

Allegheny Region

Churches of God

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Deadline for articles for August Edition is Monday, July 20th



Just a few thoughts about the Church. I love to read the writings of Charles Finney. Over the past few months I have been reading through a book called "Experiencing the Presence of God". I have now arrived at the third part of the book - How to Experience Revival. I found a statement that I love in the first two pages of the chapter which is "Christians are more to blame for not being revived than sinners are for not being converted."

Let's face it, a lot of us may not like the statement or even agree with it. But, on the other hand, it's true. Within this world there is only one way of restoring faith and it is by revival ourselves. But what is the key? One of the keys is something that we talked about at conference - Prayer. But we also have to remember True Revival is always initiated by God's Spirit, not human effort. Finney says "revival starts through His initiative and will restore the confidence of the praying group". It all comes back to prayer. No matter what we do, we must always be in prayer. We all want to see people's lives transformed into the likeness of Christ. We all want to see the church grow in all ways.

I do believe we see a little bit of revival taking place within the Region with the mind set of who we are and what we believe. The church must grow and we must be willing to work along side each other. We can do great things as individuals, but look what happens when the body is working together with one cause - read the book of Acts. Let's roll up our sleeves and let God pour out the revival into men and women hearts.

Pastor Lee

ARC Catches Up!

Yes, we finally are catching up with the times. Our monthly newsletter is now posted on our website www.allegheny-cggc.org. We encourage everyone to go online and to either subscribe (its free) to the newsletter or view it online. You may print a copy either way. By subscribing, the newsletter will be sent directly to your email address and you will no longer receive a copy in the mail. Our goal is to have everyone subscribe and/or viewing the newsletter online so that we will no longer be mailing it out. This will enable us to save money and serve you better. Upon the completion of the January 2010 newsletter you will only be able to view or receive the newsletter electronically. **Please let us know if you have any trouble with viewing the newsletter online or with the subscription copy sent to your email.**

July Birthdays

6... . . Pastor Dan Schultheis
6... . . Mrs. Laura McDonald
9... . . Pastor Lester Thornton
10... . . Mrs. Mary Thornton
11... . . Pastor Ken Dugger
16... . . Mrs. Sharon Beatty
16... . . Mrs. Faith Carl
22... . . Mrs. Sandy O'Brien
23... . . Mrs. Nancy Kean

CAMP SONRISE MOUNTAIN EVENTS

2009 Youth Camp

WEEK 3. June 27-July 4

Entering Grades 6 & 7
Pastor Ben Tobias, Dean

WEEK 4. July 4-11

Entering Grades 3, 4, & 5
Pastor Beth Dunlap, Dean

Family Day at Camp

Saturday, August 15, 2009

Forever Friends Camp

September 27- October 1, 2009

Meetings & Events

July 11 - 1:00 P.M.

Mission Evangelism Commission meeting at
Camp Sonrise Mountain

July 11 - 3:00 P.M.

Camp Board meeting at Camp Sonrise
Mountain

July 13 - 9:30 A.M.

Northern District Pastors at Prayer at
Barkeyville

July 16 - 10:00 A.M.

Southern District Pastors at Prayer at Mt.
Pleasant

August 15

Family Day at Camp Sonrise Mountain

August 18 - 9:00 A.M.

ARC Ad. Council meeting at the Office

ARC Approved Speakers

The following speakers are approved by the Allegheny Region
Conference for pulpit supply. You may call them to schedule
speaking dates when the need arises.

Pastor Fred Bauer (Ord) 724-446-9019
Home Area/Church Madison, PA

Pastor Glenn Beatty (Ord) 724-539-0593
Home Area/Church Latrobe/Mt. Pleasant

Pastor Ron Follett (Ord) 724-758-3830 or 724-944-9660
Home Area/Church Ellwood City, PA

Pastor Thomas McGraw (Ord) 304-442-8828
Home Area/Church Smithers, WV/Kimberly, WV

Pastor Jack Feick (AL) 724-628-5533
Home Area/Church Connellsville/Mount Pleasant

Mr. John DeVincent (LL) 304-343-1239
Home Area/Church Charleston, WV/Kimberly, WV

Mr. Don Dittman (LL) 814-432-3344
Home Area/Church Franklin/Hickory Grove

Mr. Samuel Grimm, Jr. (LL) 724-984-8108
Home Area/Church Champion/Indian Head

Mr. Lawrence Richter (LL) 724-455-3718
Home Area/Church Normalville/Clinton

Miss Sarah Sullenberger (LL) 724-309-8458
Home Area/Church Latrobe/Fairview

Camp Financial

May 2009

Operating Fund Donations (Ind. & Groups)	\$ 1829.00
Donations Received (Ind. & Groups)	1778.80
Income Received (Region & Rentals)	5777.16
Monthly Expenses	\$ 20778.29

Would You Deny Jesus to Escape Your Persecutors?

Every day multitudes of believers continue to be persecuted because they refuse to renounce their faith in Christ.

Hello, my name is Laura McDonald and I'm currently an Area Coordinator for The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM), an international Interdenominational ministry to the persecuted church in over 50 nations of the world today, which was begun by Pastor Richard Wurmbrand over 40 years ago, who spent 14 years in a communist prison. I previously served four years with VOM from 2002-2006 before serving with my family in South Korea with Cornerstone Ministries International from 2007-2008. Upon my return to the United States, I became actively involved once again with the ministry of VOM. I'm the wife of Greg McDonald, pastor of Goodridge Church of God in Northern Cambria, PA. We have five children: Justin (25), Greg Jr. (22), Tracey (20), Matthew (19), and Bethany (16) and two grandchildren: Briahna (6) and Levi (5).

I first became acquainted with VOM during a wedding rehearsal when I picked up a newsletter and my heart was immediately burdened for the persecuted and I knew I had to share their plight of suffering and tremendous courage to continue to boldly claim the name of Christ. I continue to have a passion to share the uncompromising, enduring faith of the persecuted and I'm available to speak in churches, youth groups, home groups, schools, youth camps, or anywhere God opens the doors.

For more information on the ministry of VOM or to schedule a presentation in your area, please feel free to contact me at the following:

Laura McDonald
VVN Area Coordinator
The Voice of the Martyrs
lmcdonald@vomvoice.com
724-464-6349 or 814-951-0221
www.persuction.com



Camp Sunrise Mountain Adopt-A-Cabin

The Camp Sunrise Mountain Board of Directors has launched a unique program for all of the churches in the Allegheny Region to become a part of the ministry of Camp Sunrise Mountain. We need your help replacing some of our aging facilities.

There are five cabins at our camp that are forty three years old. Three are 40 years old and all eight are in need of replacement. The years have passed with these cabins providing shelter, as well as an atmosphere where many of the campers became lifelong friends and many made life changing decisions to be more like Jesus.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THIS CABIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT!

We are asking for churches throughout the Allegheny Region to Adopt-A-Cabin so that we can begin this replacement project. It could be a one church adoption or several churches joining together.

Total cost for a replacement cabin is \$70,000 dollars. The new cabins will be modern updated versions of the older cabins that have served us so well through the years. They will include modern bathroom facilities, dressing rooms and a centralized heating system that will remove natural gas connections from the individual cabins.

What a great opportunity to give back to a place so special to all who attended therea place where God changes lives. Please embrace this opportunity to be at work with him.

More details will be forthcoming, please call **Mark Lucas** at **814-926-2064** with any questions.



Is **PraiseMoves** right for YOU?

Improve Your Stress Management and Relaxation Skills while Feasting on the Word!

Do you feel the stress of work or family is too much? Is it affecting your physical well being? The secret to stress management may lie in activity that involves fundamental human actions: stretching, breathing, relaxation while meditating on God's Word and that is what **PraiseMoves: the Christian alternative to yoga** is all about!

*Deep Stretching, Gentle Movement and Strong Scripture combine for
Weight Loss, Stress Relief, Flexibility, and Strength.*

Studies have shown that gentle stretching and quiet reflection can significantly reduce fatigue in people with multiple sclerosis, and another study found that gentle stretching and relaxation can help combat eating disorders, and it can help with depression and anxiety.

PraiseMoves emphasizes correct alignment of all parts of the body within each posture and can have therapeutic benefits like improving balance & coordination, toning muscles, eliminating back pain, and improving circulation. Did you know that the American College of Sports Medicine recommends a stretching program should be performed at LEAST 2-3 days a week? So if you aren't meeting your body's stretching needs, maybe it is time you try PraiseMoves!

PraiseMoves Foundation Scripture:

“For you were bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's”

1 Corinthians 6:20

Certified PM Instructor (CPI) and Trainer Mary Ann Haslett

724-733-8354

mahaslett@windstream.net

www.praisemoves.com

Instructor Certification Course

Saturday, November 14, 2009
Center Bethel Church of God
428 Ruffsdale-Alverton Rd.
Alverton, PA 15612

724-887-3738 contact person Char Engelhardt
Deadline: October 10, 2009

To register, go to www.praisemoves.com

ALLEGHENY REGION CONFERENCE FINANCIAL REPORT - MAY 31, 2009

CHURCH	15% OR MORE TITHE	AR & GC CO-OPERATIVE BUDGET MINISTRIES	AR & GC DESIGNATED MINISTRIES	TOTAL GIVING AS OF MAY 31ST 2009	TOTAL GIVING AS OF MAY 31ST 2008
Barkeyville	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Brackenridge First	1,357.26	0.00	0.00	1,357.26	2,007.01
Breakneck	1,940.00	0.00	240.00	2,180.00	6,076.00
Buchanan	9,153.00	0.00	0.00	9,153.00	8,107.00
Centennial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Center Bethel	8,236.00	0.00	2,667.00	10,903.00	9,121.00
Clinton	1,953.00	0.00	0.00	1,953.00	1,893.00
Colliers First	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Congress Hill	2,884.60	0.00	0.00	2,884.60	2,594.38
Fair Oaks	250.00	0.00	250.00	500.00	300.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00	863.81	863.81	0.00
Franklin First	5,552.00	0.00	800.00	6,352.00	6,193.00
Garman	3,567.90	0.00	1,097.17	4,665.07	3,364.81
Goodridge	1,550.00	0.00	0.00	1,550.00	0.00
Grandview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grange	3,584.92	0.00	0.00	3,584.92	4,396.50
Grove City	60.00	0.00	390.00	450.00	728.55
Hickory Grove	2,300.22	0.00	0.00	2,300.22	2,460.39
Highlawn First	1,742.00	0.00	0.00	1,742.00	1,414.00
Indian Head	16,656.82	0.00	7,126.40	23,783.22	28,849.57
Kecksburg	2,203.00	0.00	120.00	2,323.00	1,594.00
Kennerdell	1,000.00	0.00	100.00	1,100.00	1,000.00
Kimberly	4,359.92	0.00	2,500.00	6,859.92	7,278.08
Kingwood	14,111.03	0.00	2,068.73	16,179.76	13,413.23
Kittanning	1,275.00	90.95	0.00	1,365.95	677.67
Latrobe First	8,426.70	0.00	2,159.00	10,585.70	13,737.00
Lillyville	5,516.00	0.00	1,031.45	6,547.45	5,084.00
Limestone/Reesedale	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,120.00
Littleton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maranatha	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	186.60
Markleysburg Union	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
McMechen First	4,500.00	0.00	3,875.00	8,375.00	10,687.50
Mount Carmel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mount Hope	768.00	0.00	59.70	827.70	1,170.65
Mount Nebo	1,323.32	0.00	0.00	1,323.32	1,206.23
Mount Pleasant	11,621.67	0.00	3,566.68	15,188.35	16,216.28
Mount Tabor (PA)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	222.00
Mount Tabor (WV)	800.00	0.00	150.00	950.00	0.00
New Brighton First	803.00	0.00	1,428.00	2,231.00	2,569.00
New Centerville	2,792.66	0.00	346.26	3,138.92	2,218.70
Pine Grove	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
Sand Spring	2,096.92	0.00	0.00	2,096.92	4,192.58
South Charleston First	2,043.00	0.00	0.00	2,043.00	2,078.99
Templeton	300.00	0.00	85.00	385.00	621.26
United Community	662.24	0.00	1,324.49	1,986.73	5,913.00
West Newton First	3,770.10	0.00	200.00	3,970.10	2,993.03
Miscellaneous Giving			0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	\$134,360.28	\$90.95	\$32,448.69	\$166,899.92	\$174,185.01
COMPARE TO: May 2008	\$136,089.58	\$77.67	\$38,852.76	\$175,020.01	
COMPARE TO: May 2007	\$139,658.32	\$13.40	\$34,601.73	\$174,273.45	
COMPARE TO: May 2006	\$139,051.42	\$562.59	\$38,785.15	\$178,399.16	

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT - MAY 2009

CHURCH	MAY 3, 2009						MAY 10, 2009						MAY 17, 2009						MAY 24, 2009						MAY 31, 2009						TOTALS	
	SS	MW	ES	MID	Y	JR	SS	MW	ES	MID	Y	JR	SS	MW	ES	MID	Y	JR	SS	MW	ES	MID	Y	JR	SS	MW	ES	MID	Y	JR	SS	MW
Barkeyville																														0	0	
Brackenridge First																														0	0	
Breakneck																														0	0	
Buchanan	57	148					52	155					54	130					38	130					48	144			249	707		
Centennial																														0	0	
Center Bethel	117	175		57			101	188		58			72	135		29			87	126		19			100	189		19	477	813		
Clinton	12	53					11	54					6	36					11	31					10	41			50	215		
Colliers First																														0	0	
Congress Hill	27	55		19			23	55		15			30	59		15			22	39					24	39		12	126	247		
Fair Oaks																														0	0	
Fairview		27						44						33						34						34				0	172	
Franklin First	39	57	28	7			47	72		11			46	62	24	11			49	67		9			40	61	76	14	221	319		
Garman																														0	0	
Goodridge																														0	0	
Grandview		40						47						34						27						47				0	195	
Grange	48	59					52	69					50	63					53	78					43	59			246	328		
Grove City																														0	0	
Hickory Grove																														0	0	
Highlawn First	22	28	19	13			24	41	38	14			21	31	17	11			19	58		10			21	25	14	9	107	183		
Indian Head	128	308					123	256					102	188					100	212					95	193			548	1157		
Kecksburg	8	22		6			12	36		6			7	24					9	24					4	20			40	126		
Kennerdell		35						50						37						49						37			0	208		
Kimberly	44	20	28				67	40		30			90	75		8			55	31	23	23			48	20			304	186		
Kingwood																														0	0	
Kittanning	33	38		2			34	65					29	42		8			26	53		7			38	56		5	160	254		
Latrobe First	75	148		29	4	8	72	172		29	4	8	63	130		26	3	8	62	97		24	3	8	60	154		31	4	10	332	701
Lillyville	42	135					36	113					35	130					34	97					31	79			178	554		
Limestone/Reesedale																														0	0	
Littleton																														0	0	
Maranatha																														0	0	
Markleysburg Union																														0	0	
McMechen First	55	86	13	13			66	111	11	23			62	88	9	23			45	95	13	25			59	95	13	26	287	475		
Mount Carmel																														0	0	
Mount Hope																														0	0	
Mount Nebo	20	47		9			20	34		9			23	34		6			19	28		7			21	31			103	174		
Mount Pleasant																														0	0	
Mount Tabor (PA)																														0	0	
Mount Tabor (WV)	14	18	11	16	3	1	20	31	5	21	4		22	20	8	16	3	2	15	19	10	13	4	2	23	27		17	3	3	94	115
New Brighton First																														0	0	
New Centerville	16	32		6	8	10	39	72		8	8	10	25	45		9	6	10	28	39		9	7	10	20	45		10	4	9	128	233
Pine Grove																														0	0	
Sand Spring																														0	0	
South Charleston First	23	43	12	14			26	48		9			25	41	12	13			16	35		13			21	39	11	13			111	206
Templeton																														0	0	
United Community	48	141					50	130					63	125					56	142					51	152			268	690		
West Newton First	20	64	19	8			19	72		13			16	55	14	11			21	57	15				18	62	18		94	310		
CONFERENCE TOTALS	848	1779	130	199	15	19	894	1955	54	246	16	18	841	1617	84	186	12	20	765	1568	61	159	14	20	775	1649	132	156	11	22	4123	8568

CODES: SS- Sunday School MW - Morning Worship ES - Evening Service MID - Mid-Week Service Y - Senior Youth JR - Junior Youth * - Canceled