



The Caller

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Phil Sanders
Associate Speaker
"In Search of the Lord's Way"

You're Invited *To a* **Gospel Meeting** **April 12-15, 2009** **Elizabethtown** **Church of Christ**

Sermon Topics:

9:30 AM Sunday - "A Fire in Our Hearts"
10:30 AM Sunday - "The Gospel"
6:00 PM Sunday - "My Friend Jesus"
7:00 PM Monday - "What About the Church?"
7:00 PM Tuesday - "What Are You Becoming?"
7:00 PM Wednesday - "Eternity"

About our speaker

Born October 9, 1951 in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the son of Harley (now deceased) and Euletta Sanders.

Family: Married to Jackie Lynn Dodgen, May 17, 1974, and parent of four daughters: Christa, Chara and Tara, and Laura; four grandchildren.

Education:

Oklahoma Christian College, 1974, BA. Bible and Biblical Languages

Harding Graduate School of Religion, 1983. M. A. R. in Christian Doctrine

Theological University of America, 1998. Ph.D. in Biblical Studies.

Experience:

Minister and associate speaker for "In Search of the Lord's Way," a nationally broadcasted television ministry of Edmond Church of Christ.

Former minister of Concord Rd. Church of Christ, Brentwood, Tenn, served thirteen years. You can see his blog at <http://philanswers.blogspot.com>.

Former Assistant Director and Instructor, Nashville School of Preaching and Biblical Studies since 1998.

Instructor, Amridge University (formerly Southern Christian University) and the Theological University of America.

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Enemies of the Cross of Christ

I have always found the book of Philippians to be a very encouraging book. The first book I can remember teaching as a “younger” preacher in my first work was the book of Philippians. As a younger preacher, I foolishly thought, “Oh, I have studied that book and I pretty much understand what it is all about so I will lay it aside and move on to other books of the Bible.” After a few years I realized the benefit of continued study of all books of the Bible; re-examining even the basic books of the New Testament allows a student to uncover new depths of understanding of age old truths.

Such is the case with the passage that many entitle *Enemies of the Cross of Christ* (Philippians 3:17-21). In the midst of “Paul’s Epistle of Joy” is a section of scripture that indicates Paul is weeping. Why is he weeping? It is not because he is under house arrest and suffering for his efforts for the cause of Christ. No, he is weeping out of concern for others who he refers to as enemies of the cross of Christ.

To me this is an example of amazing true biblical love—Paul shows genuine concern for those who are enemies of the cross of Christ yet states very plainly that as enemies of the cross of Christ they are in a lost condition. How could a man of God do any more? Paul spoke the truth in love!

These enemies of the cross of Christ were probably those that are commonly referred to as Judaizers (those who continued to hold to the OT Law). Some lump the Epicureans into this group as well. I believe the best evidence leans toward the Judaizers as the enemies of the cross of Christ. How were they enemies of the cross?

Remember what Paul recorded in Colossians 2:14 regarding the law and the cross? Christ had taken away the OT Law through His death on the cross. The Hebrews writer indicates that in the Christian age, as long as one sought to find salvation under the OT, it was impossible to be renewed unto repentance. Why? Because they were attempting to find remission of sins under a law that was null and void through Christ.

Much of this same problem existed with the enemies of the cross of Christ that Paul wrote of in Philippians 3:17-21. Rather than look forward to the second coming of Christ as Christians ought to do, the enemies of the cross of Christ were looking backward—and in doing so were failing to recognize the power of the cross. They were enemies of what God provided for the salvation of man! Paul said they made their god their belly, their glory became their shame, and they set their minds on earthly things. One wonders if Paul was referencing the strict dietary laws (god is their belly) of Judaism and their insistence upon circumcision (their glory); both of these elements convey a tie to earthly Israel rather than spiritual Israel (Galatians 6:16).

Paul longed for these enemies to be spiritually minded. But what does that mean? So many incorrectly think of spiritually minded as being mystical or aloof. Being spiritually minded is really looking at earth from heavens point of view (Colossians 3:1-2). It is what separated Cain, Lot, and Esau from the likes of Abraham, Moses, and Paul. How about us in our thinking—do we acknowledge the cross and allow it to change the way we live or are we enemies of the cross of Christ. It is something to give sober consideration.

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

NEIL BURDEN remains in Hardin Memorial Hospital for rehab. **HARRY STULL** has been released from the hospital but is restricted to home confinement at this time.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	J Martin
Neil Burden	Carl Mercer
Dana Fox	Tom Morgan
Howard Gardner	Rosa Lee Norman
Faye Guess	Grace Speer
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Ruby Keister	Lonnie Underwood
Kent Lane	Lawrence Wells
Diane Lewis	Jim & Dyrena White

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Dave Fulbright, Robert E. Wooten, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, Myles Brothers, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Nathan McClain, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza, Aaron Wellman, Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Nathan Miller, Cody Hutson

Additional Prayer List: Weita Anderson, Delsie Axton, Porsche Bumpuss, Sue Cantrell, Doug Edwards, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Ryan Hanson, Ginell Harris, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Jennifer Hornback, John Kavanaugh, Becky King, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Buddy Logsdon, Robert Moyers, John Pawley, Rob & Kim Pell, Willie Pence, Judy Phillips, Steven Pitcock, Joe & Patsy Richter, Carlos Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Mary Stough, Juanita Tillery, Kevin Weaver, Kendell & Margaret Whisenant, Sondra Woosley

Note

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Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 4/05/09

Canned meats

We Rejoice

Ethan Wilkins was immersed last Sunday morning! Ethan and his parents, Brian & Ronda, and brother, Jared, have been attending services with us for some time since moving to our community from Washington. We are proud of Ethan and his decision.

Tuesday afternoon, Ray, Beatrice and Derek Rogers were baptized into Christ for the remission of sin! They have been attending services for some time and have been studying with John Board and Ray Pack. We are thankful for their decision.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

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| 1. Ruby Keister | 21. Allen Woodring |
| 2. Buddy Guess | Lauren Nowland |
| Dave Tackett | 22. Ken Bybee |
| 3. Linda Carter | 25. Shane Muncy |
| 4. Greg Treadway | 27. Mike Parks |
| 8. Tom Morgan | Barbara Witty |
| 12. Aydan McClaskey | 28. Brandon Curkendall |
| 18. Jacob Bartelt | |

Anniversaries

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| Randy & Nancy Lane | April 1 |
| John & Shirley DeVore | April 5 |
| Buddy & Faye Guess | April 20 |
| Tom & Vivian Morgan | April 25 |
| Terry & Tracy Nowland | April 26 |

Thank You

We wish to express our appreciation to the Elizabethtown Church of Christ for all the prayers, cards, flowers and the physical and emotional support given to Elonda Crafton during her final days. Galatians 5:22 says "the fruit of the spirit is love." Thank you for that spirit shown to us and your sister in Christ and for being a blessing to her and her family. Special thanks to Ray Pack, the elders and the ladies of the congregation for all you did.

In Christian Love, Family & Friends of Elonda Crafton

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **VBS PLANNING MEETING**, Sunday morning, **April 5**, immediately after services in Room 10.
- **5th GRADE & UNDER SPRING GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday morning, **April 5**, in the South Wing after services. Please bring your favorite dish. (Each family is asked to bring small items to fill plastic eggs — plastic eggs will be provided.)
- **SPRING GOSPEL MEETING, April 12-15**, with Phil Sanders, former minister of the Concord Road Church of Christ and future host of "In Search of the Lord's Way"
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **April 13**, at 10:30 a.m.

OUR RECORD FOR

March 29, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	120
Sunday Morning Assembly	191
Sunday Evening Assembly	105
Wednesday Bible Study	128
Ladies Bible Class	15
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$5,879

Elder/Coordinator for April
Henry McAlister

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Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: Whose wife was threatened to solve a riddle or else her house would be burned down?

Last Week's Bible Question: A soft one of these will turn away wrath or anger. What is it? The correct answer is answer, Proverbs 15:1 Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Kay Thomason, Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack, Bloria Taylor, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Katy Watson, Rick Eiler, Kay Pack, Helen Raby and Nadine Fulkerson.

Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to ray.pack@kvnet.org by Tuesday afternoon.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Daily Bible Reading Schedule
1. Joshua 14-15; Luke 4:33-44
2. Joshua 16-18; Luke 5:1-16
3. Joshua 19-20; Luke 5:17-39
4. Joshua 21-22; Luke 6:1-26
5. Joshua 23-24; Luke 6:27-40
6. Judges 1-2; Luke 7:1-30
7. Judges 3-5; Luke 7:31-50

Apr. 5 — VBS Meeting
Apr. 12-15 — Gospel Meeting w/Phil Sanders
Apr. 13 — Church Workers Workshop
Apr. 19 — Youth Devo
Apr. 26 — Singing at Atria
Apr. 5 — 5th Grade & Under Spring Get-together

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