

Christian Training Series 2008

Why talk about the Christian Training Series (CTS) in February when it doesn't happen until **July 12**? So you can reserve your place on the "VA Bus" going to Freed-Hardeman University (F-HU) this summer!

During the second week of Horizon's (junior week) **July 12-18** at F-HU, there is an adult program called Christian Training Series (CTS). This is a great week of Bible classes and fellowship for the adults. Outstanding speakers such as Tom Holland, Gary Hampton, and Cindy Colley (ladies' classes) provide wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth. Some of the activities that are available that week are: Bible classes, fellowship, singing, various luncheons, talent show (or lack thereof!), softball game, CTS banquet, dorm lobby chats, and dorm devotionals. Getting to know brethren from across the country is one of the greatest benefits of the CTS experience. What an encouragement it is to meet and get to know other faithful brothers and sisters in Christ from areas that are in the "Bible Belt" and others who are from places that are even more of a "mission field" than Virginia.

Applications will be available soon. If you have any questions about the trip or would like more details about CTS, please see **Jerry or Kay Anderson**.

We encourage EVERY adult to consider adding CTS to their summertime schedule.

The Elders

I Wonder...

Today is "Super Bowl Sunday," a day eagerly anticipated by millions as it will showcase the best teams in professional football for one final game- winner take all. Millions of dollars have been and will be spent in association with this event. Hours of preparation by athletes, coaches, trainers and other staff will have gone into this effort. Tons of paper and gallons of ink will have been used to tell of its coming and to commemorate its passing. Scores of officials will work hundreds of hours to insure the safety of all involved. Then, when all is said and done and the dust settles, the game (like all others before it) will fade for the most part into oblivion. And, next year, another will be played and the same scenario repeated. Reflecting upon this annual phenomenon, there are some things about which I wonder.

I wonder... How many people will forsake their commitment to God in order to be a part of this extravaganza of man? How many who claim to be Christians will either attend the game in person or watch it on television at home, and forsake assembling to worship in so doing? (cf. Heb. 10:25.)

I wonder... How many will have in essence mortgaged their lives in order to be able to attend a once-in-a-lifetime event? How many new televisions will have been bought on borrowed money? How many bills will go unpaid afterward because the game was "just too important?" I wonder if there will be any children suffer or spouses go without because a father (or mother) put far too much stock in, and placed far too much emphasis on this event?

I wonder... What kind of nation this could be if we suspended "the game" just one year and put all the resources that would have been used in it to solving some of the ills of our society? What kind of effect would it have on the Lord's cause if all the money that will be spent just today on the Super Bowl could be used for mission work?

I wonder... How many will spend hours before a television set today focused on every comment that is made by prognosticators and analysts, yet will not read or hear a single word from God's great book?

I wonder... Where will you be this evening when God's people gather to worship Him here? -Eddy

Teens

February Dates:

TBS—2/10

Mock Bible Bowl—2/16

Winter Youth Devos:

March 8—Lake Drive



BIBLE BOWL—3/1

Remember our special series of studies on Sunday evenings (February 3-March 9). These are being advertised in the upcoming issue of "House to House." Our subjects will be:

February 3

"Why Jesus Christ is the Messiah and Only Savior of Man"

February 10

"Why the New Testament of Jesus Christ is the Only Authority Today"

February 17

"Why God Does Not Approve of Denominationalism"

February 24

"Why the Church of Christ is the Only One God Approves"

March 2

"Why Baptism in Water is Essential to Your Salvation"

March 9

"Why the Use of Mechanical Instruments of Music in Worship Is Sinful"

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- Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.
 - Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.—Albert Einstein
 - Happiness is a warm puppy.—Charles Schultz

Team Events

Team 3 (Brown) will be having a fellowship on February 10 after evening services. Bring your favorite dish and copies of the recipe to share!!

Team Leaders be sure to get your events to the office by Friday, 8AM. Email is best!!
office@westsidecofc-salem.com

WOW GROUP

The next meeting will be on February 12, 2008.

If you would be interested in coordinating the WOW Group functions, please see one of the elders.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Curtis Oakes—2/4

Nathan Pelfry—2/4

Adam House—2/5

Ruth Stanton—2/8

Jim Bush—2/10



MILITARY



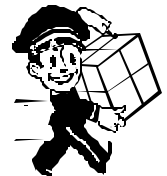
Ty Stricklin—Stationed in Iraq

John Duran—overseas.

Kyle Nester— in Iraq

Erich Felps—in Iraq.

JANUARY ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Pepperoni & assorted fruit flavors of Crystal Light. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



New Address:

Therese Parker

(Removed per privacy policy)

Roanoke, VA 24014

SICK

Hazel Maness will be having surgery on Feb. 6.

Buddy Martin, former member, will be having extensive chemo treatments in the next few weeks.

Mandy Tyler will be having her tonsils removed on Feb 22.

Mildred Clark, **Paula Gibson's** husband's aunt, is in ICU at RMH.

Remember the following in prayer: **Betty Jenkins, Collin Gregory, Marguerite Charles, Betty Buckner, Mary Anderson, Margaret Kratz, Crawford Keith, Madolia Rosette, Tirzah Cook.**

IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of Effie Wimmer who passed away last Monday.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The February Ladies Night Out will be on Feb. 26, here at the building. Details coming soon.

LADIES SPRING QUARTER CLASS

Jeanny Gilpin will be teaching a Sunday Morning Ladies class starting in March. If you are interested, sign up soon to receive a book!

MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Retreat registrations are located in the tract rack in the foyer. The retreat will be on March 14&15 at the 4-H Center at Smith Mountain Lake. Our own Eric Earnhart will be speaking on Friday night.

MSOP LECTURESHIPS

The annual Memphis School of Preaching Lectureships will be March 30—April 3.

EDP

There will be an EDP meeting today at 4:00 in the fellowship hall.

TURN,TURN,TURN

There will be a T3 planning session today at 4:00 in the large classroom. Any ladies interested are welcome.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly Men's Breakfast at Famous A's will be on Saturday, 2/9, at 8:00.

DIAPER/BABY SHOWER

Diaper Shower for Yvette Mays will be held on Feb. 10 at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring diapers (size 2 and up). Hosted by Amanda Brown, Kristie Jearls, Sandy Garby and Michelle Earnhart.

AREA-WIDE PREACHERS MEETING

The monthly area-wide Preacher's Meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 11 at 10:30.

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY CLASSES

For the five Wednesday evenings of February 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 12 the Jr. High, Sr. High and Adult classes will be viewing the video series "The Silencing of God" in the auditorium. You are asked to make a special effort to be present for this informative series.

MARRIAGE RETREAT

The Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat will be next weekend, Feb. 14 & 15. See the board in the hallway for info.

FREED-HARDEMAN ADMISSIONS

There will be a meeting at West Side on Feb. 17 with FHU admission counselors. If your High School student is interested in more information for FHU – please sign up on the teen board. Parents are included and pizza will be served.

EDUCATION BANQUET

The Education Banquet will be on February 23, at 6 PM. All teachers, assistants, resource room workers and their guest are invited to attend.

PRIMARY TEACHER MEETING

The next Primary Teachers Meeting will be on February 24 at 4:30. 4/K teachers in charge of snacks!



February 2008**Announcements** Squeaky Valentine**Song Leader (AM)** Charlie Gwaltney**Opening Prayer (AM)**

2/3 Jeff Durham

2/10 Barry White

2/17 Mike Durham

2/24 Gene Benefield

Preside at Communion Don Pettit**Serve Table** Bobby Martin Garrett Durham

Charlie Puckett Mark Brooks

Closing Prayer

2/3 Tom Duff

2/10 Fred Altizer

2/17 Jerry Anderson

2/24 Tom Richardson

Song Leader (PM) Adam House**Opening Prayer (PM)**

2/3 Don Pettit

2/10 Charlie Gwaltney

2/17 David Brown

2/24 Richard Simms

Scripture Reader Ryan Simms**Closing Prayer (PM)**

2/3 Bob Garby

2/10 Preston Duff

2/17 Sam Valentine

2/24 Tom Rogers

Serve Table (PM) Bradford Durham John Black**Song Leader (Wed)** Jeff Durham**Prayer (Wed)**

2/6 George Mellon

2/13 AC Janney

2/20 Glenn Hartman

2/27 Roger Mays

Open/Close Bldg David Brown**Open/Close Sun PM** David Wilcox**Greeters** Argabright Baker**Nursery Attend** Velda Gearhart Paula Gibson**Ushers** Mike Durham Bob Garby**Handouts** AC Janney/R. Simms/C.Oakes/T. Duff**Alternates****Prepare comm.** Kim Brown Shirley Baker**Cards & Pencils** Andrew Gibson Dylan Tyler**Last weeks attendance** 1/27&30/08

Bible Class— 159 Worship Service—185

Eve. Worship— 116 Wed. Service—141

Contribution—\$5140