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as Disciples of Christ to be centers of transformation on
the new mission frontier of our own communities

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State Of The Church Message

July 23, 2007 - Disciples News Service - Fort Worth, Texas
General Minister and President Sharon E. Watkins exhorted
listeners to "Choose Life" in her State-of-the-Church message
on Sunday night during the 2007 General Assembly.

In an hour-long presentation and sermon that included scripture,
video, and messages from those who help the Church live out its
mission each day, Watkins opened holding a Bible and reading
the passage from Matthew 14 where Jesus' feeding of the 5,000
is detailed. She then used video to evoke images of the 2005
Gulf Coast hurricanes and talked about the overwhelming
response shown by Disciples, who, during one of the country's
worst natural disasters, found countless ways to "feed" those in
need.

"When the storms hit, individuals and congregations, regions and
the general church joined together – one whole church," said
Watkins. We joined with ecumenical and interfaith neighbors to
respond to Jesus' urging: 'You give them something to eat.'"
Disciples showed their concern in a number of ways, Watkins
noted. Ann Pickett of Moss Point, Miss. cancelled her wedding
to cook food for those in need. Others, such as ministry
presidents and division leaders, responded in their own unique
ways. Johnny Wray, Director of Week of Compassion; James
Hamlett, President of the Pension Fund; and James Powell,
President of Church Extension came to the stage to talk briefly
about ways their ministries assisted.

They were followed on the stage by Arnold Nelson, President of
Disciples Home Missions; Carl Zerweck, Director of Disciples
Volunteering, Herb Lynskey, Coastal Plains Area Minister for the
Southwest Region, based in Houston, Texas; Barbara Jones,
Regional Minister for the Great River Region that includes
Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, Susan Lassalle, from Slidell,
La., and later the church's regional ministers.

"In the aftermath of a hurricane's destruction, where death
appears to have the upper hand, 'life' isn't necessarily an easy
choice. And yet, community after community, congregation
after congregation, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina did choose
life," Watkins noted.

She also spoke of the partnerships between ecumenical groups
such as Church World Service (CWS), the United Church of
Christ (UCC), and one of our newest partners, the Alliance of
Baptists. Watkins stressed that our ecumenical partnerships
extend around the globe, and include the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) in Puerto Rico, the Christian Council of
Mozambique, The United Church of Christ in the Philippines and
the Middle East Council of Churches, among others.

Despite hardship and challenging circumstances, our global
partners understand fully what it means to choose life when
death seems to often have the upper hand, said Watkins.

"Our international partners have placed themselves into Jesus'
hands and found something to give. They are daily choosing
life," she said.



The General Minister and President
invited David Vargas and Cally
Rogers-Witte, co-executives of
Global Ministries, to commission 11
missionaries as part of the service.
Watkins called the missionaries, "the
human face representing the rest of
us to the world."

Watkins closing comments included
the retelling of a Cherokee fable that
examines the internal battle that

each person faces. "There are two wolves inside each of us,"
says the old Cherokee to his grandson. One wolf is evil,
vengeful, angry, and full of self-pity. The other wolf is good. It
represents love, hope, truth, and compassion.

"Which wolf wins, Grandfather?" asks the grandson.

The old Cherokee replies, "The one you feed."

"I've seen just how hard it is sometimes for us Disciples to feed
the good wolf of hope, compassion, and joy," said Watkins.

"How hard it is for us to choose life. But I come tonight to
bear witness that more often than we know, we do choose life,
and that is the part of the story that we must learn to tell."

Regional Assembly

2008

Columbus, Ohio

**Theme: "Body Building": "Strengthen
Your Congregation For Mission"**

Ephesians 4:11-13 It was he who gave some to be
apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists,
and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's
people for works of service, so that the body of Christ
may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and
in the knowledge of the Son of God and become
mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness
of Christ.

**Be sure to watch future publications
and the web site for more information.**



Spiritual Insights Rev. Dr. William H. Edwards

"All this from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." – II Corinthians 5:18

One of the most disturbing, disappointing, disheartening realities of our modern life today is our separation one from another, resulting in our separation from God. We see it in our relationships with other people and with our family. We've allowed words and circumstances to come between us and separate us. This separation is manifested in the "isms" of society, racism, sexism, classism, and ageism. These are evils that permeate and separate us as the human family. Why is there so much Alienation, Segregation, Isolation and Separation? In a society of so much brokenness, "reconciliation" is a message humanity desperately cries out for.

In II Corinthians 5:18, Paul uses the word "reconciliation" to capture the meaning of our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Reconciliation is the idea that humanity had been separated from God by its sins, but now through God's work in Jesus Christ, humanity is now atoned, or in other words, we are now "at one with God." The word "Reconcile" reminds us that God not only removes the guilt or penalty of sin, but that God has brought about a special restored relationship between God's self and God's redeemed people.

Therefore as the church, our ministry is to build bridges and break down the walls that stand between us. For in this world we do have walls that stand between us. There are insidious walls, racial walls, economic walls, academic walls, psychological walls, theological walls, denominational walls that keep people from loving people.

That is why I celebrate that we have as a part of our vision an anti-racism/pro-reconciliation initiative. For we must not let the walls crop up between us, to keep us from communicating, collaborating, cooperating and celebrating together as equals in the church and in Christ. For in Christ all the walls are down, all the barriers are broken.

God has brought, to a confused and troubled world, the way to overcome alienation, segregation, isolation and separation. And this way is through Jesus, and it is the church's task to proclaim this message to all the world.

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Regional Calendar

September

- 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 10:00am
 13 DOCSWO, 7:30pm
 *14 – 16 Ohio Women's Ministries Fall Retreat @ Camp
 18 Interim Ministers Working Group @ UCC Office
 18 Commission on Ministry
 19 Personnel Committee @ RCO
 20 Congregational Transformation Team @ RCO 10:00
 21 New Church Committee @ RCO 10:00 – 2:00pm
 21 – 22 CYF Commission @ Camp Christian
 29 Elders Retreat @ Central Christian, Wooster

October

- 1 Deadline for entries into the Nov/Dec Buckeye**
 2 Executive Committee @ RCO 10:00am – 3:00pm
 3 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting 9:00 am
 6 Ohio Disciples Outreach Meeting @ RCO 10:00
 7 **Installation Service for New Regional Church Office Pastoral Staff @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus, 4:00 pm**
 13 Chi Rho Commission @ Camp Christian
 13 Congregational Transformation Seminar, 9:00am – 4:00pm, Gender Rd CC, Canal Winchester
 16 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian
 *17 Anti Racism Training for Pastors @ Camp Christian
 *18 Sexual Ethics Training for Pastors @ Camp Christian
 20 Work Day at Cleveland Christian Home 9:00am
 20 Ohio Black Pastors 10:00am – 1:00pm TBA
 22 – 23 Recent Seminarians Retreat @ Saint Terese's
 23 ODEC @ RCO
 25 Christian Education Meeting @ RCO 10:00am
 26-27 Regional Church Council @ Camp Christian
 29 Interim Ministers Working Group Fall Workshop

November

- 3-4 Chi Rho Rally @ Camp Christian
 *3 Men in Mission Retreat in Decatur, GA
 8 DOCSWO 7:30 – 9:30pm
 10 Regional Cabinet @ Camp Christian 10:00am
 13 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian
 16 – 18 CYF Officer Training @ The Hocking Valley Parish
 22 – 23 **Thanksgiving, Regional Church Office Closed**

December

- 1 Deadline for entries into the Jan/Feb Buckeye**
 1 Ohio Disciples Outreach Meeting @ RCO 10:00am
 1 Women's Advent Retreat @ Camp Christian
 12 RCO Staff Meeting and Christmas Celebration
 18 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian
 24 **Christmas Eve, Regional Church Office Closed**
 25 **Christmas Day, Regional Church Office Closed**
 28 – 30 Advance Conference Winter Retreat

January 2008

- 1 New Year's Day, Regional Church Office Closed**
 9 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting 9:00 am
 * **Indicates online registration is now available**

Treasurer's Corner Scholarship

The definition according to Webster's is 'the fund of knowledge and learning'. The Region follows this by having various Funds which support our Ministries. We have a Fund for Seminary students, Ohio Women's Ministry (OWM), Ohio Disciple Men's (ODM), Adult Conference, Advance Conference, and Youth Scholarship. These are in addition to the scholarships that are offered by many of our congregations throughout the state. Endowment earnings support some of these Funds including Seminary, Adult, and Youth. The other Funds are dependent on receiving donations. In some cases, offerings are directed towards Scholarship and each Fund will occasionally receive individual donations. The Advance and Youth Funds have separate fundraising events (music programs and golf outings) that provide for scholarships. As of the end of July, we have distributed \$6,000.00 in scholarships to 42 people in 2007 and expect the year end number to be close to \$8,000.00 in total Scholarships shared with more than 60 people. To request a scholarship, we ask that the individual complete an application and have their minister approve the form, then send it in with their registration. For seminary students, they may request scholarship support through the Commission on Ministry.

The primary purpose of Scholarship has been to support those with financial need so that all who wish to participate in an event may do so. While we will remain committed to that goal, can the definition of scholarship be expanded so that these Funds can be used as incentives to increase attendance at the different Ministry events? As an example, what if Scholarship proceeds were used to subsidize a portion of registration fees for first time attendees? Or perhaps some Scholarship Funds could be available as a reward for those who bring guests to the event?

Unfortunately, until we see substantial growth in the donations and gifts received for scholarships, these will remain simply questions. But the discussion is relevant and I share these comments with the hope that you will provide some feedback on these ideas. Please direct your responses to ddraper@ccinoh.org.

Duncan Draper
Christian Church in Ohio, Treasurer

Elders Workshop

Saturday, September 29, 2007

Featuring
Johnny Wray
Director of Week of Compassion

Central Christian Church
407 N. Market Street
Wooster, Ohio 44691

For more information contact the Church
(330) 262-4652 or cccwooster@embarqmail.com

**Deadline for entries into the Nov/Dec
The Buckeye Disciple
Due in the Regional Church Office by
October 1, 2007**

OHIO WOMEN'S MINISTRIES FALL RETREAT

September 14, 15, 16, 2007



*"What is Stealing
Your Joy?!"*

KEYNOTER: REV. DR. ROBIN HEDGEMAN

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CLEVELAND

Cost: Entire weekend: \$75.00

Saturday only: \$45.00

Ohio Disciples Men's Fall Retreat

The Disciples Men's Fall Retreat will take place at Camp Christian on Sept 7-9, 2007. Registration forms and online registration are available.

Rev. Dr. Alvin Jackson will be the key note speaker on the theme "Transforming Men to Transform the World."

Dr. Jackson is well known in Disciple circles as he has served on General Board and pastored some of our largest Churches including, Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church in Memphis, TN, National City Christian Church in Washington, DC., and currently serving the Park Ave. Christian Church in New York City.



Other activities for the retreat include a fishing tournament, a corn bag tournament, the OSU vs. University of Akron game, and more. Plan now to join men from across the Region of Ohio.

Ohio Disciples Outreach Sermon Contest

(Clergy or Laypersons)

Win a \$1500, \$1000, or \$500 Grant Towards 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 31st, 2007

Winners will be asked to provide a photograph and article reflecting on their trip for an 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. Bob Thornton (ODO), Dan Mosely (CTS) and Jackie Bunch. By entry in contest Ohio Disciple Outreach is granted permission to use all materials in future promotion.

You're Invited to an Installation Service for
Regional Associate Ministers

La Taunya Bynum & Stephen Bentley

and

Regional Program Minister

Brenda Webster

Northwest Christian Church

October 7, 2007 4:00pm

Join us for this special worship celebration!

**2007 Reconciliation Mission Special Offering**

Purpose: Your witness and support of this shared ministry for racial justice and reconciliation enables the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to live out the call of one of the core components of our 2020 Vision to be an anti-racism/pro-reconciliation faith community. The Reconciliation Mission Offering provides the primary support of Disciples' efforts to advocate for, educate about and organize to dismantle systemic racism and structural oppression within our ministries and institutions, as well as the communities and cultures that we serve.

Recipients: At least 50 cents of every dollar from this offering remains in the Disciples region where it is received to fund local initiatives aimed at eradicating racism from its roots, as well as to support the work of regional teams. The remainder supports the ministry of our General Reconciliation Mission across the life of our church primarily through the "Many Members, One Table: Anti-Racism, Pro-Reconciliation Initiative, and the Reconciliation Mission Commission." Traditionally, Reconciliation Mission receives no allocation from the Disciples Mission Fund and depends on this offering and other generous gifts for its support.

Call to Purpose: Jesus' message seems harsh in Luke. However, the story is told to a living audience of Jesus' time that had the chance for reconciliation before death — the chance to face off and oppose oppression. We, like those forebears of the faith have a similar opportunity, to do all we can to participate in God's justice:

- To recall the people who dreamed to bring people together in mutual respect and love;
- To remember those who endured unmerited suffering so that others may be free;
- To engrave on our hearts the good news Jesus proclaimed that through the power of the Creator will build bridges of accountability and understanding;
- To be filled with their spirit and to know the strength of their love in the face of inequity.



Advent Retreat

Spiritual Life Committee is sponsoring a Women's Advent Retreat at Camp Christian on Dec. 1, 2007 from 9:00am - 3:00pm. Lunch will be included. Leaders will be Rev. Margot Connor and Rev. Kay McGlinchey. Numbers will be limited. Contact the Regional Office or go to the Region's website for further information as it becomes available.

Upcoming High School Youth Events

- CYF Commission 2007 Sept. 21-22
- Mid-Winters 2008
 - Lakeside Jan. 11-13
 - Phyto Jan. 25-27
 - Hiram Feb. 8-10
 - Wilmington Feb. 22-24
- CYF Youth Council 2008 Apr. 4-5
- CYF Conference 2008
 - Hiram June 22-28
 - Phyto June 29-July 5
 - Lakeside July 20-26
 - Wilmington July 27-Aug. 2
- ICYF 2008 July 20-27
- Regional Assembly Fall 2008
- General Assembly 2009 July 29-Aug. 2

All this is from God,

who reconciled us to himself
through Christ and gave us the
ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18 NIV

Respected Leaders Help Others "Lead Like Jesus" — Live Via Satellite!

When it comes to leaders in leadership, there are many choices: CEOs, coaches, professors, politicians. The shelves of the local bookstore are filled with their leadership insights. Yet the most revolutionary leader – and the only perfect one -- walked the Earth 2000 years ago. Jesus of Nazareth is the greatest role model of leadership of all time. Community Christian Church in North Canton is presenting Lead Like Jesus Now: The Leadership Revolution on Friday, October 19 at 11:30AM to 5:30PM — live via satellite on CCN, the Church Communication Network. Lead like Jesus brings together some of the best leadership practitioners in the world. The Lead Like Jesus Seminar will present the servant-leadership model of Jesus Christ. (www.leadlikejesus.com). The seminar is intended for church, community, and business leaders, parents, spouses, teachers, youth advisors and any individuals who simply want to strengthen their journey of faith. For additional information, email leadlikejesus@northcantonccc.org, call Pastor Don Baird at 330-499-5458, or check the congregation's web site, www.northcantonccc.org

July 2008
Chapman University
Orange, CA



**Read The Book
BE THE MOVIE**

July 24 - 27

**ICYF - High School Youth Conference for
the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

July 20 - 24

**"Prequel" - Low cost mission experience in
Southern California for ICYF participants**

WWW.ICYFChapman.org ICYFChapman@yahoo.com

Registration packets available July 2007

Ohio Disciples Retired Ministers and Spouses

Each year in May there is a retreat for retired Disciples Pastors and spouses. This is held in the Monroe Lodge at Camp Christian usually 10:00am – 3:00pm. The leader for the 2008 retreat is Lester Palmer, former president of the Pension Fund of the Christian Church. He will be leading the retreat Thursday May 8, 2008. The topic for the day will be being wise stewards as retired persons. This will include some guidelines on the wise use of financial resources sprinkled with much of the humor for which Lester is famous. Please hold May 8 on your Calendar today. There will be more details to come. The retreat this past May was a vital and exciting one. Robin and Carl Zerwick told about how they organize and work with work camps, especially ones to help the people who were victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Also, Tom Kerns gave some suggestions of how we could volunteer our help on the local level to organizations which serve people in need. If you would like more information about the retreat or the Retired Pastors and Spouses group, please call Jerry Murphy at (440) 808-8434 or email him at lm5ilm@peoplepc.com.

Camp Christian News

Camp Christian has been a whirlwind of activity this summer! From the crispness of early morning air and into the dark sacred night, the camp grounds bustled with energy, excitement and high expectations. All were blessed in many different ways.

It was a pleasure to welcome to Camp Christian this summer, two new programs designed to accommodate elementary-aged campers. The first of these programs took place on June 8-9. Young campers and their grandparents actively participated in our first-ever Grandparent's Camp. Hand-in-hand, girls, boys and grandparents seem to chip away any sign of generational gaps as they became involved in activities which further strengthened the bond between them. Kudos to Mary Woods who planned and implemented this wonderful event.

Camp Good Hope, led by Brad McBee, was our second newest camp. The purpose of Camp Good Hope (Bereavement Camp), was to offer children, adolescents and teens an enjoyable, accepting and supportive Christian camp group setting in which they could freely express their feelings about the loss of a loved one and engage in grief coping activities while interacting with peers who were also coping with grief and loss. Brad's approach to this sensitive task was phenomenal. We praise God that the spirits of these young people were truly lifted as they left Camp Christian.

The Chi Rho Camps, under the direction of Rev. Larry Pigg, continue to minister to youngsters who have finished grades 6, 7 and 8. The boundless energy of Rev. Oink-Oink ...Oops ... Rev. Pigg, is unparalleled. He directs the Hocking, Cuyahoga, Portage, Maumee and Miami Camps ... not to mention doubling as an Assistant Director of the Wilmington Conference. Larry, along with a staff of talented and dedicated Counselors and Assistant Directors, brings an abundance of knowledge, wisdom and pure love to the camps and campers of Chi Rho. We are expecting Chi Rho Camps to grow in the coming years.

As God continues to actualize the mission and vision of the Christian Church in Ohio through Camp Christian, we must recognize yet another "first" on our camp grounds: the Cuyahoga Chi Rho Camp and the Otter Partnership Camp both conducted their programs, simultaneously, during the week of June 17-23. Though each camp had its own unique activities and Counselors, it was an adventuresome time for well over 100 3rd, 4th and 5th graders of the Otter Partnership Camp and the middle schoolers of the Chi Rho Camp. Revs. Laureen Roe and Jeff Wheeler were the masterminds behind planning the Otter Partnership Camp. It was a peaceful co-existence and a good time was had by all.

Backpacking anyone? Rev. Steve Bentley, Regional Associate Pastor and avid backpacker, initiated another "first" for Camp Christian ... a Backpacking Camp (July 15-21). He, along with several other backpackers, hiked about 40 miles. Steve is interested in other such camps ... maybe canoeing. If you have suggestions, call Steve at the Regional Church Office.

I am deeply indebted to Rev. Steve as he has been such a wonderful teacher and guide in helping me to transition into the role of CYF Director. Though I am just scraping the surface of this



new and exciting journey, Steve has been a constant source of encouragement and patience. He has allowed me to step out as I am able and is always there with a kind word when I am utterly confused. Those moments seem to be lessening as time goes on.

I am awe-struck when I think about the deep, rich traditions of Camp Christian. The conferences this summer (Hiram, Phyto, Lakeside and Wilmington), were simply amazing. Though I shadowed Steve most of the time, when I had the opportunity to "fly solo", my respect and admiration for the foundational strength of the CYF conferences and other programs, grew even more.

Surrounded by exuberant and helpful Counselors and Assistant Directors, my tasks were certainly more "do-able" and even enjoyable. Topping off the Spirit-led conferences was the contagious enthusiasm of the conferees. They are the life blood of CYF!

We were blessed with another group of 13 young and gifted men and women—the Ministry Associate Team comprising the summer staff. Capably led by Al Channell (maintenance) and Doris Woodson (kitchen), these college students worked together like a well-oiled machine to keep our camp, campers, conferees and all who were on the grounds, happy; hats off to the Ministry Associates!

Looking ahead, it is my firm belief that Camp Christian will be filled to capacity in the coming years. It is clear that God seeks to expose more youngsters to the life-changing experiences that are so distinctive on the holy grounds of Camp Christian. To that end, I will embark on a major project to reach out to young people through a communications network with Counselors and Assistant Directors, conference officers, pastors, print and electronic media, campers and conferees.

As a professional educator/administrator, I realize the value of proper training for our counselors. Designing a more thorough program of teaching methodologies along with addressing counselor concerns, will be at the top of my list of priorities. Counselors and Assistant Directors completed a survey during each camp and conference, which will help to guide decisions made in the future. Through the CYF evaluations, conferees shared their comments and suggestions, as well.

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Camp Christian News Continued

God's desire that human kind continues its existence is witnessed each time a child is born. Children bring us hope and new life. Recognizing these truths, the Regional Church Office would like to intentionally focus on creating a Regional Children's Ministry. Please call me at the RCO if you feel led to participate with me in this venture.

Along the lines of Children's Ministry, Washington Ave. Christian Church, pastored by Rev. Janet Long, is planning its first training session for those interested in leaning about the Children Worship and Wonder Program. Directed at the national level by Rev. Kaye Edwards, Children Worship and Wonder is an exciting way of approaching faith formation with young children. It recognizes children as spiritual beings who already have a relationship with God.

In CW&W children hear Bible stories in a way that allows them to enter into the stories and form responses out of their own life experiences. Debbie Walker, Director of Church School Education at Washington Ave., is spearheading this tremendous effort. The training event for CW&W will be held at Washington Ave. Christian Church during March 2008. Additional information is forthcoming. Stay tuned!

In other Camp Christian news, It is obvious that for the safety and well-being of our camp and campers, we will have to reconsider our July 4th fireworks activities. The Phyto Conference will be affected by whatever change is made. Your suggestions are welcomed as we consider a safer way to celebrate the day. Call me at the Regional Church Office if you desire input or need more information.

Last, but certainly not least, I am asking for your support as I embark on this wonderful journey of a lifetime ... serving as your Regional Program Minister. I am interested in hearing from you, indeed, I am here to serve you and the Ohio Region. There is, however, an absolutely huge event that I can envision. Think for one moment with me the following scene: former campers and conferees from across Ohio, the nation and the world, coming together once more at Camp Christian for a weekend of reunion, revival, revelry and rededication. Giving it a name would be simple: Keep the Camp Fire Burning: A Camp Christian Homecoming Weekend.

Can we make it happen? Let me hear from you.

In Him,
Brenda Webster
Regional Program Minister



Attention Junior High and High School Youth

**Enter to win \$50 off the cost of
Camp Next Summer and to have
your artwork used in promotional
material for the 2008 Camp
Christian programs.**

Send us a 8x10 drawing of what represents Camp Christian to you. Include with your drawing your full name, the grade you are currently in, the name of the church you attend, and a phone number for the church. We will select one drawing from a Chi Rho age youth and one drawing from a CYF age youth. The winning youth will receive recognition in the next issue of The Buckeye Disciple, \$50 off the registration price for the Chi Rho or CYF camp they will be attending in 2008, and their art will be displayed on Camp Christian promotional postcards and flyers throughout the year. All entries need to be mailed to Christian Church in Ohio 355 East Campus View Blvd Suite 110 Columbus, Ohio 43235 No later than September 28, 2007.

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**Be creative!!!
We can't wait
to see your
amazing
artwork!!**





Front Row: Alexandria Trevino, Brittney Bokar **Middle Row:** Anthony Trevino, Breanna Bokar, Jason McBee (counselor) **Back Row:** Brad McBee (director), Carrie Weis (counselor), Charisma Trevino

Camp Good Hope Ministers to Youth

With times of tears and times of cheer, five campers attended Camp Good Hope, bereavement camp held at Camp Christian on June 8-10.

The camp gave the campers a chance to freely express their feelings about the loss of a loved one and engage in grief coping activities, while interacting with peers also coping with grief and loss. Friendships were made as tears and laughter was shared.

Leaving behind computers, cell phones and game systems, the campers canoed, swam, fished and enjoyed a bonfire. As one camper said, "I really didn't want to come, my mom made me. I thought all we would do was sit around and talk about death. But I am having a really good time. Thank you."

Although the group was small for this camp's first outing, the camp was a wonderful success and a great addition to Camp Christian's ministry. Plans are already underway for next years camp and pastors and youth workers are encouraged to note throughout the year those young persons that would benefit from next years camp.

Choir Robes

First Christian Church of Wadsworth has available 40 choir robes in a variety of adult sizes and one director's robe (closed wrist) to give away. The robes are gray, in good condition, and have detachable white satin stoles. The stoles have burgundy outline trim with a burgundy Chalice on one side. The director's stole has a music staff and notes with the Chalice. All robes were dry-cleaned in June, 2007 and ready to wear. Contact Jane Ross at (330)336-6697 or (330) 336-5155.

More Choir Robes

First Christian Church in Ashland has 19 Adult Choir Robes - wine-cranberry color with reversible stoles - chalice symbol on cream-cranberry and 9 cuffed bell robes - \$25.00 each. Call 419-289-7439 for more information.

Thanksgiving special day offering supports higher education

Thanksgiving is a time to count your blessings. It is a time to stop and think of those things that we are thankful for. I am thankful that I am a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a church that gathers together once every two years to worship, conduct business, and hear reports on what we have accomplished in the past two years and what we hope to accomplish in the future. Even though the General Assembly took place back in July, as we approach Thanksgiving, I want to share with you two highlights of the Assembly for me.

The first highlight took place at an evening worship service, where following the sermon, the congregation gathered together and had opportunities to pray, we could pray in silence, we could light a candle, or we could go to the microphone and offer up a word. The highlight of this moment was the number of children, young people, and young adults that went to the microphone to offer up a prayer. Very few adults prayed aloud, the majority of those praying aloud were under the age of 25.

The second highlight took place at the Disciples Men's luncheon, where a twenty-two year old student, shared his vision for the Disciples Men's Ministry.

I am thankful for this witness by the young man, and it also lifts up the fine job that our churches, our colleges, and our universities are doing in preparing leaders for the church, leaders who are not afraid to stand up and speak out, and share their faith.

Did you know that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is affiliated with 17 colleges and universities? We in Ohio have special relationships with two of those institutions: Hiram College and Bethany College. We also are affiliated with four seminaries, of which Christian Theological Seminary and Lexington Theological Seminary are in special relationship with the Ohio Region. We also have seven Seminary Foundation Houses and / or Seminary Associates and five Specialized Institutions. On top of all of this, we have Campus Ministries on many of our public colleges and universities. I mention all of this, because our Thanksgiving Offering goes to the support of these institutions that are related in some way to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

I am thankful for what Higher Education and Leadership Ministries accomplishes in our name, I pray that you and I will show our thanksgiving by giving a generous offering to this important ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

We have been blessed with young leaders, molded and guided by our churches, by our camping programs, and by our Higher Education and Leadership Ministries. I pray that you and I will show our thanksgiving by responding as we have been blessed with our Thanksgiving Offering.

Robert Thornton
Ohio Disciples Outreach Committee
United Christian Church, Clayton, Ohio

Mission Around the Region

Pilgrim Christian Church – Chardon:

Mission R Us at PCC has sent members of the church as part of the Women's Build Project to Madindi, Uganda. Five members of the church were part of the Geauga Cooperative Ministry Back Bay work party in Biloxi, Mississippi area.

Ralph S. Wearstler is the Interim Pastor.

First Christian Church – Wadsworth

FCC is one of seven churches in Wadsworth which is involved in a summer ministry to feed the children and teens of Wadsworth. Adults and youth work together to prepare and serve meals. This program is supported by the outreach budget of the church. Jim Singleton is the Senior Pastor.

Euclid Avenue Christian Church – Cleveland

The youth of EACC are going on a mission trip in August to the Christian Children's Home in Wooster, Ohio. They will begin with worship, singing and planning and end the week with a day at Cedar Point. Kristine Eggert is the Pastor.

First Christian Church – Bowling Green

FCC is involved with a program called, "Tools for School." Members are collecting school supplies, including book bags. Ken Hull is the Pastor.

High Street Christian Church – Akron

Missionary Elena Huegel, brought the message to the congregation about the Shalom Center in Chili. A special offering was taken to help build a bath/shower house and cabins for campers. Mission trips to the Shalom Center are supported by dollars from the Ohio Disciples Outreach Ministry Team budget.

Church of Christ (Disciples) – Carrollton

The Card Crafters are making cards for the Haven of Rest. They are also taking donations of towels, washcloths, men's t-shirts and underwear for Haven of rest. They collect these items throughout the year. Mike Doak is the Pastor.

First Christian Church – Ashland

FCC helps provide volunteers for the Ashland County Food Bank once a month. John O'Hara is the Senior Pastor.

Bellaire Christian Church – Bellaire

Rev. Paul Johnson is a Timothy of BCC, who recently completed 60 years in the ministry. He received his ministry license in 1947 and was ordained in Bellaire in 1950. He served for 25 years and retired from the Hocking Valley Parish. Paul has also served as a Regional Elder. Let us not forget his faithful wife of 56 years, Charlotte. Rev. Amelia Walker is the Interim Pastor.

What's happening at your congregation?

We'd love to include more amazing mission happenings from around the state. Please email ccio@ccinoh.org about the mission opportunities your congregation is participating in.

Go into all the world...

Ohio Campus Ministries believes the University and College Campus is an important world into which the Church is called to be in mission. We are these seven

denominations helping provide ministry to students, faculty, and staff on campuses throughout Ohio.

- [The American Baptist Churches of Ohio](#)
- [The Catholic Conference of Ohio](#)
- [The Christian Church in Ohio](#)
- [The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio](#)
- [The Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#)
- [The United Church of Christ \(Ohio Conference\)](#)
- The United Methodist ([East Ohio](#) and [West Ohio](#))

Whether it is in a Bible Study or on a mission trip, a volunteer activity or worship service, through a fellowship group or time with a campus minister, our supported ministries provide a variety of ways students and others can find avenues of spiritual growth. Our ministries challenge the college community to explore the meaning of faith and action in a campus setting.

Ohio Campus Ministries supports ecumenical mission at these campuses:

- Bowling Green State University
- Central State University
- [Clark State Community College](#)
- Cleveland area campuses (UPCaM)
- Columbus downtown campuses (The Downtowners)
- Hocking State College
- [Kent State-Stark Campus and Stark State College of Technology](#)
- Kent State-Kent Campus
- [Miami University](#)
- [Ohio University](#)
- [Sinclair Community College](#)
- University of Cincinnati
- [University of Toledo](#)
- [Youngstown State University](#)

There are more than 400,000 students, faculty, and staff on the campuses where we have been called to minister. The Church must go into that world! Visit our website

www.ohiocampusministries.org and click on our [News from the Campuses](#) page and the ministry web sites to see the gospel presence that is taking place on the world of the college campus. Pictured above are Miami University Students after work at Glide Memorial in San Francisco for Spring Break.



Ohio Disciples Outreach Six Month Report

Together, as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we do ministry and mission through our giving of our time, talent and money.

We need to compare our giving with our goals for 2007. Below is listed our giving for the first six months of 2007. Goals for 2007 are listed in parentheses.

Disciples Mission Fund	\$305,095	(720,000)
Ohio Designated	\$16,416	(50,000)
Inner City/Rural	\$2,514	(12,000)
Ohio New Church	\$13,373	(90,000)
Camp Christian Operating	\$ 22,850	(64,000)
Ohio Council of Churches	\$1,320	(6,800)
Ohio Seminary Fund	\$5,206	(25,000)
Ministerial Relief	\$3,873	(22,000)

As you can see, we all have our work cut out for us as we share in ministry. We need to keep before us that we are a covenant network of congregations in mission. While many of our congregations are involved in local ministry, our work together in the General and Regional manifestations of the church is also our ministry. It is the ministry we do in covenant together.

Rev. Philip Hunt, Chairperson
Ohio Disciples Outreach Ministry Team



Backpack Camp

Justin Daff-Gardner Central Christian Hubbard, Ray Blowers Central Christian Kettering, Stu Hicks Jackson Christian, Steve Bentley Gender Road Christian, and Dan Harry Central Christian Hubbard (pictured above) had a great time walking the Appalachian Trail in southern Virginia. While hiking they studied the murmuring scriptures from the book of Exodus. If you would like more information about the adventure camp being offered next summer please contact Rev. Steve Bentley at the Regional Church Office 614-433-0343 or sbentley@ccinoh.org.

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 DISCIPLES, JESUS, LOVE, MISSION, OFFERING,
 RECONCILIATION

Congregation founded by Walter Scott to celebrate 175th anniversary

Cincinnati, Ohio – Carthage Christian Church, founded by Disciples evangelist Walter Scott in 1832, will celebrate its 175th anniversary with a dinner, speakers, music, and worship services on Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7. The weekend’s events begin with a dinner on Saturday at 6 p.m., A local group of gospel and bluegrass musicians has been invited to perform. An informal worship service will be held at 7 p.m. which will include the dedication of a memory quilt. Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum, associate general minister of the Christian Church in Ohio, will deliver the message during the service.

On Sunday, the church will celebrate its history with a special 9:00 a.m. assembly to include visits from historical figures such as Alexander Campbell and Walter Scott. Rev. Dr. William Edwards, regional minister and president of the Christian Church in Ohio, will preach during the church’s 10:45 a.m. worship service. Regional Elder Pete Smith has been invited to give a special prayer. A reception with light refreshments will follow worship.

Church historian Etta Peavley has been preparing historical documents and artifacts for display. Peavley also made the church’s memory quilt.

Carthage Christian’s interim minister, Rev. Terre Garner, says the church has recently renewed its focus on evangelism and discipleship. After Ohio Disciples pastor and historian Jeff Gill spoke at a church-wide retreat about the significance of Walter Scott’s “five finger exercise” in reaching the people of the frontier, the church has begun printing the exercise in its worship bulletin.

WEEKEND OF COMPASSION

Where The End Is Just
The Beginning

April 11-13, 2008
Scarritt Bennett Center
Nashville, Tennessee

Weekend of Compassion

Are you a Disciple devoted to being the hands and feet of Christ in the world? Do you have creative ideas for compassionate ministry to share with other Disciples across the country? Do you need inspiration and affirmation to continue the outreach you are already doing? Weekend of

Compassion will be a forum for exchanging ideas, empowering each other and inspiring the church. Together, we will celebrate ways Week of Compassion is a catalyst for changing the lives of so many who suffer in the world as well as the lives of those who give. We will explore outreach possibilities across our denomination and revitalize our commitment to mission in the world. Lay leaders, clergy, youth and seminarians are doing amazing things to lift up the mission of Week of Compassion, but rarely get the opportunity to share those creative ideas with others! Please join us in Nashville for a Weekend of dynamic workshops, Bible study, lay-leadership development, storytelling, and innovative worship.

For questions and/or more information contact us at (317) 713-2442 or by email: agopp@woc.disciples.org.

Spirit Walk For New Church Support

Spirit Walk 2007 started the Sunday morning activities at General Assembly and this year was a little different. Rather than being a walk/run, it occurred inside the Fort Worth Convention Center at 7 a.m. and walkers passed through prayer stations that were aimed at several New Church goals. The more than 50 walkers met and received their bright orange t-shirts before having a group prayer about the goals for the walk. Jim Powell, President of Church Extension, said that he hoped Spirit Walk would "be a reflection of what the church will look like in 2020" and that "its not about money or donations, it's about reaching for diversity, and the walk symbolizes that journey." The trip around the convention center was estimated to last about 30 minutes including the stops at stations that discussed justice, unity, diversity, and outreach among many other topics. The time ended with words of encouragement from General Minister and President Sharon E. Watkins. "Dr. Watkins jumped right in, put on her T-shirt and affirmed the unity and prayers that went forth in the convention center," said Nadine Burton of New Church Ministry. After the prayer walk, the group processed together into the youth-led worship service singing, "We are Standing on Holy Ground." "The walk is a wonderful time for meditation and prayer for the vision of the Church," said one participant. "I would encourage everyone to take this journey." About \$5,000 was raised from both the walkers and sponsors at Spirit Walk, 10 percent of which will be tithed to Week of Compassion.

Job Posting, Office Administrator

Euclid Avenue Christian Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio

This is a full time position. Duties include:

- * handling calls, mail, office traffic
- * responsible for written communications including Bulletins and Church Newspaper
- * update and maintain church web site
- * maintain computer network

The individual must be computer literate and have a cooperative, "whatever it takes" attitude. Interested parties should contact Pastor Kristine Eggert at (216) 382-5344 or by email at PastorKris@EACC.net.



Ohio's Licensed Ministry Program

This past Spring we had two great classes offered to our licensed ministers here in Ohio. Our Regional Pastor and President Dr. Bill Edwards taught a class in Evangelism at East Columbus Christian Church. The twelve students really liked Bill's teaching style as well as the book used for the course: *EVANGELISM THAT WORKS* by George Barna. In the picture above, we have from top to bottom LEFT: Marty Eble, Philip Shafer, Jerry Miller, Bob Esden, and Elsie Mohr. RIGHT: David Post, David Tiesort, Bill Edwards, Iluminado Castellano, and Judith Finley. Not pictured: Wayne Enders; Paul Bomeli; J.W. Young.

Dr. David Odell Scott taught twenty scholars in his Corinthians class at North Canton Community Christian Church. Six students were members of the North Canton Community Church. Four students came from the Carrolton Church of Christ (Mack and Sylvia Sauer, Joseph Knipp, Phillip Shaffer), two students came from Ledgewood CC (Elsie Mohr and Bernie Ruble). Other students who attended were: Pam Auble, Michelle Brown, Martin Eble, Randall Keffer, Elaine Painting (UCC), David Post, J.W. Young and Richard Norton. At this point in time, we do not have classes scheduled for this Fall, but that may change! Please pay attention to the Ohio Buckeye for further information. Jeff Gill is now the new Dean of Ohio's Licensed Minister Academy. His e-mail is: knapsack@windstream.net. It has been a GREAT pleasure for me to work with our Ohio Licensed Ministers. In Christ, Greg Widener, Outgoing Dean

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