



# Christian Church in Ohio

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## CLERGY ALERT MAY 2007

*This Clergy Alert reflects the Privacy Act within the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Therefore, health information (without the permission of the patient) can no longer be shared through this Alert. We certainly are able to hold family and friends in prayer without specific medical details.*

**Please make the "Clergy Alert" part of your prayers in Sunday morning worship.**

### Deaths

- Doris Walker** Doris Walker, grandmother of Rev. Jamie Gump died the first week of May. Calling hours and services were held at Calvary Temple in Ellet. Jamie is the pastor at First Christian Church in Mount Vernon. Messages may be sent to the church 110 E Vine St Mount Vernon, OH 43050.
- J.W. Young** James W Young (JW) died suddenly on May 26 of a heart attack. JW was a licensed minister at First Christian Church in Zanesville and also served with the Muskingum Co Jail Ministry. His funeral was held at the Church on May 30. Messages may be sent to his wife Karen at 426 Kinzel Ave, Zanesville, OH 43701
- Florence Brown** Florence Brown, the mother of Rev. David E. Brown passed away May 25, 2007. David is presently serving as interim pastor of Hampton Park Christian Church in Toledo. The funeral will be was June 2at East Christian Church, Oregon, OH at 10:30. Messages may be sent to David at HPCC, 4235 Monroe St., Toledo, OH 43696 or [hpccpastor@toast2.net](mailto:hpccpastor@toast2.net). There was an article in the Toledo Blade newspaper about her which you can view by clicking on this link <http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2007705280400>.

### Joys

- Maureen Webber** Pastor Maureen Webber was Ordained by the Eastern Ohio Association of the United Church of Christ Sunday, May 20 at Emmanuel UCC. Maureen is the Pastor at First Christian Church in Brunswick.
- Deborah Saxe** Deborah Saxe was Ordained at Tylersville Road Christian Church Sunday May 27. Debbie recently graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.



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Dear Partners in Ministry,

I want to personally thank you for your prayers, support and leadership and thank the congregations of the Christian Church in Ohio for giving to support the ministry and mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from the doorsteps of your church to the ends of the earth.

During 2006 mission dollars in Ohio accomplished the following:

- Enabled ministry to 1,118 campers of which 14 young people affirmed their call into the ministry. This is a **9% growth** in attendance at Camp Christian.
- Enabled **pastoral care of clergy and congregations** by Regional Staff and Regional Elders.
- Enabled two **Congregational Transformation** events; one at Broad Street Christian Church led by General Minister and President, Sharon Watkins and Taking the First Step, which was held at Camp Christian and attended by 50 pastors.
- We have **eight new congregations** in Ohio.
- Mission dollars have enabled ministries to **men, women and youth**.

Our plans and projections for 2007 include:

- The hiring of the Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum and Rev. Stephen Bentley as Regional Associate Pastors and the Rev. Dr. Brenda Webster at Regional Program Minister to implement our mission for the region.
- The launching of **four new congregations** in the Delaware/Columbus area and in the Springboro/Dayton area.
- **New Camps in 2007** include a Bereavement Camp, Grandparent Camp, Backpacking Camp and a Partnership Camp to be held at Camp Christian.

I look forward with great anticipation of what God will do through us as ministers of the Gospel and leaders in Christ's church in the days ahead.

May God's Blessings be with you,

Bill  
Regional Pastor and President  
Christian Church in Ohio

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*\* Indicates online registration is now available*

## June 2007

- 1 Deadline for entries into the July/August Buckeye Disciple
- \*2 Youth Scholarship Golf Outing @ Scioto Reserve, Banquet Dinner to follow at Camp Christian
- 5 Executive Committee Meeting @ Regional Church Office 9:30 – 3:00
- 5 Ministry Associates (Camp Staff) Start @ Camp Christian
- 6 Miami/Wilmington Counselors Training @ First Christian Church, Wilmington 6:00 – 9:00pm
- 7 RCO/Camp Staff Meeting and Outing
- \*8 – 9 Grandparent Camp @ Camp Christian
- \*8 – 10 Camp Good Hope (Bereavement Camp) @ Camp Christian
- 9 Anti Racism Commission @ North Canton Community Christian Church 10:00am – 1:00pm
- \*10 – 16 Chi Rho Camp Hocking @ Camp Christian
- 13 Listening to the Spirit Task Force @ Regional Church Office 10:00am – 2:00pm
- 14 Regional Elders Meeting @ Regional Church Office 10:00am – 1:00pm
- \*17 – 23 Chi Rho Camp Cuyahoga @ Camp Christian
- \*17 – 23 Partnership Camp Otter @ **Camp Christian**
- 18 – 22 Adult Conference @ Northwest Christian Church
- 19 Commission on Ministry @ KARL ROAD Christian Church
- \*24 – 30 Hiram CYF Conference @ Camp Christian

## July 2007

- \*1 – 7 Phyto CYF Conference @ Camp Christian
- 4** ***Fourth of July, Regional Church Office Closed***
- 6 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting @ Camp Christian
- \*8 – 14 Chi Rho Camp Portage @ Camp Christian
- \*8 – 14 Partnership Camp Badger @ Temples Hills
- \*8 – 14 Backpack Camp starting at Gender Road CC, Canal Winchester
- 14 Budget Meeting @ Regional Church Office
- \*15 – 21 Chi Rho Camp Maumee @ Camp Christian
- \*21 – 25 General Assembly in Fort Worth, Texas

- \*22 – 28 Lakeside CYF Conference @ Camp Christian
  - \*22 – 28 Partnership Camp Beaver @ Temples Hills
  - \*29 – Aug 4 Wilmington CYF Conference @ Camp Christian
  - 31 ODEC Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 1:00pm
- August 2007**
- 1 Deadline for entries into the September/October Buckeye Disciple
  - 1 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting @ Camp Christian
  - \*5 – 11 Chi Rho Camp Miami @ Camp Christian
  - 11 Ohio Disciples Outreach @ Regional Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm
  - \*12 – 19 Advance Conference @ Camp Christian
  - 21 Commission on Ministry
  - 28 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting @ RCO
  - 31 – Sept 2 Disciples Fellowship Retreat @ Camp Christian

**September 2007**

- 3 Labor Day, Regional Church Office Closed
- 7 – 9 Men’s Fellowship Fall Retreat @ Camp Christian
- 11 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting @ RCO
- 12 Camp Christian Committee @ Camp Christian 10:00am
- 13 DOCSWO, 7:30pm
- 14 – 16 Ohio Women’s Ministries Fall Retreat @ Camp Christian
- 18 Interim Ministers Working Group @ UCC Office 10:00am – 2:00pm
- 18 Commission on Ministry
- 21 – 22 CYF Commission @ Camp Christian
- 29 Elders Retreat @ Central Christian Church, Wooster

**October 2007**

- 1 Deadline for entries into the November/December Buckeye Disciple
- 2 Executive Committee Meeting @ Regional Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm
- 3 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting 9:00 am
- 6 Ohio Disciples Outreach Meeting @ Regional Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm
- 7 Installation Service for New Regional Church Office Pastoral Staff, 4:00 pm
- 13 Chi Rho Commission @ Camp Christian
- 13 Congregational Transformation Seminar, 10:00am – 4:00pm, TBA



## OHIO DISCIPLES OUTREACH SERMON CONTEST

Win a Grant Towards Your Choice of a  
**Volunteers in Mission or Week of Compassion**  
Mission Trip in 2008!

- Preach an original sermon about Mission and/or Stewardship  
October 14, 2007
  - Use Sermon Text Matthew 25:31-46
- Provide a \$25 contribution to Ohio Disciple Outreach for Ohio Mission Projects
- Send an Audio or Video version along with your transcript to the Regional Church Office by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007



Winners will be asked to provide a photograph and article reflecting on their trip for an upcoming issue of The Buckeye Disciple

3 top prizes will be awarded. Winners may use the grants or transfer them to someone within their congregation. All grants must be redeemed by December 31, 2008.



**Everyone who participates will receive a special certificate and T-shirt!**

*All sermons will be reviewed by an unbiased, impartial group of judges.*

*By entry in contest Ohio Disciple Outreach is granted permission to use all materials in future promotion.*



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## Plan to be part of 2007 General Assembly

Come, "Share the Feast"!

Uplifting worship and opportunities to learn about congregational transformation will headline the 2007 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Meeting Saturday – Wednesday, July 21-25, in Fort Worth, Texas, the biennial Disciples event will take place in a city that is known for its Old West heritage as well as its laid back and welcoming atmosphere.



Keynote speakers include social change advocate Jim Wallis, Editor-in-Chief of *Sojourners* magazine and co-organizer of Call to Renewal, a federation of churches and faith-based organizations seeking to fight poverty. Also speaking is Daisy Machado, a prominent Latina theologian, currently serving as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean at Lexington (Ky.) Theological Seminary. General Minister and President Sharon Watkins will share the state of the church in her address. Disciples Moderator William "Bill" Lee also will speak. He is pastor of Loudon Ave. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Roanoke, Va.

The pastor of the second-largest Disciples congregation, New Direction Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Stacey Spencer, Memphis, Tenn., will preach at a youth-led service on Sunday morning, July 22.

The assembly theme, "Share the Feast," is based on Matthew's account of Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000. Jesus offers a healing touch and an invitation to share in the feast of his abundance. Following the example of Jesus, Disciples are invited, in joyful, faithful response to such a gracious gift, to "Share the Feast" with others.

The 2007 assembly will offer new learning tracks as well as hands-on mission, youth and young adult events, and numerous special meal gatherings. Sunday night will bring the entire assembly together for an All Assembly Fiesta where food, festival games and a celebration atmosphere will prevail in the convention hall.

Online registration for the General Assembly and housing reservations are available—see [www.disciples.org/ga](http://www.disciples.org/ga). Register today.



## General Assembly is for every Disciple

Inspirational worship, ideas for congregational transformation, hands-on mission, and just plain fun —there's a reason for every Disciple to attend the 2007 General Assembly in Fort Worth.

More than 8,000 members and friends of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are expected to converge on the Fort Worth Convention Center Saturday-Wednesday, July 21-25. It will be hot outside, but the air-conditioned convention center will be cool and filled with activities for all ages.

Nightly worship services feature well-known preachers and inspirational music. Morning sessions will focus on church transformation with a different keynoter each day. On Monday and Tuesday afternoons, attendees can choose between four learning tracks: Transformation, Issues Forum, Faith Formation and Creativity. Each track will offer an in-depth opportunity for learning, sharing and utilizing different learning styles. In business sessions, Disciples will discuss current issues and look at the denomination's focus for the future.

The theme of the youth events will be "The Amazing Race." Among the stops will be mission work, ethnic restaurants, games, devotions, music, workshops and team challenges similar to the television reality show. Preschool child care will be offered during all sessions. Elementary-age programming also is offered each day.

There will be something for all ages at Assembly. See [www.disciples.org/ga](http://www.disciples.org/ga) to register and for the latest program information. Don't miss out!

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licensed ministers  
grow spiritually  
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With

**Dan Moseley  
&  
Dick Hamm**

***Licensed Ministers  
Summer School***

***Monday to Friday,  
July 9–13, 2007***

Leading a congregation can be exhausting. It can drain us spiritually, emotionally and physically. Drs. Moseley and Hamm, who between them have offered over 75 years of leadership to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will share their insights and wisdom on ways to grow spiritually through leading. They will explore strategies for leading congregations that help transform both the congregation and the leader. They will show how certain spiritual practices can contribute to growing spiritually at the same time the congregation experiences effective leadership.

**Monday to Friday, July 9–13, 2007**

Classes 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Registration limited to 30.

The registration fee of \$120 includes lunch daily. On-campus housing is \$35 per night per person (\$24 for those who supply their own bedding). Housing is limited – register early!



Limited housing is available in the gracious Hospitality House on the CTS campus.

**Dan Moseley** pastored Vine Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for 15 years before coming to CTS in 1997 to teach practical parish ministry. He directs the Walter Scott Preaching Society, teaches regularly



at the College of Preachers at the Washington Cathedral, is active in the church both locally and nationally, and teaches preaching and ministerial leadership throughout the United States. Dr. Moseley has been involved in developing Grief Healing, Inc., and has written many articles and sermons for publication. He edited a book of sermons on stewardship titled *Joyful Giving*. He holds a B.D. and D.Min. from Vanderbilt Divinity School.

**Dick Hamm**, who holds a D.Min. degree from CTS, served as a minister of Disciples of Christ congregations for 23 years before becoming Regional Minister of Tennessee and then, for 10 years, General Minister and President of the denomination. Dick is the author of *From Mainline to Front Line*; *2020 Vision for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*; and, coming in March 2007, *Recreating the Church: Leadership for the Post-Modern Age*. As General Minister and President, he led the church in the United States and Canada in developing *2020 Vision*: “to be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice.” Dick is president of The Columbia Partnership, which provides coaching and consulting for church leaders, congregations and other church organizations.



## Registration

**Fee:** \$120 (includes lunch daily)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Area code \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- I prefer to stay on campus in the Hospitality House. I will require campus housing for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- I will bring my own linens. (*Beds are twin extra-long; most guests bring two flat sheets, a standard pillowcase, towels and washcloths.*)
- Please provide linens to me.
- I prefer vegetarian meals.

**Registration deadline: June 29, 2007**

Send completed registration form with check or money order payable to CTS to:

Lifelong Theological Education Office  
Christian Theological Seminary  
1000 W. 42nd Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

For more information, call Lifelong Theological Education at (317) 931-4224 or e-mail [LifeEd@cts.edu](mailto:LifeEd@cts.edu).

Driving directions are available on the CTS Web site: [www.cts.edu](http://www.cts.edu)

## **NEW Special Day Offering Online Ordering**

By now you maybe aware that we are retiring the current special day offering order procedure. We have instituted a new online ordering system allowing churches who have internet capabilities to manage their own special day offering quantities and mailing addresses. For those churches who do not have any way to connect to the internet; we will gladly continue to manage them, but we must be told by those churches to do this procedure. We are reaching out to our regions asking for your help to spread the word to your churches to register online and order the remaining 2007 offerings listed. The instructions are below or can be viewed on our website [www.churchfinancecouncil.org](http://www.churchfinancecouncil.org) under Disciples Mission Fund, left column.

Please understand this is a replacement system and we would like to discontinue the old program as soon as possible. The churches may contact me at 317-713-2444 or [earey@cfc.disciples.org](mailto:earey@cfc.disciples.org) regarding this new system.

Thank you for your assistance.  
Blessings,  
Enid

PLEASE NOTE: CHURCH PIN NUMBER IS YOUR USER ID. CALL Enid Arey at Church Finance Council 317-713-2444 or e-mail: [earey@cfc.disciples.org](mailto:earey@cfc.disciples.org) for any questions or to receive your PIN number.

- 1: Go to [www.churchfinancecouncil.org](http://www.churchfinancecouncil.org) Church Finance Council's home page
- 2: Click on any area that says DISCIPLES MISSION FUND
- 3: CFC Greetings page, look at left margin
- 4: Click on New!! ONLINE ORDERING FOR SPECIAL OFFERING AND STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS
- 5: You have been directed to the "login page", first time users look to left side REGISTER HERE
- 6: Click REGISTER HERE and scroll down until you see information area to fill in
- 7: Complete information and click the register button
- 8: A box with your PIN and password will appear, close and move to order page
- 9: You should see 5 individual Special Offerings, click on those you wish to place orders.
- 10: Carefully fill out the quantity information
- 11: Scroll down, check your mailing address information
- 12: Click on UPS or USPS (postal delivery)
- 13: If you have any special delivery instructions, please write them in the box provided.
- 14: When complete place order on the right lower side of screen by clicking on that button
- 15: You will return to the Special Day Offering list, proceed to next offering and repeat this process.
- 16: When done, click place this order on the Special Day Offering page and you will move to the Stewardship area which is the logout area. Look at the very top of this page to the right you will find the words LOGOUT. Click on this to close the system.
- 17: If you feel you have made an ordering error or duplication, please contact St. Clair Press at 1-866-369-0169. They will make the correction for you.
- 18: You will receive confirmation of your orders via e-mail from [support@myargosy.com](mailto:support@myargosy.com). Please print these out for your records.



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Dear Pastors,

We are the 2006/2007 Advance Conference Officers. We are writing to inform you that the Advance Conference Summer Camp is just right around the corner. This year the dates will be Aug. 12th through the 19th. Advance Conference is for young adults between the ages of 19 to 29(must be at least 1 year out of high school).

This 2006/2007 season we have been working with a three-part theme: Lights, Camera, Action! At the winter retreat we talked about LIGHTS: "Shedding light on the 20 something church ". Rev. Roger McKinney gave a wonderful keynote.

During Spring Retreat we worked on the second part of our theme, CAMERA: "Putting the world around us into focus". There the Rev. Amy Gopp led us through a wonderful discussion about peace and social justice issues that are going on not only in our own country, but also around the world.

Now it is time to finish out the year with a bang with our third and final part ACTION! This summer we will be talking about what keeps us from action and doing things to get involved. We have a wonderful faculty lined up for this year and lots of new and interesting things going on throughout the week. This year one of our faculty members, Rev. David Turner, will be leading a movie study group everyday where we will look at movies that deal with tough issues and how we can relate it to our faith. We will also be hearing from many of our own who have been out in the mission field this past year and see how God was not only working in their lives, but the lives of others.

If there are young adults who are in need of a good challenge and spiritual growth Advance Conference is going to be the place to be this summer. We would ask you to please help us and encourage all young adults in your church to attend. This is a great place to make new friends and grow in your faith.

May God bless you,

Erin Larsen, [larsen926@yahoo.com](mailto:larsen926@yahoo.com)

Bob Unger, [runger@rocketmail.com](mailto:runger@rocketmail.com)

Chad Davis, [normchs@aol.com](mailto:normchs@aol.com)

2006/2007 Advance Conference Officers

# Advance Conference

“Lights, Camera, Action”

Now it's time for ACTION!!



*“A guide for the 20 something church to take action in their lives and the world.”*

August 12 - 19  
Camp Christian

For all young adults in the Christian Church in Ohio and their friends!  
Come for a time of worship and fun, spiritual retreat and developing/deepening relationships with other young adults!

What if I can't come the whole week???

While we hope you can be there the entire time, we understand that not everyone's schedule will allow it, so you may attend as little or as much as you are able.

For more information see your Pastor, Church Office, or contact the Regional Church Office (614) 433-0343 or [ccio@ccinoh.org](mailto:ccio@ccinoh.org)

OR go to the Advance Conference MySpace Page  
[www.myspace.com/advanceconference](http://www.myspace.com/advanceconference)

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