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*Where People are Kind ...
 And Christ is King!*

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Moments With the Minister ...

We have been blessed with a relatively mild winter this year, but with that blessing, the flu and other viruses have afflicted about half of our congregation. The middle of February was a very miserable time for many of our members, as well as our entire area. Hopefully, the worst is behind us, and though March "came in like a lion," perhaps it will "go out like a lamb."

The last Sunday of February was a special day for us as Brother Keith Wood of I.D.E.S. was here to share with us the important work they are doing in nations around the world. They provide disaster relief, hunger relief, and development help in so many ways — all in the name of Christ and His Church! God's people throughout our brotherhood come through time after time when a need arises in our world such as the Tsunami on Dec. 26th. Of course, we know that disasters are occurring about every day in some form or fashion due to sin and its devastating effects on planet earth. We long for the day when "the creation itself will be delivered from the bondage of

corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." (Rom. 8:21) Until that glorious day, let us "be steadfast, unmoving, always abounding in the work of the Lord." (I Cor. 15:58)

We really look forward to Easter Sunday (March 27) and our Revival (April 10-13). We are praying that God will bless us with good attendance and renewed commitment, and new additions to the church! Let's all do our part to see Christ's church advance and grow!

Elderberries 2005 Schedule

- March 22—Lunch—Pine Mt. Grill
- April 25-26—KY Seniors Conference
- May 21—Jonesboro, TN
- June 10-11—Brown Co./Nashville, IN
- July 14—Tour Toyota Plant, G'town
- August 18—Landmark Rest. Lunch
- Sept ? - Renfro Valley
- October ? - Babcock St. Park/New River Gorge
- Nov. 3 & 4—Pigeon Forge, TN

Our Numbers...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Off.</u>
Jan 23	107	\$2639
Jan 30	236	4946
Feb 6	245	4008
Feb 13	204	2890
Feb 20	202	3256
Feb 27	238	4303

EKBI Closing Banquet The 36th year of East Kentucky Bible Institute will be ending March 31 with a banquet at the Zebulon Church of Christ, 6:30 pm. We have been blessed to have 6 classes taught this year with about 100 students participating. Our class at Coal Run has been a study of the book of Romans with about 12 students attending regularly. This study has been food for our souls, strength for our character, and a guide for our path in life. Why not plan now to take a class this fall at EKBI?

Building Plans Two years ago this month we met with an architect from Goodman Architectural Services to discuss the feasibility of constructing a new building. At that time we had \$156,000 in our building fund. We now have about \$380,000 with our architect almost paid in full and the core drilling completed. Construction documents will soon be ready for bidding. However, because of the increased cost of steel and other building materials, it is unlikely that construction will begin this year (unless God blesses us with some large contributions). As we continue to pray for God's guidance in our building program, we also pray for spiritual growth and commitment in our church family. With God's blessings, all things are possible!

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Mexico Work Trips

The first Mexico work trip of 2005 was a tremendous success with six men doing a lot of good work for the Tapachula Church of Christ in Chiapas the week of Jan. 22-29. Also, in late January, Jim Bliffen and others from Huntsville Christian Church teamed up with Jim Viers to begin the house for Dencil Duran, evangelist of the Salvatierra Church of Christ. Dencil, Omega (his wife), and two children have lived in the church building or with Omega's parents (M/M Chon Avalos) for many years. Eighteen people (10 from Coal Run) will be traveling to Salvatierra March 12-19 to try to finish Dencil's house and work on the church building at either Salvatierra or nearby Urireo. Please pray for our health, safety, and success in this work for Christ. We appreciate all those who have donated to these projects. A complete financial and work report will be sent to all contributors the end of March.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- Psalm 118 is the middle of the entire Bible?
- The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after Psalm 118?
- If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118, you get a total of 1188 chapters?
- 1188 or Psalm 118 verse 8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible?
- Should the central verse not have an important message?
- “It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man” (Ps. 118:8).

Spring Revival

April 10-13

George Roberts, Evangelist

It's just a little more than one month until our Spring Revival with Bro. George Roberts, Evangelist from Ocala, FL. He has been in the ministry for over 50 years, during which time he has preached many revivals. Bro. George had back surgery on Jan. 6th, and is presently receiving physical therapy as he recovers. He plans to resume his preaching very soon and looks forward to being with us in April along with his dear wife, Anabelle. Pray for Bro. George and pray for our revival. Invite your friends and family to come with you!

Sunday Night Live!

Our youth (Grades 6 & up) have really enjoyed getting together on Sunday nights at the Youth Center for games, food & fellowship. “**Sunday Night Live**” is from 8-9:30 pm on Sundays following Youth Choir practice. The attendance has been good and enthusiasm is high.

This month the younger kids will also be having an activity in the Youth Center one Sunday night ... watch for upcoming announcements!

We appreciate Sammie Carter and Greg Mateyoke for taking the lead in organizing our **Youth Leadership Team** ...all volunteers from our congregation!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE . . .

The Adult Choir is putting the finishing touches on an Easter Musical, “**The Cross**”, featuring drama sketches and beautiful music to be presented on Mar. 27 at 6 pm.

The Youth Choir will present “**Believe**” - a program of drama and praise to our Lord and Savior on May 15 At 6 pm.

The Jr. High Choir has an exciting presentation in the works, “**Who Is Like The Lord?**” Tentative date for this program is May 22.

The younger children, Preschool—Grade 4 are working on a special program, “**Growing In God's Garden**” - date TBA.

It takes a lot of work and loads of patience to direct and perform these programs. We are blessed to have people who give of themselves to make these special presentations possible for the glory of God!

2005 CCYC Schedule (Tentative)

“A Friend in High Places”

Ladies Retreat	May 14 th or 21 st	Sharondale, Hardy, 5 th Avenue
First Timers	June 3 rd & 4 th	Paul Potter
Senior	June 12 th – 17 th	Mike Rife
Junior I	June 19 th – June 24 th	Tom Cooper
Intermediate	June 26 th – July 1 st	Bill Crigger
Junior High	July 10 th – July 15 th	Ed Lockard
Junior II	July 17 th – July 22 nd	Paul Viers
Youth Retreat	Aug. 12 th – Aug. 14 th	Bill Cook
Work Week	Sept. 13 th – Sept. 16 th	South Fork Christian Church, Verona, KY
NPC	October 11 th , 12 th , & 13 th	