for you.

In His Service – Pastor Ronnie



December At A Glance

Sunday, Dec 6	10:30 am	AM Service-Potluck lunch Clean up Day
Tuesday, Dec 8	9:00 am	Bible Study-Asst. Pastor Mike Myrick at his home, please ask him for details.
Wednesday, Dec 9	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Dinner with parents No Bible Study
Thursday, Dec 10	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting at Church followed by Dinner at Fuji, Rivergate (RSVP Tony)
Friday, Dec 11	6:30 pm	Homecoming Service with Rev. Evelyn Schave, followed by Salad Supper
Saturday, Dec 12	2:00 pm	Pastor Tony's anniversary Celebration
Sunday, Dec 13	10:30 am	Church's Anniversary Celebration and Homecoming-COME EXPECTING
Sunday, Dec 13	6:30 pm	Sunday evening homecoming service
Tuesday, Dec 15	9:00 am	Bible Study-Asst. Pastor Mike Myrick at his home, please ask him for details.
Wednesday, Dec 16	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Covered Dish Bible Study
Sunday, Dec 20	10:30 am	AM Service
Tuesday, Dec 22	9:00 am	Bible Study-Asst. Pastor Mike Myrick at his home, please ask him for details.
Wednesday, Dec 23	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Covered Dish Bible Study
Sunday, Dec 27	10:30 am	AM Service
Tuesday, Dec 29	9:00 am	Bible Study-Asst. Pastor Mike Myrick at his home, please ask him for details.
Wednesday, Dec 30	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Covered Dish Bible Study
Thursday, Dec 31	10:30 am	New Years Eve Service followed by breakfast

13th Annual Homecoming and Anniversary Celebration

December 11-13, 2009

Our theme for this years' celebration is " Joy comes in the morning." The scripture that this comes from is Psalm 30:5, "For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning."

As a church, we will be fasting from Nov 27, 09 to Dec 9, 09. This is not a complete fast, but we all agree to give up one thing we love (such as fried foods, carbonated drinks, meat, TV, etc.). At the same time, we also increase our prayer life, and pray for a successful homecoming and the next year. Please join us in fasting as God leads you.

On Wednesday, December 9th, we will not have our typical bible study. We will have "Dinner with our Parents" at a location to be announced. We invite all to come and join us and our parents (real and spiritual parents).

On Thursday, December 10th, we will have our pre-kick off Prayer Meeting. We will meet at church at 6:30pm to anoint the church and pray for God's mighty move in our upcoming services. Dinner will follow at Fuji, Rivergate. All are invited to join us.

December 11-13, 2009

On Friday, December 11th, we will have our opening service at 6:30pm. Rev. Evelyn Schave from Community Gospel Church in Houston, TX will be delivering the message. We will be having a “salad” dinner following service.

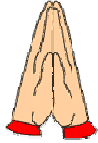
Saturday, December 12th, we will have our Pastor’s anniversary celebration at 2pm. Pastor Randy Meadows from the City of Refuge Worship Center in Louisville, KY will be delivering The Word. Afterwards, a traditional southern dinner will be served.

Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 10:30 am we will be having our morning service with Rev. Evelyn Schave from Community Gospel Church in Houston, TX delivering our message. Lunch will follow this service.

Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm we will wrap up the events with our evening service. Rev. Dennis Schave delivering our message. We will have desserts following this service.

We ask that everyone be in prayer, and that you will attend one, if not all of our services. Please come and join us for praise, worship and fellowship! You won’t be disappointed.





Prayers & Concerns

Shannon Sadler
 Barb & Chelsea
 Pastor Johnnie Layton
 Chris family
 Ann's family
 Lisa Pigg
 Ronnie's Dad
 Shelly & Family
 Marie & Hobie
 Tuesday Bible Study
 Dina's Mom
 Ronnie's Grandma & Mom
 Pastor Tony's Health-strength, new meds & clear mind
 Sherre Bishop
 Andrea & Gary
 Dan & Eric
 Dina's son-good job & his salvation
 City of Refuge Church & Pastor Randy Meadows
 Dennis & Evelyn's anniversary service
 The Spiritual Leaders

Jody's family
 Facebook page
 Chris' travels to Memphis
 Shannon & family
 Memphis program
 Nola
 Adam's Health
 Suzanne & her family
 Libby
 Dina a good job
 Brother Joe
 Mike's son's Jeff-disability
 Tonja & Arlene's Job
 Connie's Health
 Jessica & Mandy
 Ronnie's van
 New Covenant Church in Atlanta
 Church-dealing with grief
 "Dealing with Depression Group"



Believe It, Receive It, Claim It, Live It



*Deacon
Steve McKinney*

Teach them to fish...

I've heard it said, "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day, teach a man to fish and he will eat every day". Usually this phrase is used in reference to teaching someone in need a trade or giving them a job as opposed to just giving them a hand out. For while the hand out is a good gesture and should never be discounted, it is a far better thing to give that brother or sister in need a more permanent fix to their problem and in turn enable them to meet their own needs and perhaps even the needs of others like them. For good deeds tend to have a trickle down effect.

But this same phrase could also be used in pointing out how we as a church and as Christians should deal with a person's relationship with Christ. It is one thing to lead someone to Christ and after all it was Jesus' charge to his disciples to "spread the good news", ***Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost"***. But isn't this just like giving a person in need a hand out and considering our job finished. We could pat ourselves on the back and feel good about ourselves, but what about that newly converted Christian? Are we truly doing our job as disciples of Christ if we just leave these "baby" Christians to work out their salvation by themselves? If we simply "Give a man a fish..." so to speak, and not provide them with guidance, teaching, and affirmation, we risk losing them again to the tricks of the world. This was what the early church saw happening over and over in the new churches that the apostles established. New converts would start out strong, but in time without the proper guidance and instruction these "baby" Christians would find themselves led astray by false teachings or just become discouraged when times got hard. It is for this very reason that the apostle, Paul implored the church, ***Hebrews 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"***.

So we can see that even with Christians, it is more beneficial to the people in need to not only lead them to a relationship with Jesus Christ, but to also nurture, guide and encourage them. Answering the questions we too had on our minds when we were first saved, lifting them up when they stumble and fall, as we were lifted up, and encouraging them whenever we see them struggling. Helping them every day to achieve a closer relationship with God and teaching them to also be fishers of men. This is the great commission of Jesus to his church. This is how we "teach them to fish".

God bless,
Deacon Steve

Odyssey HealthCare is offering training for hospice volunteers who will visit patients, run errands, give caregivers a break, offer support during bereavement, and other caring acts. We offer training and support at no charge. For more information contact Dan Smith at 365-1009 or hsmith@odsyhealth.com.



Rev. Mike Myrick

THANKSGIVING

Since we just celebrated Thanksgiving, I decided to write my article on giving Thanks. If you have ever attended Church of The Living Water, and noticed, that whenever someone prays, we always start our prayers with Thanking God for His many blessings, for taking care of us, or for any of the thousands of things God has done for us.

When I think of giving God thanks, I think of Psalm 100 verse 4, which reads:

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

Whenever we begin to pray, we are coming through His gates, and as we are told by the Psalmist, we should enter with thanksgiving. This is our way of letting God know that we appreciate everything he has done for us. Yes, I know, He already knows our hearts and what we are feeling, but He wants to acknowledge Him and what He has done. Maybe, on your job, you know that your boss appreciates everything you do for him/her, but don't you feel better when he/she actually acknowledges what you have done? It is the same for God. I believe He wants us to publicly thank Him.

We, as Americans, have many things to be thankful for. We are thankful for all of our freedoms. Can you imagine not being able to openly attend the church of your choice? Can you imagine needing to hide in a basement, or attic, or cave someplace to worship God? As hard as it is for us to believe, there are still places in our world where this happens. Enter His gates, thanking Him for our freedom to worship.

Even in the midst of this recession, we still have food on our plates. Many people throughout the world do not. Enter His gates, thanking Him for providing our needs.

Last year, we elected a new president to lead us. In many countries, their leaders are appointed or the leaders kill to get where they are. Enter His gates, thanking Him for our political freedoms.

There are many kids in this world that are orphaned. Some because of war, others because of sickness. Enter His gates, thanking Him for your family. And don't forget your church family.

Even though the Thanksgiving Holiday season is over, remember, the season of giving God thanks is never over. Because of, God's Mercy and Faithfulness, our giving Thanks should NEVER end.

Remember 1Thessalolnians 4:16-18: **Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

Praise be to God, in the Highest. May He add His Blessings to these words.

In Christ's Service, Rev. Mike



Appreciation

*Deacon
Chris Brooks*

Matthew 25:14-30 is The Parable of the Talents. It is too long to copy and paste, but it tells us about a man going on a journey who calls his three servants. The first one he gave 5 talents to, the next 2 talents, and another one talent according to their abilities. When he comes back, the one he had given 5 talents had gained 5 more and now has 10 talents. The master says you have been faithful over a few now come and rule over many. Likewise, the one with the 2 talents now has 4. He tells this one the same thing. The third one tells the master he saved his talent and had buried it so it would be safe. The master called him a wicked and lazy servant. He took his talent and gave it to the one who had 10.

I am writing about this because I feel that God is telling us this about so many things in our lives. First of all, I think a lot of times we take for granted that things will always be as they are. If my life was today the way my life was 10 years ago, I wouldn't be very happy. That was a very bad time in my life. I have always believed in God, and knew that he was there for me. I believe God was who brought me through that very hard time. He saved my life, actually. He got me to the hospital just in time. But, in order to make that change, I had to take the initiative. It is very, very hard for many of us to make changes in our lives, even if we are miserable and being hurt. But, my life has been so much better since I walked out that door. And, when I actually was lead to The Church of The Living Water that is when my life really started changing for the best. Our church has been going thru some difficult times lately. That has really made me appreciate what we have here at The Church of The Living Water. I can't imagine my life without it.

But, we have to be willing to go that extra mile to have what we want. We have to be willing to risk those 5 talents in order to gain 5 more. A talent can be many different things. In the Parable of the Talents, a talent was over \$1,000. But, a talent can be an actual "talent" that God gives us, whether it be preaching, teaching, writing, singing, budgeting, building, lifting one another up, sympathizing with others, etc.

So, what if there comes a time that The Church of The Living Water is no longer here. What would we do then? Where would we attend church? What about the ministries that have been built thru the church, the newsletter and the depression class. For me personally, I would have to try to find a church that I would fit in. I have always had a problem with that. I know about a year after I started going to The Church of The Living Water, I decided to go to a church closer to home. I lived further away then. I ran quickly from that church. I didn't look anymore after that. Why would I want to look elsewhere when I was very happy where I was? And, what about all the others that we touch each and every day? I personally pray that this is not one of those changes that I have to endure.

Know that if you are reading this newsletter, you are being prayed for. If you have specific needs, go to our website, and email any of the spiritual leaders on the contact page. If you are in the Nashville area, come visit us! If you are not a church member, ask God to lead you to the church that is right for you. You will be amazed at the difference this would make in your life! It sure has in mine!

God bless you! Deacon Chris

If you have been looking for a church home that has a lot to offer you should attend one of our many services and find out for yourself. The old saying is, “There is no place like home,” so come see what home is like!



**Come On Home
It's What
You've Been
Searching For**

Sunday Morning Service 10:30AM
Potluck lunch following 1st Sunday
Board Meeting and Spiritual Leaders Meeting
following potluck on the 1st Sunday
Tuesday Morning Bible Study with Rev. Mike 9:00 am
Wed night potluck 6:30 PM
Wed night bible study 7:00 PM
Dealing with Depression Group every 1st Thursday 6:30 pm

You can reach any of the leaders of our church at our website
www.clwnashville.org

You can contact our Assistant Pastor Rev. Mike for info on Weddings and Commitment Ceremonies.
Contact Our Pastor Tony for counseling info and how we can put your gifts to work
Contact Pastor Ronnie about depression class.

December Birthdays

Crystal 12/28



Happy Birthday

Anniversaries

**Church of The Living
Water 12/12**



**Jesus Is The
Lighthouse**



Cook Books For Sale

\$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00
\$5.00 for each additional book
All proceeds go to the building fund

What a tasty way to support the efforts of our remodeling than buying a cookbook. We offer two great things together, food and supporting our church! With the holidays coming up, this would make great holiday gifts!

If God has laid it upon your heart to give towards the remodeling of the church building, here is where to send it.

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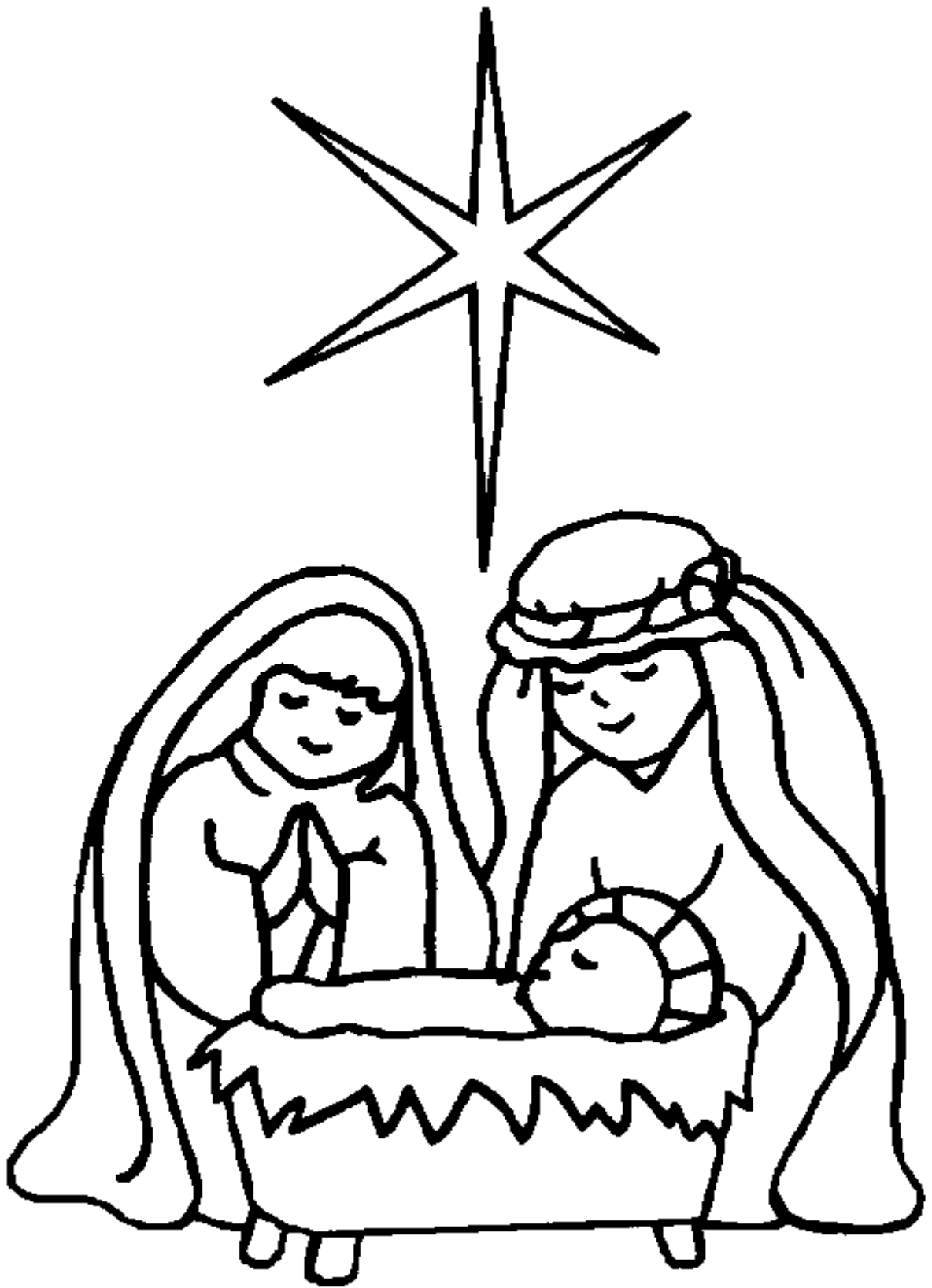
Please add a note that it is to go to the building Fund. Thank you in advance for your giving, and for your support. May God vastly increase your blessings!

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