

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Let your light shine before men Matthew 5:16

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FROM THE DESK OF THE TERRITORIAL OVERSEER

Well, as we said last month, the Caravan was very exciting and fulfilling with plenty of great opportunities for outreach in the areas that we had the privilege to go. As we enter into the month of September, new and equally exciting plans are coming our way. We have embarked on a new advertising program for all of our churches here in the territory involving television, radio, newspaper and printed signs. I got to make the first commercial for our church in Youngstown, and at this writing, have already had inquiries into our churches from it. We are living in very exciting times for the Lord. We also had a great time of fellowship with our fellow believers at our annual Idlewild days outing. It was great to see everyone who

could come out. The food was awesome also!!

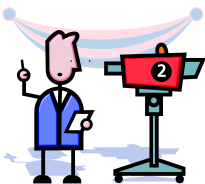
As I am writing this article, the first ever International W.O.R.I. Retreat is going on, and I know that we will be hearing some great reports about the work of the Lord in this gathering when our ladies return home. In the middle of this month, we will be having our annual hayride hosted by our territory youth dept. under the leadership of Bishop Mike and Minister Marlene Piper. This is always a good time of fellowship among our churches, so please plan to attend. Also, at the end of the month, we will be having our Fall S.O.A. and W.O.R.I. prayer breakfasts. The men will be at our church in Clarion, and the ladies will be at our church in Youngstown. Make plans to attend. You will be glad that you did!

Finally the Feast of Tabernacles is right around the corner. Our leaders are working feverishly making preparation to have a powerful and dynamic presentation to the Lord! I urge you all to make plans to attend this biblical convocation where we will meet with the Lord in celebration of his soon return to rule and reign on this earth. We will also meet new people who are desiring to know more about the true worship of the Heavenly Father found in the Bible. This meeting is on October 16 at the Holiday Inn in Moon Township, the times are 10 AM & 4 PM, so come and be blessed (you will not be sorry that you came!) My prayer is that you are blessed abundantly this month and every month!

Bishop H. David Lam

FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSISTANT TERRITORIAL OVERSEER

PRAISE THE LORD! GOD IS GOOD! We are embarking on new ground in our Territory, and it totally excites me. We are preparing for the Feast of Tabernacles, and we want to reach out further than ever before to invite people to come worship with us. Bishop Lam and myself met with Christian Television and our churches in Pennsylvania partnered with them to advertise each church, 5 weeks at a time, to invite people out and worship with us. We are also using this tool to advertise our Feast celebration. This is getting the good news out. We are also preparing the services for this celebration. It will be held at the Pittsburgh - Moon Township Holiday Inn. This journey is taking us down a road we believe will open many doors. So are you



excited with us? Praise Him, give Him glory and please pray that the Lord have His way in all we do for Him.

I also want to thank each one who sacrificed of themselves to go on this year's Caravan. It was a great success. Souls came to the Lord and many were encouraged. As we went out into the community, we prayed for many needs. We also had wonderful services where we had visitors come out due to the knocking on doors. We also had a newspaper interview and 2 radio broadcast interviews. We also had a wonderful time in Gettysburg. It's all about unity and reaching out to others. That's what Caravan is all about. Bro. Fred and Sis. Shirley and the entire church in Jonesboro made us welcome and also went out with us. We also thank them for their great hospitality. May God continue

to bless your labors for Him.

I'm also excited about the International WOR1 Retreat. I know the Lord is going to encourage and unite our ladies as they gather and encourage each other and minister to each other. God bless you, women of God.

As you can see there's plenty of things to do and be a part of in The Church of God. There's a place in His church for each of us, and there's a place here for your entire family. We love you all and may He continue to bless you is my prayer.

Bishop Roy D. Piper

PS - We thank God for enlarging our family on July 27th. Stephanie and Jesse had a beautiful baby girl, Gabrielle Audrey Cook. Thank you Lord for our grandchildren !

Working for the Lord

Greetings in the name of the Lord! Isn't it exciting to work for the Lord!?!?! We started August out on a mission as the army of the Lord. Our mission took us to Jonesboro, Arkansas where we met with Bro and Sister Flick and the congregation of Jonesboro. We arrived just in time to be a part of their vacation bible school graduation. Their theme was "Riders for Christ" with Luke 14:23 as their scripture base. Each student was presented with a beautiful plaque for the completion of the class. The caravaners were also presented with the same plaque as graduates who were out fulfilling the prophecy of Luke 14:23.

Pastor Flick did a fantastic job making preparations for us to go out into their community and reach out to lost souls. We were able to divide up into teams and walk through the neighborhood knocking on doors and sharing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We had opportunity to pray for the needs of the people and to invite them out to church and for souls to be saved. Pastor Flick also arranged for a newspaper reporter to travel with us and take pictures and interview as we went to a park to witness to people, as well



as, having time to share what we were doing on two local radio stations. Pastor Fred and Sister Shirley and the congregation also did a great job of hospitality as they housed and fed us. Thank you for being such a great host.

As the caravan left from Jonesboro, it headed back north to Gettysburg where once again there would be opportunity share the gospel and to have great fellowship. Only through God can we claim a victory in this year's caravan.

After returning home, it was back to business with fundraising and preparing for the upcoming celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles. All of our practices have resumed and were are preparing our presentation to the Lord so that we may be a blessing to Him at His Feast. I know that everyone is busy doing the same. What a Great Celebration it will be as we all gather together in the presence of the Lord. There is a lot to get done and a short time to do it. Whatever your hands find to do for the Lord, do it with all your might.

May God bless the labors of your hands,

Bishop David Dillie

Outreach

Greetings from Clarion! Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a gracious and loving God that we serve. He blessed us with a prosperous month of August on the 2011 caravan. Three souls were harvested during the caravan, and people were encouraged and ministered to. We made contact with some of the community around the Jonesboro church. The gospel seeds were sown and watered, and we are waiting for God to give the increase. We were well taken care of on the caravan by the great hospitality of the Jonesboro pastor and congregation. Thank you, Jonesboro, for all the love shown towards us and your labors to the Lord. God will bless you. We ended the caravan with a couple days rest and fellowship at the Gettysburg campground in spite of the raindrops.

In Clarion, we are just finishing the study of the Prophecy Seminar. We took a couple of months and went through each chapter as we would our Sabbath School lessons, taking turns reading and stopping for questions and clarification. We had some visitors, and we really enjoyed the time of study together. This month we did not have a fundraiser dinner, but the Lord blessed us by our neighborhood church (Bible Baptist) renting our basement and kitchen. Thank you, Lord. We are now setting our sights on the regional Feast of Tabernacles coming up in October. We are anticipating a move of the Spirit of God and an outreach to the Tri-state area. We have a message and a revelation from God that people need to hear and understand. We should be fasting and praying about the Feast of Tabernacles and the Philippine mission trip on Oct 13 - 29. May the LORD bless you, encourage you, and empower you by His Spirit to do the work that He called you to do.

Bishop Ralph Campbell III

The Rest of Your Life

Greetings from New Florence. Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Are you making the most of it? Are you praying for God's Will to be done in your life?

We were about our Father's business. We saw the Holy Spirit move in our services. We had some claim God healed them. We had the Holy Spirit speak to us, to give us encouragement.

We are having a hymn sing on November 5th from 4 PM - 9 PM. Everyone is invited. Come and bring your talent. Thanks to all who work hard to keep our church looking nice.

Please keep us in prayer.

Bishop Lester Lohr

Church Growth

This has been another good month for Bible Study. Pastor Roy has been teaching from the Manual on The Candlestick, Zechariah's Vision and The Two



Temples. Each student sees these teachings with greater understanding as Pastor explained them. Our church services have been inspiring as well. You are able to see the members growing each week in response to the Word of God. The first Saturday of each month we are having a service at "The

Cedars of Monroeville" personal care home. We have had good attendance, and the children are a noticeable blessing to the residents. We also had a joint picnic outing with the Youngstown church. The fellowship was something you just can't have any other way.

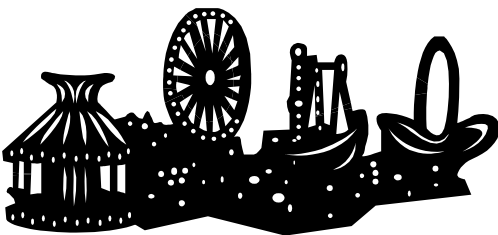
Bishop Kenny Butts

Enjoyable Day at Idlewild

The weather was beautiful as we gathered at Idlewild Park on August 26 for a day of fun and fellowship. There were members there from Youngstown, Greensburg and Monroeville/Pittsburgh. It was so good to see everyone and enjoy the fellowship of brothers and sisters. There were approximately 42 that came out for the day. A few were unable to come until after work.

The kids ran off to the pool after lunch, and most stayed there until supper time. The adults strolled through the park and wound back at the pavilion for a time of visiting.

As is the usual Church of God style, there was plenty of good food. We ate supper at 5:30. After supper, the kids were off to the rides and a few adults



enjoyed the rides as well. As it came toward closing time, some left, but there were a few who stayed until the park closed.

We thank the Lord for providing us with such a beautiful day to spend with one another. I personally enjoyed visiting with everyone and relaxing in the Lord's presence.

Minister Cathy Brinko

Fundraising for the Lord

As summer ends and fall begins, we are still busy. Life does not slow down in any season. As we start into fall, our dinners are scheduled. We have



homemade noodles ready for the thanksgiving season. It was a fun day, with flour everywhere. Tiring, but a good tired because you are helping to spread God's Word all over the world. May we continue to work for this purpose

Sister Thelma Overly

Test Your Bible Knowledge

Where were Nathan and Zadok to take Solomon in order to anoint him as King?

- A. Bethlehem
- B. Gihon
- C. Jerusalem
- D. Gilgal

Did you know the Territory has a new website?

www.thechurchofgodnenw.org

It contains photos & sermons from our territory events and promotes upcoming events

Check it out and share it with others!



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Sept 11 Roast Beef Dinner @ Greensburg from 12 PM - 3 PM
- Sept 11 Chicken Biscuit Dinner @ Clarion from 11AM - 2 PM
- Sept 12 Bishops Meeting @ Youngstown @ 6 PM
- Sept 15 Deadline to reserve a room at the Holiday Inn for the
Feast of Tabernacles.
Holiday Inn Phone # 412-262-3600
- Sept 17 Hayride @ Bishop Mike's House @ 2 PM
- Sept 25 Prayer Breakfasts starting at 8 AM
Sons of Abraham @ Clarion
Women of Ruth @ Youngstown
- Oct 16 Territorial Feast of Tabernacles celebration at the
Holiday Inn in Moon Township.
Services @ 10 AM & 4 PM
- Nov 5 Hymn Sing @ New Florence from 4 PM - 9 PM

Test Your Bible Knowledge Answer:

B. Gihon (1 Kings 1: 32-34)

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