



The Herald Of Hope

Offering H.O.P.E. to the community

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Pastor's Pen

Romans 12:1 says "I (Paul) urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship." True Christian service and living must begin with personal dedication to the Lord. The Christian who fails in life is the one who has first failed at the altar, refusing to surrender completely to Christ. King Saul failed at the altar (I Samuel 13.8 and 15.10ff), and it cost him his kingdom. Paul is not commanding us to be holy, but rather strongly, encouraging us to be holy because of the great love of God for us in Jesus Christ. Living a life of holiness, a life dedicated to loving one another like Jesus loved us; and to serving Him at all times is a life of holiness. It requires daily yielding of our bodies (ourselves) to Him. That is accomplished by the renewing of our mind in and through the word of God, and surrendering the will through prayer and obedience.

Every Christian is either a conformer, living for and like the world, or a transformer, daily becoming more like Christ. This change in our lives is accomplished by the renewing power of God's Holy Spirit as we allow him to guide us moment by moment. Scripture refers to all believers as priests. A priest's function is to offer sacrifices. Our first sacrifice is to be the surrender of our minds, bodies, our will to God. The word of God does not allow us to choose the degree to which we will seek to be holy. Rather it tells us to be holy as He is holy.

As you seek summer rest and renewal—ask yourself whether you are truly living in holiness. If you, like me, find yourself lacking in perfect love and obedience to Him, join me each week as we seek to grow in love and obedience to God. You will be blessed and so will we.

Pastor Ken

F.Y.I.

1. SPRC—Staff / Parish Relations Committee will meet with the District Superintendent on October 15th at 11:10 am here at Hope. We will be hosting a cluster of SPRC meetings that day. All churches will meet separately with the District Superintendent at assigned times.
2. Charge Conference—Our charge conference will be Monday evening October 17th at the Church of Good Shepherd. This will be a cluster conference. Several churches will be holding conferences at the same time. The District Superintendent will float between them. After a joint worship experience. We will car pool. All administrative board members should attend—all others welcome.

Conference Highlights

Bishop Hopkins set the stage by reminding us that we must be ready to claim Jesus as both Savior and Lord. He correctly pointed out that many claim him as Savior but not Lord over their lives. He pointed out the challenges that face us. That our church at its core is a missionary church and as he put it "it is in our DNA." He reminded us that it is our job as a local church to make and mature disciples and to equip them to do the ministry that they are called to do. It is also the job of the local church to grow and build a strong Christian community that is able to, not only, stand on its own, but provide the people and financial resources to start new churches and ministries.

Bishop Ough of West Ohio, pointed out the startling facts that there are over 12 million people in Ohio and over half of these have no church affiliation. More startling still is the fact that **over 2 million people in the State of Ohio do not even know who Christ is!** Hope Church, if we call ourselves by the name of Christ we have a lot of work to do, both individually and as a group. He challenged us to reevaluate our mission and vision to get in line with what God is doing. Further, he challenged us to actively witness to those we come in contact with, to make disciples and to be the disciples that are transformed by Christ. This means we must be ready to listen to God and be prepared to do what he has called us to do.

Roger Campbell

Prayer Chain

Do you need prayer? Please call the office or Patti Reeves at 330-784-6707

Trustees Update

Ball Field Update

Still needs done: Fence post and chain installed, Team benches installed, Outfield cleared of debris, Still need contributions to finish paying for the backstop, grading and seeding of the rest of our land to make maintenance easier and access to chapel easier and the rest of the ground usable for various activities. These will be done as funds are available.

Air Conditioners / Heating Project

As you know our air conditioners have failed and cannot be replaced economically. Therefore, we are seeking funds to replace the three units. Funds over and above will be used to replace the heating units as needed. The estimated cost is \$15,000. Your help in any amount will be appreciated. Finally, the roof project still needs \$9,000. We are currently repairing the sanctuary wall above the overflow area. This is part of the roof project.

The Trustees and Administrative Board want to thank you for your faithful giving to these projects, over and above your regular tithes that support our ministries budget. In the Lord's time we will complete all of these projects.

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING UPDATE

(through July 24, 2005)

Ministry goal YTD	\$ 92,012.32
Received, YTD	\$ 89,275.82
Difference	— \$ 2,736.50
Billie Sue Dunn	Received: \$199.00
	Sent: \$325.00

Thank You

To those who participated in any way to make this year's Shine Project a great success.

Bring a Friend

The "Bring a Friend to Breakfast" is being hosted by the Christian Pioneer Class Sunday August 7 at 9am. Please pray about whom you will invite to come with you. Ask early and plan to pick them up and introduce your guest(s) to others. Then enjoy one of our bible studies and morning worship. Remember you have been called by the Lord to make disciples—it begins with your invitations. Please take this responsibility seriously.



Aluminum Cans

Keep the aluminum cans and tabs coming. Thank you to Buddy Dunn and his faithful assistant Walter Russell who continue to recycle the cans. The proceeds go towards the ball-field. Please note that the tabs should be placed in the container in the lobby. They go to the Children's Hospital to help kidney patients. Also, if you can, crush the cans before you place them in the container located in the lower entrance hall it would be appreciated. To date we have raised more than \$397 and have turned in 16 pounds of tabs to Children's Hospital. Thank you!

Merger Update

Please continue to pray for the Lord's direction in this matter. Kenmore folks will be voting on whether to enter into a formal merger negotiation with Hope Church on Sunday August 14. If Kenmore decides to proceed, the two Task Forces will begin meeting to prepare a merger document that will set forth common understanding that will guide the "new" church. Some of the areas that will be addressed, include: core values, administrative structure, and lay leadership, facilities, ministries, and more. If we proceed with the process you will be kept informed and have time to make suggestions. Our merger Task Force Members are:

- ◇ Sandy Onusic, Lay Leader
- ◇ Rick Reeves, Administrative Board Chair
- ◇ Todd Veppert, Stewardship & Finance Chair
- ◇ Roger Campbell, Lay Speaker, Sunday School Teacher.
- ◇ Roger Bryant, Trustees
- ◇ Ingram (Inky) & Sondra Myers, At Large
- ◇ Genevieve Seibert, At Large
- ◇ Lois Weber, At Large
- ◇ Pam Gant, Preschool, Sunday School
- ◇ Tom Gant, Family Night Director
- ◇ Steve Miller
- ◇ Jeremy Veppert
- ◇ Pastor Ken

There are membership directories from Kenmore UMC on the table in the lobby, please pick one up today so you can get to know the members from Kenmore. If there aren't any left please let Sherry know so she can make more.

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: **SINGLES PLUS** :
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- **August 5-** Meet at noon at the church for
• BYOL & B in the overflow—no birthdays.
 - **August 19-** We will have the August
• Lunch Eat Out at 1 PM at Bialy's at the
• Lake, 493 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron,
• 330-644-7177. If you need a ride, call
• Genevieve Seibert (330-753-1351) or
• Millie Miller (330-745-8272).
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Men's Breakfast

Call all men!!! Join us for a great breakfast on Saturday August 13th at 8 am. We will continue with our study and enjoy great fellowship—see you there.

Touch Down Dinner

Coming September 17, 150th annual touch down dinner. Come one, come all! Details in September Herald of Hope. But word has it that Tom Gant will be manning the barbecue.

Preschool

Spread the word, it's time to register your children for next Fall's Preschool program. Forms available on table in the lower hall or by contacting Pam Gant at the church office.



Are You Growing In God's Word?

Each Sunday we offer bible study for all ages at 9:15 AM. There is a place for you. Come and enjoy the fellowship, as well as the fine teaching available.

Worship Opportunities

August 7

- 9:00 AM- Bring A Friend Breakfast
- 9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship-
Faith During Troubled Times
- 6:00 PM- Evening Service
Lazarus, whom Jesus Raised

August 14

- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship-
O For a Faith that will not let go!
- 6:00 PM- Evening Service
Judas Iscariot

August 21

- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible study of all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship-
Kingdom Tide
- 6:00 PM- Evening Service
Thomas, the Doubting Apostle

August 28

- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship-
Life is a Terrible Thing to Waste

**Picnic here after church—
Rededication of ball field.**
No Evening Service

Family Night Planning

All interested in helping with Family Night 2005-2006 please attend a meeting Monday August 11 at 7pm in the overflow room. Family Night will resume Wednesday September 14 at 6pm.

Happy Birthday!

- 3- Katie Burns
- 3- Noelle Lewis
- 3- Tina McMullen
- 4- Donald Baird
- 7- Blake Patrick Newell
- 7- Gay Hargreaves
- 10- Rona Black
- 13- Bruce Fleming
- 15- Bea Biddle
- 17- Sue Kiba
- 18- Dawn Meehan
- 22- Gerald Sayre
- 24- Melissa Semelsberger
- 24- Roger Bryant
- 25 Julie Duty
- 26- Cindy Miller
- 27- Lacy Pettry
- 30- Andrea Byers
- 30- Judy Grayem
- 30- Virginia Corley
- 31- Leslie Shook

ANNIVERSARY

- 8- Ralph & Patricia Scott
- 10- Gordon & Dorothy Grimes
- 11- Dave & Rona Black
- 12- Jon & Kim Goffee
- 15- Tink & Doris Holman
- 19- Jim & Tina McMullen
- 26- Ken & Martha Baillis
- 31- Steve & Cindy Miller



Memorial Gifts help to further the Lord's work, and can be made anytime you desire. If you have questions, see Sherry Jackson or Pastor Ken. Memorial gift forms are available in the literature rack in the Narthex and in the office. Memorial gifts given since the last Herald were given by:

- ◇ Elinor Knotts in memory of Arnold Knotts.

If you wish to designate a memorial gift for a particular project, please do so on the memorial forms at the time of your gift. A list of suggested memorials is available in the church office.

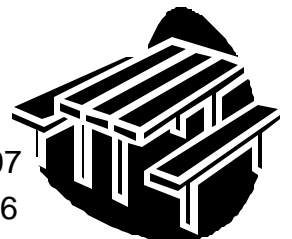
Church Picnic

Come out and join us for an old fashioned church picnic, Sunday, August 28 at 2:00PM here at Hope Church.

Bring your favorite covered dish and join us for the opening ceremony for the rededication of the ball field. We will be having our first annual kickball tournament. The first roll-out pitch will be by???, start organizing your teams now!

Some of the other events we will have include a pie baking contest, sack races, horseshoes, and volleyball.

For more information call
Rick Reeves at 330-784-6707
Ron Reeves at 330-773-5246



Please Pray for our Missionaries, their families and their work

- ◇ Dale Kinkade—CSB—Ohio
- ◇ The Way Out Prison Ministries –Akron
- ◇ APS-Akron Pregnancy Services
- ◇ Sam & Karen Sue Kohler—O.M.S. – Japan
- ◇ The Youth –Shine 2005 –Akron
- ◇ Bill & Nancy Kidwell –O.M.S.-Russia
- ◇ Billie Sue Dunn-W.G.M.-Southwest Native American Learning Center—Tulsa, OK
- ◇ Mark & Cindy Freer –O.M.S.-Indonesia
- ◇ Summit Missions –Akron
- ◇ Haven of Rest Ministries-Akron
- ◇ Flat Rock Home—Ohio
- ◇ Victim Assistance—Akron

Also Pray

- ◇ Merger Process / Task Force
- ◇ Special missionary requests
- ◇ All our M.O.M. projects
- ◇ Planning family night
- ◇ Planning for ministry goals and budgets in 2006.
- ◇ That each of us would invite someone to church with us. Be specific in prayer as to whom you will invite and then do it.
- ◇ The three young ladies that will be going to camp this month.
- ◇ Shut-ins and military personnel
- ◇ Wisdom in family night planning
- ◇ Participation of children, youth and adults in this year's family night activities
- ◇ For persons wanting to volunteer to help with family night
- ◇ For persons to answer God's call to teach or help in Sunday School

Interested In Joining Hope Church? Interested In Baptism?

If you are interested, please see Pastor Ken for more information.

Mission Of The Month— Mark & Cindy Freer— O.M.S.—Indonesia



The Freers are with O.M.S. in Indonesia. Mark has taught men's bible studies, helped plan churches and pastored in various cities.

Cindy has taught women's bible study and Sunday school classes.

Ministry of the Month

Shine team will share results of this year's Shine week. Youth and Pastor are preparing a special service for August 21st at 10:30am. Come celebrate this vital ministry which you support with your tithes and offerings.

Attention All Ministries

August is the month to set goals for 2006 as well as budget requests. Please keep our mission and vision statement in mind as you plan. All ministries should be aimed at helping us carry out our mission and vision. All goals and budget data needs to be into the church office by September 12. Other reports and final data due by October 3. We must turn in a copy for all reports etc. to the District Superintendent by October 10th or 1 week before conference. Sherry will need this the week of October 3rd to prepare them for printing. Thank you for your cooperation.