



The Herald Of Hope

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



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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Please worship with us as we join with Christians throughout the world at the Lord's Table. Just think of it! Every hour of

October 7th Christians somewhere in the world will be at the Lord's table. What a foretaste of the Great Heavenly Banquet that awaits us.

We will receive as is our custom the world-wide communion offering. See the enclosed envelope for details. These envelopes can be mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate. We will also receive our "loose change" Communion offering for the pastor's discretionary fund. This offering will help our members and friends in need. This offering is placed in the Joash box at the rear of the sanctuary.

OCTOBER 6—STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet with our Canal District Superintendent at 3:00 PM. Please note that the meeting will be at Clearview UMC, 1733 Massillon Road, Akron, Ohio 44312. Please arrive a bit early, you are his last meeting of the day.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference is schedule for Thursday, October 11th. You are encouraged to attend. The meeting is at Firestone Park UMC, 250 N. Firestone Boulevard, Akron, Ohio 44301, at 7:00 PM. As always, elections, budget & goals will be on the agenda.

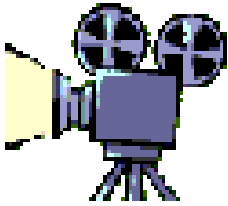


ATTENTION ALL MEN

You are invited to a day of relaxation and fellowship. We will gather at Hope about 8:00 AM Saturday,

October 13th. We will car pool to Camp Wanake, 9463 Manchester SW, Beach City, Ohio. We will enjoy some fishing in one of the camp's ponds, or hiking or other camp activities. Please bring your own gear, pack a lunch, bring your kids or your grand kids (boys and girls). Camp Wanake is not charging us but we will ask for a love offering to give them. Please sign up on the clipboard in the church lobby so we don't leave you behind.





MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday Night, October 20th we will have another Movie Night. We will show a recent release rated for the entire

family. We will have popcorn & beverage Available for a nominal fee. COME ONE, COME ALL for an evening of fellowship. Mark your calendar for October 20th at 7:00 PM.



YOUTH MISSION NIGHT NEEDS

The Youth need places to mow lawns, rake leaves, clean up gardens & any other yard work you might be in need of.

Please contact Tommy Myers at (330) 760-2067.



WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumed on September 18th at 10:00 AM. They are continuing their study on "A Systematic Study of I & II Corinthians".

Please come and join them.

YOUTH SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Wed. Oct. 3	Dinner & Youth Meeting
Wed. Oct. 10	Dinner & Youth Meeting
Sun. Oct. 14	Hike & "picnic" lunch immediately following church.
Wed. Oct. 17	Dinner & Mission Night (To be announced)

VISIT JUDGMENT HOUSE—DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Wed. Oct. 24	Dinner & Youth Meeting
Wed. Oct. 31	Family Night Harvest Festival (No Youth Meeting)

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 30-Dec. 2	Youth Jam Join us for more details
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BRING A FRIEND TO BREAKFAST



What a great time to bring your FRAN to church with you. As you and your FRAN fellowship and worship together you will

grow closer to Jesus and your FRAN may even invite Jesus into their lives. Remember our vision is to offer H.O.P.E. to the community, what better time for your guests to learn of our HOPE. Our next breakfast will be October 7th at 9:00 AM. The breakfast will be hosted by the Pioneer Christians Class. (Roger Campbell)

Interested In Joining Hope Church? Interested In Baptism?

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



PASTOR'S PEN

By the time you read this I will have announced to the congregation that I have asked Bishop Hopkins to grant me retirement status as of July 1, 2008. This would be at the end of this current conference year.

Your SPRC will be working closely with our District Superintendent and the Bishop to prepare the way for the new pastor who will be appointed by Bishop Hopkins to serve Hope Church at the beginning of the next conference year.

Please pray for Martha and me as we transition to this new phase of our lives. Also, please join with me and your church leadership as we not only make this transition, but that we move forward in these months ahead to have a cohesive and unified body of Christ, which demonstrates the love of Christ and the love for one another. We will accomplish this goal by having a strongly organized attempt to have a weekly lay visitation program and revive the Christian Education Ministry at all levels.

Hope Church has a mission. Let us not quit now. Lost souls are in the balance!

Love,

Pastor Ken & Martha

ALUMINUM CANS

Please don't forget to turn in your aluminum cans.

DEAR FRIENDS

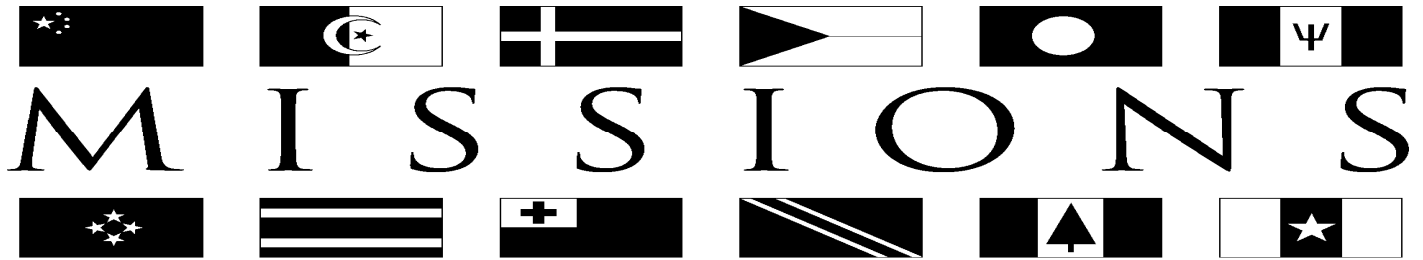
I know I am going to neglect, unintentionally though, to mention some one here, but do accept my sincere apologies if I do.

First of all, I want to thank Pastor Baillis for all his visits to my mother while at Wadsworth Point and lastly at Akron General. A big thank you to Tom & Pam Gant and all who prepared a fantastic meal after the funeral service. When I first entered the fellowship hall my first reaction was WOW. To all those who prepared the food, thank you. Also to Jerry and Judy Lake, Mary Ord, Patti Reeves and her Sunday School Classes and others who sent cards many times over while mom was at Wadsworth Point.

Again, to Pastor Ken for his kind words at Bacher and Greenlawn. Mother was not famous like some women, but she left her mark. The four-hundred plus Bibles dedicated in her honor and memory have the potential to reach over 920,000 persons exposed to them as each one during its six year life span will be exposed to 2,300 persons in a hotel or motel room somewhere in the world.

Thanks again and may God Bless every one of you real good.

Skip & Pat Biddle



MISSION OF THE MONTH HAVEN OF REST MINISTRIES

Haven of Rest Ministries began as a “calling” in the hearts of Rev. and Mrs. Charles C. Thomas. Their burden for the poor, homeless and spiritually destitute led them to establish a rescue mission in a tiny storefront at 41 North Howard St. in Akron in 1943.

The small chapel was located between a “greasy spoon” restaurant and a poultry house. It seated 40 people, with no facilities for feeding and housing. Often, after evening services, the Thomases would take homeless people to their house for the night. As support increased, they began supplying food and lodging vouchers to those in need.

Word of their ministry spread quickly and the need for a larger building became clear. The Mission moved to a former hotel building at 78 North Howard Street and dedication ceremonies took place on Easter Sunday, April 25, 1943. Akron had its first full-fledged rescue mission! The new facility had rooms to house transient men, a kitchen and dining room to feed the hungry, an auditorium and a pray chapel. An alcoholic ward was added four years later, and Haven of Rest became a recognized facility for the treatment of alcoholism.

In 1952, having outgrown its North Howard Street build they broke ground for its new Rescue Mission and Alcoholic Clinic on E. Buchtel Ave. near The University of Akron Campus.

The University’s expansion in the early 1970’s made it necessary for Haven of Rest to give up its Buchtel Ave. location. God provided an even better one at 175 E. Market Street, Haven of Rest’s current location. The new facility was completed in 1974.

Two years later, Rev. Charles C. Thomas passed away and was succeeded by his son, Rev. Curtis Thomas. During this time, a new breed of homeless people began coming to Haven of Rest seeking help. They were younger and a greater percentage of them were women. So dramatic was the increase in female homelessness that in 1970, Haven of Rest constructed a separate building specifically to meet this need. The Marjorie Ruth Thomas Harvest Home for women and children in crisis situations was built at a cost of \$417,000.

Today, the Christian love and compassion upon which the Mission was founded in 1943 continue to be the standards by which Haven of Rest operates.

Last year the Haven of Rest provided 277,584 meals. Those who are in the resident programs receive 3 meals daily and those who come in from the street can have lunch and dinner seven days a week. NO ONE WILL EVER BE REFUSED.

HAVEN OF REST IS OUR OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH.

Coming to Hope this Fall

If you are a Spiritual Seeker or a Mature Believer, this Conference is for you!

John Koessler, professor at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago will be at Hope on Nov 3 & 4 to address fundamental questions and struggles faced by spiritual seekers and mature believers. Like a contemporary Pilgrim's Progress, his life history traces his journey and explores his experiences with both charismatic and evangelical Christianity. He will also describe his transformation from 'religious outsider' to ordained pastor. John provides a poignant and often humorous window into the interior of the soul as he will lead us through his journey from doubt and struggle with the church to a personal faith.

Come be a part of this 2 day 'conference' based off his latest book *"Stranger In The House Of God; From Doubt to Faith and Everywhere in Between"* {Zondervan} and see if you don't identify with his journey, and emerge with a personal challenge in your own journey in this walk of faith. John Koessler serves on the faculty of [Moody Bible Institute](http://www.moody.edu) as professor and chair of the [Pastoral Studies Department](http://www.moody.edu). He has been a member of the faculty since 1994. John is the author of seven books and numerous articles. {For more information on John Koessler check out www.johnkoessler.com}

Worship Opportunities

October 7-Seventh Sunday in Kingdomtide—World Communion Sunday

9:00 AM- Bring a Friend Breakfast hosted by the Pioneer Christians Class (Roger Campbell)

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages

10:30 AM- Morning Worship – Worship - "What We Do and Why We Do It" - Communion

6:00 PM- ABF — Childcare Provided

7:00 PM- King's Calling Practice

October 14- Eighth Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages

10:30 AM- Morning Worship– Worship— "What We Do and Why We Do It" — Preaching

6:00 PM- ABF — Childcare Provided

7:00 PM- King's Calling Practice

October 21-Ninth Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages

10:30 AM- Morning Worship-Worship "What We Do and Why We Do It" - Baptism

6:00 PM- ABF — Childcare Provided

7:00 PM- King's Calling Practice

October 28-Tenth Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages

10:30 AM- Morning Worship– Our Eternal Hope

6:00 PM- ABF- Childcare Provided

7:00 PM- King's Call Practice

RECEPTION

Please mark your calendars for October 7th. We will be having a Pastor Appreciation reception following the Morning Worship Service. Join us for great fellowship and refreshments.

COMING IN NOVEMBER

On November 18th, Sam & Karen Sue Kohler will be speaking during the AM service.

Karen Sue, missionary with OMS International since 1982 has been involved in pioneer evangelism/church planting in Japan.

Her first seven years in Japan were spent in Tokyo. Since 1989 she has located to Fukuoka, a city of over one and a half million on the southernmost of the four main islands that comprise Japan.

Contacts with people of the city began through distribution of Gospel tracts, door-to-door visitation, friendship evangelism, special evangelistic meetings, and other methods. One by one God brought Japanese to understand the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. Fukuoka Christian Fellowship was established and a church building was dedicated in October 1993.

In 1995 she relocated to the west side of the city. The Lord is blessing and a body of believers has formed the Nishi Fukuoka Christian Church. In October 2006, the church purchased land and a building. A dedication was held on March 18, 2007.

Karen Sue and Sam were married in June 2001. After a 2 month short-term assignment with Men for Missions in Japan, Sam joined OMS International as a career missionary in 2002. They are currently serving as associate pastors at the Nishi Fukuoka Christian Church, and are involved in pioneer outreach and church planting in the Nishi Fukuoka area.

OMS International—an evangelical, interdenominational faith mission formerly known as The Oriental Missionary Society—*reaches* the nations for Christ through evangelism, theological training and church planting in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe and Africa. OMS then *joins* with those churches in global partnerships to *reach* the rest of the world.

APS FOREVER MY PRINCESS

Forever My Princess, our father-daughter event, will be offered again this fall on Saturday, October 13th and October 27th.

Check our website for more information:

APSSatwork.com

FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING CLASS will

begin **Oct. 2** and run for 8 consecutive Tuesday evenings from **6 to 9 p.m.** Call Hope Church office for more information.

GREETINGS FROM COCHABA MBA

Well, we've been back in Cochabamba, Boliva for a week after a great time in the USA celebrating the birth of our fourth grandchild. It's a BOY!!! Benjamin Kolton Zimmerman. We enjoyed visiting him in the hospital when he was just a few hours old. He's a really fine, healthy looking boy.

We're right back into high gear in the ministry activities here in Cochabamba. We taught our S.S. classes and Dan preached our first Sunday back. We've been in a couple of really encouraging meetings with our district superintendent and with seminary board. Elections are coming up for all of our district board responsibilities. Please pray with us in these important days.

Dan & Peggy Zimmerman



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

In memory of Doris Holman given by Millie Miller. In memory of Bertha Beardsley given by Shirley Stewart. In memory of Beatrice Biddle given by Jerry & Judy Lake and the Fellowship Sunday School Class.



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- 02- Ted & Dottie Narney
Todd & Christine Veppert
- 04- Inky & Sondra Myers
- 11- Bud & Aletta Bailey
Tom & Bev Fincher
- 16- Roger & Merleen Campbell
- 22- Harry & Julie Fincher

CONDOLENCES TO Skip Biddle & family on the passing of Bea Biddle on September 4th. Please keep them in prayer.

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- 3- Kenneth Oeffner
- 4- Dolores Reeves
- 5- Dorothy Grimes
- 6- Sandi Reeves
Christine Miller
Alexis Jackson
- 7- Mary Ord
- 10- Richard Weber
- 11- Chad Lebold
- 13- Ryley Schmitt
- 14- McKendra Rhodes
- 15- Veronica Linger
- 16- Trudy Dawkins
- 17- Barbara Marshall
- 18- Peter John Campbell
Marvin Dawkins
- 19- Harry Fincher
- 21- Christine Veppert
- 22- Kenton Lee Duty
Amanda McMullen
- 24- Shane Duty
- 25- Mikayla Rhodes
Meagan Meehan
Dylan Robert Lebold
- 28- Phyllis Boike
Beth Tanner
- 29- Morgan Phillips

CONDOLENCES TO Phyllis Wood & family on the loss of her brother-in-law, Don Kraft, on August 24th.

Beth Tanner & family on the loss of her step-father, Allen McKinney, on Sept. 12th. Please keep these families in your prayers.

House Behind The Weeds

Just two little boys walking down a dusty lane... They came upon this old white house with broken window panes...The paint was faded, the shine was gone, the grass had grown so high...Still they made their little feet go to see what was inside. They opened up the squeaky door and then it came to light. This must have been an old church house once upon a time. Dirty, dusty wooden pews a pulpit that still stood...A bible laid upon it, though the pages weren't too good. An offering plate and song books too, were lying on the floor. They must have left this old church fast, the day they closed the doors.

And over in the corner, a piano was still there... It must have played a pretty tune, but I guess nobody cared. So little Bill looked up at Tommy, "why don't we clean this old church up, and get these old pews filled?"

They took a rag and wiped the dust to try and make things shine, and then they took the offering plate and put in it their last dime.

They took a broom and swept the floor, and picked up broken glass. They got it all so nice and neat and then they mowed the grass.

They lifted up the old church sign, and stood it by a tree. Right down by that old dirt road where everyone could see.

They ran back home, to find daddy gone, but their Momma was inside. Just to find her hurt again, when daddy made her cry. "Don't cry Momma, wipe those tears," Little Bill and Tommy smiled. "Cause we have a big surprise for you just down the road a mile."

Hand in hand they tugged at her until they made her run. "What is it Bill Oh Tommy, just what have you two kids done?" And then they came upon the house once hidden by the weeds, and there it stood, a country church, just like it used to be.

But what is it Mother? What's with your tears? We thought this would bring you joy. Yes, but hush kids now and listen close. My two sweet precious boys."

They both got quiet and stood real still, for the words they heard so true— was daddy praying in the church with his head bowed on the pew.

"Forgive me Lord! Forgive me Lord! Though I am not worthy of your love. Shine down on this sinner man, sweet Salvation from above." For I've been out in this world, You know... Living my life all wrong... Until I came upon this church, the place where I belong. I never noticed it before. All those times I passed it up. I guess I wasn't looking, Lord, or maybe I was drunk.' Bless oh Lord, yes bless oh Lord, The one who made me see... This little church that used to hide behind all those tall weeds."

And then he raised his head and stood with his hands high in the air. To find two dirty, tear-faced boys, with Momma standing there. Things are different for us now, so keep on those pretty smiles... And let's go gather people in to walk down these church aisles.

Then Bill looked at Tommy and Tommy looked at Bill. "Come on brother, let's get to work, to get these old pews filled. For we need no special blessing, for cleaning up this church. Cause, God gave us back our Daddy, and that's more that gold is worth. Sunday morning, pews all filled, and smiles on every face... Especially two little country boys, the ones who found this place.

Though it was hid back in the weeds, and so far out of sight. Nothing's ever hard to find, if you are walking toward God's light.

I John 1:7

"We walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ. His Son cleanses us from all sin."

From internet—Author unknown

