

Camp Meeting Dates:

Lebanon (SW)	July 5-10
Warsaw (SE)	July 10-19
Berlin (NE)	July 18-26
Payne (NW)	July 24-31
Springfield (C)	July 31- Aug. 9

Youth Camp Dates:

Junior High	June 14-19
Senior High	June 21-27
6 th and 7 th Grade	June 28-July 3
4 th and 5 th Grade	July 5-10
5 th and 6 th Grade	July 12-17
Family Camp	July 17-18
3 rd and 4 th Grade	July 19-22

Fall Feast Dates:

Walnut Creek	October 8
Plain City	October 15
Waynesville	October 22

Important Dates:

North American Conv.	June 26- July 1
Fall General Assembly	September 24
Super Coaching Cluster	September 25
L.W.S. School of Ministry	October 24

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Change

Romans 12:1-2 Hebrews: 13:8

MENS OX ROAST 2009

September 11th & 12th, 2009

Dr. Barry Black, U.S. Senate Chaplain

Chaplain Black is married and has three sons, Barry II, Brendan, and Bradford. He was elected the 62nd Chaplain of the Senate in 2003. Prior to Capitol Hill, Chaplain Black served in the U.S. Navy for over 27 years.

"I see my role as the chaplain to be a confidential counselor, spiritual advisor, scripture teacher, intercessor, and friend to the Senators, their spouses, and the Senate staff as they seek to discover and live God's wonderful plan."



Music by Colonial City Quartet

Colonial City Quartet has been singing in their local area for 22 years. Originally based out of Mt Vernon, Ohio the group now comes to you from Mansfield, Ohio. Each member having a desire to reach people with the Gospel in song as they do what they love most. They sing an exciting mix of your old time favorites along with a newer sound thats sure to have something for everyone. All ages are in for a blessing as the group shares their songs of inspiration.



Inaugural Paintball Camp

We are proud to announce that Camp Marengo will kick off its paintball program at the 2009 Men's Ox Roast. Paintball is a fun, extreme sport that has been sweeping across the country. It is a new favorite past time for many teens and adults. Because of the huge financial support from the Men's Ox Roast we are offering games for \$5. This includes 100 paintballs and full equipment rental. Game times are Friday 1-6 and Saturday 1-4. Come join us for an awesome time of paintballing!




See page 2 for registration, event, and further details.

Experiential Worship at NEO G.A.

The program for the Northeast Ohio General Assembly in February focused on the subject of creative ordinances. Michael Anderson, Dan Betts, Chuck Erbe, and Patti Hostetler led the presentation and concluded with a service of footwashing. Participants paired up throughout the Barberton Church of God sanctuary to follow the Lord's example of footwashing. It is rare for most of the people in the Church of God to participate in a footwashing service outside their own local church or at any time other than Maundy Thursday. For the church family spread throughout Northeast Ohio to enjoy this type of service with one another was a moving experience.

Submitted by NEO Chairman, William Wimmer



**"Women...
Designed by God"**

"For we are God's handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do
good works." Ephesians 2:10

September 25-27, 2009
Carlisle Inn at Sugarcreek
Registration: \$80

Special Guest: Erin Moss Taylor
Missionaries: Heather and Mike Webb (Tanzania)
Worship Leader: Kathy Webert

For more information, see your local WCG representative
or contact Angie Swonger at 419-872-9045

New Church in Massillon

We had a vision of starting a church. One day Pastor George was driving down the street and something just had him look up this big hill. Pastor and I had been searching all over Massillon for a place to house a church. We were prayerful that this building on the Southeast area of Massillon on Pearl Avenue, which was the old Jones Junior High School, would be a beacon for all of Massillon, Ohio. The church is named Zion's Temple Church of God.



Pastor George
& Veronica Lancaster

We plan to make this a real community church that people in the area can feel good about. We served as youth pastors at Sherrick Road Church of God in Canton, for nine years, under the leadership of Pastor Clayborn Giles. We felt it was time to move in a new direction. We wanted to do some urban ministry right here in the city, and we feel honored to have been chosen to do it. The city officials are glad that at least part of the building will be occupied and put to good use.

We have worship service at 11:00 am, Wednesday night bible study, we had a winter basketball league. We have a program for children in grades 1-6 on Mondays, and plan to incorporate 7-12 in September. We have an aerobics class on Saturday's for any age. In March we hosted the NEO youth in a recreation overnighter. This will be a place where people can come and have a good time

George left his job as a senior account executive at Enterprise Rent-a-car to devote himself fully to this Massillon mission. We walked out on faith to start a ministry. We believe God will and has provided.

Submitted by Veronica Lancaster

Senior Adult Workcamp

September 27-29th at Camp Marengo
For more information, contact Jim Figy at (419) 335-2429



34th Annual Men's Retreat & Ox Roast

Theme "Change"
Sept. 11-12, 2009

REGISTRATION FEE :	\$55
Early Registration (by August 15th):	\$45
One-Day Registration:	\$25

Registration Fee includes: retreat lodging, evening meal, bonfire, and hot dogs on Friday, breakfast on Saturday, Ox Roast Saturday afternoon, as well as Friday and Saturday worship. Plus activities of your choice.

Friday Golf Tournament: \$40 each
Tee Time 8:30am
Send fee and registration to Les Bowers
504 Quail Run Rd., Middletown, OH 45042
(513) 423-9934 or lbowers@cinci.rr.com

Friday Fishing Tournament: \$25 each
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Send in with registration.

Friday Horseshoe Tournament: No fee
To register, call Jack Kleinsmith (740) 944-1016

For more information, or to register, visit www.ohiochogmen.org

Pastor Randy Wallace Benefit Concert

On Good Friday, the Poasttown First Church of God held a benefit concert for their beloved pastor, Randy Wallace. Bro. Randy is undergoing chemo treatments and his insurance is not covering the treatments at this time. With this great need in mind, former associate and now senior pastor of Marshall Road Church of God, Kevin Hall, organized a concert benefit with *The Dalton Gang*, *The Proffits*, and *The Haddix Family* donating their talents for the evening.

With over 865 in attendance, they received an offering of over \$18,700. It was a great outpouring of love and hope as the people of God from the Poasttown congregation and many surrounding congregations joined together in this great offering.

Please join Brother Randy, his family, and congregation as they seek God's healing and miracle for his life.

A Great Commission Thought...

Fact: Your church is not growing spiritually if its members are not serving.

Another Fact: Your community needs you.

Challenge: Most likely, for your church to become externally focused, it will take one person with a vision. Perhaps that person is you!

The Externally Focused Church, by Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson

*Changing the world
through
changed pastors and congregations*

Great Lake Church Continues to Grow

Last October the Great Lakes Church was launched in Amherst, near Cleveland. Pastors Rich Johnson and Karson Collins continue to be amazed and excited to see God at work in this new ministry. On Mother's Day they had 155 in attendance. After worship a new couple asked about being baptized. During their 7 months of existence they have had several conversions.

In a recent update Pastor Rich wrote, "Our presence is well known in the community and we have 3 events that have over 4,000 people lined up this summer to continue to promote the Gospel and our church. We feel a 300 plus attendance target for the fall re-launch Sunday is a very realistic and probably a very conservative goal. I always kick off the service for 5 minutes pushing myself to be real upbeat or "tee off" the service as we say and reiterate the church vision."

The following is a statement from one who now calls Great Lakes Church her home.

I have to say the GLC band is awesome! It gets me going every Sunday morning! We absolutely love this church. We have been trying to find a church that we feel welcome and really enjoy and we finally did! Karson- your sermons every week are amazing. It really puts things in perspective and I always walk feeling touched by your message. It is so exciting to be a part of something that is growing. Thanks again for such a great church that I look forward to going to week after week! - Brooke

The Great Lakes Church meets at the Nord Middle School. Let's continue to pray for the Lord's favor on this new church.



Great Lakes Church Worship Band taken from www.greatlakeschurch.net

Open Churches

Athens, First	Laurelville
Cortland, First	Marion, First
Dover, Indian Meadows	Mineral Ridge, First
East Liverpool	Ridgeway, First
Eaton, First	St. Marys, First
Hamilton, Front St.	Wash. Court House, First
Hamilton, First	Youngstown, People's Chp.
Jeffersonville	

Heaven's Roll Call

Rev. William W. Bowles, March 2009
Rev. Bob Rauch, May 2009
Marie Johnson, March 2009

New Pastors

Akron, Ellet Community	Jim Snyder
Cincinnati, Madisonville	Bob Johnston
Cincinnati, Fosdick	James Cooley, Sr.
Columbus, Northside Del.	Niki Hampton
Greentown	Craig Cope
Lordstown	Shannon New- Spangler
Middletown, Towne	Mitchell Burch
New Carlisle, Park Layne	Gene Frame
Sidney, First	Vernon Allison
Warren, Parkman Rd.	Jack Ruble

From the Director...

Ohio Ministries exists to resource the local church and pastor in achieving Christ's mission for the church is an expression I often speak. It is a sincere affirmation of why I believe Ohio Ministries exists. God did not ordain Ohio Ministries but He did ordain the local church as the basic unit of mission to carry out His purposes in the world. To that end we are always asking ourselves, *how can we help our pastors lead their churches in doing so?*

To that end we provide a number of services that can facilitate pastor and people in accomplishing God's purposes for His church. In the February issue of the Messenger I highlighted several ways we can assist the pastor through initiatives such as the Coach Training Initiative, the Transformational Coaching Clusters, through Ministry Leadership Development Coaching, and the Coaching Weekend. To find out more about each of these go to our website at www.ohchog.org and click on the tab titled, Services Provided. There you will find a brief explanation of each.

In this article I want to speak more directly to some ways we can serve the laity of the congregation, especially those engaged in leadership capacities. Did you know, for example, that on our staff we have Bob Fulton who serves as Director of Finance and Finance Compliance? Bob is retired from the corporate world where he served several companies as the Chief Financial Officer. One of the services Bob can offer to the local church is help in matters such as finance records keeping and reporting. He can also help the church make sure they are in compliance with IRS regulations for churches. In his time with us he has already assisted many of our churches and stands ready to assist yours as needed and called upon. You can reach Bob at his email address (bob@ohchog.org) or by calling the state office (740-747-2916).

We are also prepared to assist leadership boards in matters such as staff compensation and benefits. We have access to the latest and most comprehensive compensation information available. We can assist in helping you establish

equitable compensation package from the church secretary to the senior pastor based on comparative studies done nationwide.

We also have a template from our attorney that can be used for those churches needing to conditionally their property. The value of conditional deeding is that it protects the property for the Church of God in the event of a "takeover" by persons of a different theological persuasion, or in the event of the church's closure. Conditional deeding insures that the property will remain as asset of the Church of God. Law mandates that the assets of a not-for-profit can go only to another not-for-profit. The church that closes and is NOT conditionally deeded could be gifted by the courts to the local YMCA or any other not-for-profit entity at its choosing. We strongly urge every congregation to get conditionally deeded. Again our office can assist you in this matter.

There are many more ways that Ohio Ministries can resource your congregation. Please go to our website at www.ohchog.org and click on the Services Provided tab. There you will find a pretty full array of services provided.

We exist to resource the local church and pastor as you seek to accomplish Christ's mission for His church. Let us know how we can serve. Be it to pray or to pay a personal visit or to provide a particular service, we stand ready to serve you.



Happy Birthday Randy!

June marks a monumental birthday for Ohio Ministries' Director, Dr. Randall "Ninja" Spence.

Annual Yearbook Registration

We have been informed by the office of the general director of Church of God Ministries that any congregation or pastor that fails to register for the 2010 Yearbook of the Church of God will NOT appear in the 2010 edition and beyond. This is due to a tightening in regulations by the IRS. In the past any congregation not registering has appeared in the Yearbook but as unregistered. As of 2010 that will change.

It is, therefore, imperative that every congregation and pastor register. To assist you in that process, Ohio Ministries has added a link to our website where you can go to register both congregation and as a minister. You will need a credit card and an identification number. If you do not know your number(s), you will need to contact Church of God Ministries at 800-848-2464 and tell the receptionist what you need.

In order to use the Ohio Ministries website to register, go to www.ohchog.org and look at the bottom of the opening page where it says Church of God Ministries Annual Yearbook Registration. With credit card information and your identification number(s) in hand, the process is relatively painless and quick.