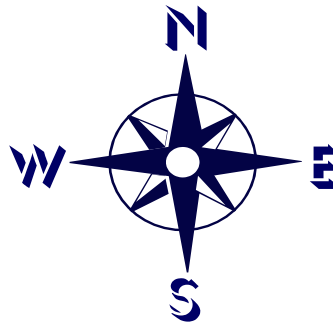




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The great ship prepared for its voyage across the sea, with its eloquent table cloths in place, dishes and glasses spotless, and travelers anxious for their voyage. The great ship, known as the unsinkable ship, left the harbor in Liverpool, England. But on the way to



America, something would happen that would go down in history. As the ship glided across the waters of the Northern Atlantic, suddenly an iceberg hit it. Something that was thought to be unthinkable started to happen. The great ship began to sink.

As the passengers began to prepare for the worst, everyone began to reach for the life jackets. One of the passengers known as John Harper, with his life jacket on, started running across the deck of the great ship. As he was running, he began to yell loudly..."Are you saved...Are you saved...Are you saved." At one point he gave his life jacket to another passenger because he could afford to die. As the ship began to break apart and enter the water you could still hear the man yelling, "Are you saved!!!"

There is a story in Luke 8:26-39 where Jesus sent the demons into the pigs. After Jesus drove the demons out of the boy and into the pigs, the people of the region asked Jesus to leave because they were overcome by fear. But in verse 38-39 it says, "The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, return home and tell how much God has done for you. So, the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him."

Some have said this is the first evangelism story ever, but one could say that it's a story of encouragement. The driving force in this boy's life was knowing Christ. More likely, everything he said and did had to filter through this purpose. This was John Harper's force too, that others would find what he had.

Pastor Lee

ARC Conference Sessions

The Allegheny Region Annual Conference Sessions will be held May 8-9, 2009 at Camp Sunrise Mountain. Delegate packets were mailed out April 13th. If you did not receive a packet that means your registration was late. Delegate packets will be available at the sessions for anyone who did not receive one in the mail.

As a reminder, it is required that all pastors attend Conference Sessions. It is stated in the Allegheny Region Constitution Article XIV - Accountability of Pastors, Section 14.04: " Any pastor not responding to his name at roll call for two (2) consecutive Annual Sessions shall forfeit his relationship with this body unless compelled to be absent by sickness, death, or circumstances beyond one's control. " If you need to be excused you must send a written letter to the Conference Clerk, Pastor Jim Monticue, asking to be excused.

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Bible Quizzing

The Allegheny Region Bible Quiz meet was held at Mt. Pleasant Church of God on Sunday, April 5th at 2:30 P.M. Lots of fun and fellowship, as usual, with 9 teams present. Indian Head 2 took First Place with a whopping 560 points, Mt. Pleasant 3 took Second Place with 310 points, and Indian Head 1 and Mt. Pleasant 1 tied for Third Place with 260 points. High individual scores went to Brooke Grimm (IH) and Malinda Miller (IH) tied for First Place and William Culver (IH) and Charis Tobias (MP) tied for Second Place with Robby Crawford (MP) and Seth Leone (United Community) tied for Third Place. A lot of ties it seems. Our next and final meet for the season will be at United Community in Ursina on May 3rd at 2:30 P.M. Quizzing will be on Luke 21, 22, 23, and 24 with review of 15-20.



May Birthdays

2	.....	Mrs. Lila Woods
2	.....	Pastor Tim Robbins
3	.....	Pastor Ed Mikkelsen
4	.....	Pastor Ronald Schaeffer
5	.....	Mrs. Sherri Tobias
11	....	Mrs. Helen Landolt
12	....	Pastor Eric Spencer
17	....	Pastor Russell Havener
18	....	Mrs. Amy Wingrove
19	....	Pastor Douglas Show
23	....	Pastor Linda Deeter
30	....	Pastor William Smith

Meetings & Events

- April 25-May 3 - 2009 Missions Impact
April 25 - 7:00 P.M. at Mt. Tabor, WV
April 26 - 7:00 P.M. at Kingwood, PA
April 29 - 7:00 P.M. at West Newton, PA
May 3 - 6:00 P.M. at Lillyville, PA
- May 3 - 2:30 P.M.
Bible Quizzing at United Community Church of God in Ursina
- May 8-9
Allegheny Region Conference Sessions at Camp Sunrise Mountain
- May 11 - 9:30 A.M.
Northern District Pastors at Prayer at Barkeyville Church of God
- May 21 - 10:00 A.M.
Southern District Pastors at Prayer at United Community Church of God
- May 21
Women's Rally at United Community Church of God

ASAP?

Ever wonder about the abbreviation ASAP? Generally, we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There is work to do, deadlines to meet;
You've got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry —
ASAP — ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

In the midst of family chaos,
"Quality time" is rare.
Do your best; let God to the rest —
ASAP — ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear.
Slow down and take a breather —
ASAP — ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our care,
And he will respond to all your needs —
ASAP — ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

Author unknown

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) Home Area/Church	724-446-9019 Madison, PA
Pastor Glenn Beatty (Ord) Home Area/Church	724-539-0593 Latrobe/Mt. Pleasant
Pastor Ron Follett (Ord) Home Area/Church	724-758-3830 or 724-944-9660 Ellwood City, PA
Pastor Thomas McGraw (Ord) Home Area/Church	304-442-8828 Smithers, WV/Kimberly, WV
Pastor Jack Feick (AL) Home Area/Church	724-628-5533 Connellsville/Mount Pleasant
Mrs. Linda Brown (LL) Home Area/Church	724-455-2133 Acme/Indian Head
Dr. Christine Cheng-Florendo (LL) Home Area/Church	724-424-8902 Latrobe/Latrobe First
Mr. John DeVincent (LL) Home Area/Church	304-343-1239 Charleston, WV/Kimberly, WV
Mr. Don Dittman (LL) Home Area/Church	814-432-3344 Franklin/Hickory Grove
Mr. Samuel Grimm, Jr. (LL) Home Area/Church	724-984-8108 Champion/Indian Head
Mr. Roy Johnson (LL) Home Area/Church	724-547-4075 Mt. Pleasant/Fairview
Mr. Robert Newmeyer (LL) Home Area/Church	724-537-6226 Latrobe/Latrobe First
Mr. Lawrence Richter (LL) Home Area/Church	724-455-3718 Normalville/Clinton
Miss Sarah Sullenberger (LL) Home Area/Church	724-309-8458 Latrobe/Fairview

Camp Financial

March 2009

Operating Fund Donations (Ind. & Groups)	\$ 3136.51
Donations Received (Ind. & Groups)	3843.00
Income Received (Region & Rentals)	9271.50
Monthly Expenses	\$ 21692.09

Seasonal Work Available

Camp Sunrise is looking for part-time seasonal help. If you're looking for something to do this summer why don't you consider working part-time at camp. Needed are cooks, lifeguards, grounds keepers, and maintenance workers. Contact Steve White at 301-746-5760 if you are interested in any of the above positions.