

The Herald Of Hope

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

March 2006

Volume 8, Issue 3

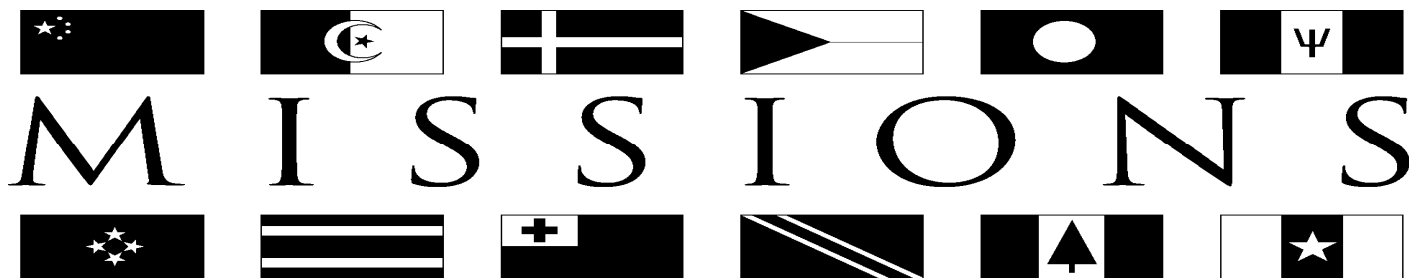


Baptisms

Baptisms are scheduled for Sunday April 9th. See Pastor Ken to make arrangements. Other dates possible, see Pastor.

Prayer Chain

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



Katrina Trip II

KMA has scheduled a second mission trip for the week after Easter, April 17th –22nd. The cost is \$150 for each, the volunteer should be prepared to pay all or part of the cost. However, we will be receiving donations through our regular offering toward the trip. We will try to scholarship those who need it.

We need you to sign up now, see Jeremy or Angie Veppert immediately. Team size will be limited. We will be going back to the same area as the last trip.

Prayer requests

From Dale Kinkade

-Please pray that the Lord will provide 100% of his funding for 2006.

-for new churches to begin CSB Ministries

-for volunteers to staff summer camps

From Mark & Cindy Freer

e-mail is: freer2005@yahoo.com

-Please pray for our churches in Indonesia that continue to come under threats and attacks. While it is bringing great stress for many here, it is also providing new opportunities we have not had before. Pray for God's protection, wisdom and work.

-Please pray for Steve Swain who is ill and hospitalized in San Antonio.

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING UPDATE

(through February 19, 2006)

Ministry goal 2006 \$ 26,304.00

Received, YTD \$ 20,444.49

Difference — \$ 5,859.51

Mission of the Month for January was

CSB Ministries (Dale Kinkade):

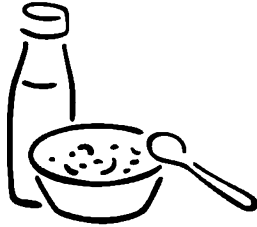
\$315.00 was sent

April's Mission of the month is

Worship Opportunities

Bring a Friend Breakfast

Our next breakfast will be Sunday March 5th at 9am. Please bring your F.R.A.N. and then enjoy one of our bible classes. This breakfast is hosted by the Christian Pioneer Class.



Men's Breakfast

Our next breakfast will be Saturday, March 11th at 8am. Come join us for food and fellowship. We will begin a series of discussions on issues relevant to the lives of our men. Please bring your F.R.A.N. and join us.

Prayer Meeting

Join us each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Chapel for prayer. You may join us to pray with us or so that we can pray for you. God is at work in our church. Prayers are being answered. Come join us!



Aluminum Cans

Keep the aluminum cans and tabs coming. To date we have raised more than \$642.50 and as of February 19th and we have turned in more than 44 pounds of tabs to Children's Hospital. Thank you!

March 5

- 9:00 AM- Bring A Friend Breakfast
- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship—
Christianity 101 Series Begins,
Topic the Nature of God.
- 11:45 AM- Adult Bell Choir
- 4:00 PM- Battalion
- 6:00 PM- Sharing Our Faith —continues
All welcome, childcare provided
- 7:00 PM- Praise & Worship Practice

March 12

- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages—
Zimmerman will talk with children
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship—
Dan & Peggy Zimmerman will bring the message
- 11:45 AM- Adult Bell Choir
- 4:00 PM- Battalion
- 6:00 PM- Sharing Our Faith-continues
All welcome
- 7:00 PM- Praise & Worship Practice

March 19

- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship—
Christianity 101 Series: Jesus
- 11:45 AM- Adult Bell Choir
- 4:00 PM- Battalion
- 6:00 PM- Video Presentation of the
Gospel of Matthew —Part 1
- 7:00 PM- Praise & Worship Practice

March 26—One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR)

- 9:00 AM- Prayer
- 9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship—
Christianity 101 Series; Holy Spirit
- 11:45 AM- Adult Bell Choir
- 4:00 PM- Battalion
- 6:00 PM- Video Presentation of the
Gospel of Matthew —Part 2
- 7:00 PM- Praise & Worship Practice

Congratulations



Ethan Christopher Campbell was born Saturday, February 4th weighing 6.13 lbs. and is 20 ½ inches long.

Proud parents are Scott and Margaret Campbell and big brother Logan. Grandparents include Don & Bonnie Baird, Roger & Merleen Campbell and Great-Grandma Lois Weber and Great-Great Aunt Lila Landals.



Alexandra Victoria Boike was born on February 3rd weighing 10.1 lbs. and is 20 ½ inches long.

Proud parents are Shawn and Kimberly Boike. Grandparents are Phyllis and Dick Boike of Bossier City, La., former members of Hope Church.

Attention Ladies

The Tuesday morning Bible Study class will begin a new session on the Gospel of John. All are welcome.

Attention

Joan Burdeshaw has updated her e-mail since moving her new address is halcyon13@earthlink.net

Summer Camp Sign Up

It is time again to plan which week you will attend church camp. There are many fine camps sponsored by the East Ohio Conference. These are for almost all ages and also for those with handicaps. See brochures in lobby. Scholarships available but you need to apply early—before May 1st.

Christian camping is also available at Stony Glen for both boys and girls, see brochures in lobby or Roger Campbell for details. Scholarships also available.

We want as many as possible of our grade school children and youth to attend one of these Christian camping experiences.

Donations to our local camper ship fund can be made at anytime during the year.

Pastor's Pen

Lent is a season in the church year. It is observed by many Christians, during the 40 days before Easter.

The season excludes Sundays, which are always days of celebration. The season came into being as a time of reflection and repentance in preparation for baptism and confirmation. All in anticipation of resurrection day (Easter). Although we here at Hope have not had a tradition of observing Lent, as many congregations do, we should still observe it as a time of personal reflection, prayer and fasting. It is a time to re-evaluate our Christian walk. That is: "how well are we living out what we say we believe?"

Our mission here at Hope is to fulfill the Great Commission given to us by the Lord Himself (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus commanded that as his disciples we are to win others to the kingdom and teach them all that Jesus commanded so that in turn they can repeat the process generation by generation till our Lord returns for his church.

In order to help us all grow as Christian disciples, I challenge you to observe Lent—beginning Ash Wednesday March 1st as a time of reflection and growth in your faith. I also challenge you to join me as I begin a series I have titled "Christianity 101". We will look at a different Christian belief each week during our morning worship. We will also seek to identify specific ways we can live out our faith. The series will begin March 5th. Each topic will stand on its own. We will also have audiotapes of each message in case you can't be with us each week. See Jim Tucker for tapes. Shut-ins may obtain tapes by calling the office. We also hope to have video-tapes of all of our services available soon. Ask about it when you order a tape. Please plan to be with us each week and bring your F.R.A.N.

May God bless you all

Pastor Ken.

New Adult Course

Do you have more month than money? Then this is for you. Martha Baillis will offer a course on money management. The course is from Crown Ministries—The Successor to Larry Burkett Ministries. There is a highly recommended workbook and CD which will be available at cost. Scholarship available. See Martha to register. We need to hear from you by March 6th so that we have the workbooks on hand for the first class. The class will begin Wednesday March 8th as part of the Family Night program. You can get out of debt!!!

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

Interested In Joining Hope Church? Interested In Baptism?

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



March-

- 2— Matthew Oyler
- 2— Rhonda Wadsworth
- 4—Dorothy Tucker
- 5—Howard Boatright
- 8—Merleen Campbell
- 11—Ed Leyh
- 11—Susan Wilson
- 11—Aaron Mellinger
- 13—Tom Fincher
- 14—Bill Stewart
- 15—Eric Walquist
- 17—Jasmine Brady
- 17—Pat Kyle
- 19—Dave Black
- 19—Julie Fincher
- 20—Jon Goffee
- 20—Melinda Kiba
- 23—Shane Meehan
- 24—Diane Tanner
- 26—Kim Goffee
- 27—Benny Griffith
- 29—Carol Heffner
- 29—Julia Bresslauer
- 31—Robert Reeves



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:

- ◇ ***Lila Landals, Evelyn Hartsook, Ilijevich Family, Jerry & Bernie Sayre, Ruby Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Klocker, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Abell, Jane & Tim Steffenson, Amy & Tim Butti, Audrey & Paul Ansell, Greta & Kevin West, & Teresa Snyder in memory of Charles Miller.***

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.



March

- 1— Julie & Shane Duty
- 2—Nancy & Claude Debord
- 9—Jamie & Chad Lebold

March's Mission of the Month is Akron Pregnancy Service (APS)

Good Dads = Fewer Abortions

A young woman, already a single mother of one, came to APS at the urging of two friends. She was very abortion-minded, determined that she did not want to be pregnant again. The counseling volunteer who met with her complemented her on her willingness to gather factual information about her choices, even though she had indicated her mind was made up. During their time together, the concerns about the emotional, psychological and spiritual consequences of abortion were shared. Open adoption was explained...and rejected. She did agree to come back the next day for the free ultrasound we are so fortunate to have available. Although the young mother had no belief in God, she was willing to be prayed for at the end of the interview. (Her name was also placed on our (APS) prayer chain!)

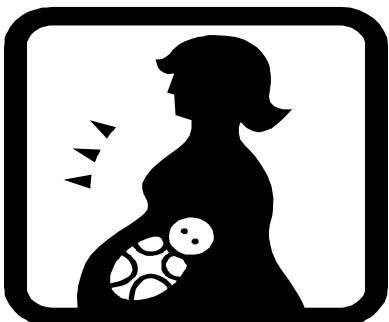
One thing seemed especially significant: the father of the unborn child had told our client that he would support whatever decision she made. He would pay for the abortion or “support” her if she decided to carry this child. This ambivalent statement is very common in our society where men are told they have no say in the woman's decision.

The friend who had brought the client to APS reported that, following the ultrasound, the client still had not changed her mind; however, the young man was having some second thoughts. The friend and the counseling volunteer agreed to pray that God would touch the man deeply. ONE HOUR later the friend called to say the young father had “gotten off the fence” and stated that he did not want her to abort. He was willing to back up his decision by helping her find housing and by providing for her needs. The client is now willing to carry the baby!!!

What a powerful example of the importance of men in life's relationships! We praise God for His intervention in the heart and mind of this young man—and for the life that was saved.

Let us continue to pray this month:

- ◇ That more men would show decisiveness and leadership which would uphold life
- ◇ That mature men who care would be willing to exert spiritual leadership in APS' ministry
- ◇ That those men would join us Feb. 11 at NOIZ as we explore the ways men can be involved as God directs them
- ◇ That Bill Thompson would be filled with the thoughts of God as he leads this group of men



APS Walk-A-Thon

The annual APS Walk-A-Thon is scheduled for Saturday May 20th. The walk begins at 10am. More details in April. Please mark your calendars.

Helpers for Project Shine 2006

Shine will begin Sunday July 9th and run through Saturday July 15th. Everyone can provide support for this evangelical outreach effort.

The following is a list of possibilities:

- ◇ Help prepare breakfast for 80-100 people, breakfast is served at 7:05am.
- ◇ Help prepare lunches for all of the teams—ask Sandy Onusic how many sandwiches she made last year.
- ◇ Help prepare dinner—hopefully other churches will assist in this area.
- ◇ Make cookies and other desserts to be used throughout the week.
- ◇ All meals are served at Goss Memorial. We need cleanup people too.

◇

You might be asking what you can do now?

- ◇ Pray for the outreach of Shine
- ◇ Volunteer to Tom or Pam Gant to help during Shine.
- ◇ Begin to watch the grocery ads for needed items such as:

- Cereal— sugar and non-sugar
- hot cocoa packets
- peanut butter
- jelly
- coffee
- sugar
- pop-tarts
- kool-aid (ice blue raspberry—a favorite we made many gallons last year)
- clean empty 1 gallon milk jugs for water & drinks

A box will be placed in the narthex to collect Shine donations beginning March 1, 2006.

God wants us to be doers of the Word. If you have questions or suggestions concerning Shine, please talk to Jeremy or Angie

9
Veppert or the members of the youth groups.



Project Shine 2006—July 9-15

It's that time of year again. Mark your calendars and please join us for the 2006 Project Shine Kickoff Service.

When: Sunday, March 26th

Time: 6:00pm

Where: Park United Methodist Church

Who: **Everyone** is invited

The band “Unlikely Hero” will be there to lead us in worship and Sean Patrick from Finish Line Ministries will bring us the message from God's word.

Please be praying as Project Shine is gearing up for another year of ministering to the residents and youth of the Kenmore Community. Also, please be praying on how you can participate in the project this year!!!

Project Shine Community Event will be Thursday July 13th at 6:00pm.

Project Shine closing service is Saturday July 15th at 6:00pm.

