When was it that we saw you a stranger...?

We are all familiar with the scripture from Matthew 25:31-46, which speaks of caring for Jesus by caring for others; the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the prisoner. As we do mission work, we wish to do it locally because we want to have greater control and to know the people we are helping.

The theme for the 2005 Week of Compassion (February 20-27) speaks of caring for strangers. It is true that we are becoming a society where more and more people are strangers. We can do banking with a machine or online at home. We can pay bills and order almost anything we need from the comfort of our own home. At the same time our world is growing smaller.

From weekly Week of Compassion Updates, or at www.weekofcompassion.org I hear about the Church ministering to people in the Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Florida and even here in Ohio. In 2004 there were Week of Compassion grants of $4,000 for the Hocking Valley Parish; $2,000 to Chauncey Christian Church; $500 to First Christian Church in Marietta and a partner grant of $500 to First Christian Church in Bowling Green. How comforting it is to know that when there is a natural disaster Week of Compassion is on the scene and the money we give each February is already on the way!

Yes, most of the people we help are strangers. But through our giving they are our friends and our brothers and sisters in Christ. Consider a generous gift to Week of Compassion, February 20-27!

Anniversary Updates

In the previous issue of The Buckeye Disciple, the list of 2005 Disciples’ ordination anniversaries was incomplete.

Pastors celebrating their ministry in 2005 include: 45 year- Luther Redmon; 35 years- G. Nikolus Dinges, Richard Elwell, J. Thomas Johnson, Thomas Madden, William Wells, DeOrie Willis and Richard Wing.

William "Mark" Davis 1963-2004

Rev. William Mark Davis died December 27, 2004. He was the previous pastor of First Christian Church in Kenton. Davis held a BA in Psychology from Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky. He received his M.Div. from Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky.

Clergy Spiritual Life Retreat

The Regional Spiritual Life Committee invites ministers and their spouses to join in the annual Spiritual Life Retreat being held February 1-3, 2005 at the Herald B. Monroe Lodge at Camp Christian. This year’s theme is “Desert Spirituality” led by retreat leader Dr. John Savage. Dr. Savage, founder and past president of L.E.A.D. Consultants, Inc. is a lecturer, trainer, consultant, author and pastor.

The cost is $140 per person, double occupancy, all meals included and includes a manual. Dress for the retreat is casual.

The registration deadline is January 14. Checks should be made payable to GRCC. Please indicate on the check that it is for the Spiritual Life Retreat.

For further information, contact Kay McGlinchey at kmcglinchey@genderroadcc.com or (614) 834-5973.

Annual Convocation and Disciples’ Dinner

The 2005 Ohio Ministries Convocation, sponsored by the Ohio Council of Churches, will be held on January 24-25, 2005 at the Columbus Marriott North.

Exploring the theme, Searching for What Saves Us, will be guided by two scholars with extensive work in non-violent models of redemption. The are Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock and the Dr. J. Denny Weaver.

Dr. Brock is a Visiting Scholar at the Starr King School for the Ministry, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Ca. She was also a speaker at the 2004 Regional Assembly for the Christian Church in Ohio.

Dr. Weaver is the Professor of Religion at Bluffton University.

Mr. Joe Blundo, a humor columnist for the Life Section of the Columbus Dispatch (So to Speak) will be the luncheon speaker.

Ministers and spouses of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will gather for dinner on Monday, January 24, at Northwest Christian Church in Columbus.

2004 Buckeye Disciple Honor Roll

The 2004 Buckeye Disciple Honor Roll of contributors to The Buckeye Disciple is printed on page 6. $6,064 was given by 293 families to underwrite the expenses of printing and mailing the news of the Christian Church in Ohio to our members and friends. There were 11 individuals and churches who gave $100.00 or more to be part of The Buckeye Disciple Patron Club. Your interest and support make this publication possible. Thank you for your generous gifts to this ministry.

Reconciliation applications are due

You may obtain Ohio Reconciliation Grant information and an application at www.ccinoh.org or contact the Regional Office at ccio@ccinoh.org / 440-458-5112. Grants are awarded to programs that address the root causes of racism. Postmark deadline is January 31, 2005.
Spiritual insights
By William H. Edward, Pastor and President

The most effective and beneficial leader behavior is transformational leadership. Transformational leadership behavior is founded on the belief that leaders and the persons they lead and serve can create even higher levels of spirituality. This type of leadership allows leaders to deepen the faith commitments of the people of God and cultivate acceptance of God's vision and mission of the church.

The heart of transformational leadership is the leader's desire and ability to raise the consciousness of others by appealing to powerful spiritual values and ideals. In the process, the leader is able to be used by God in transforming others beyond individualism, survivalism and fear, to higher principles of "true community, deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice."

Think about it in terms of the function an electrical power transformer. In most areas of the world electrical energy is provided by a power transformer. It takes the existing energy coming in and transforms it to a different level. Within the church, the right leadership behaviors can also transform the church and individuals from one level to another, and produce positive significant change!

Transformational leaders influence others by serving as teacher, mentor and coach. They seek to elevate and empower others to a spiritual higher level. Transformational leaders can be found within any organization and at any level in the organization. In other words, you don't have to be the one in charge to be a transformational leader.

I pray that all congregations in the Christian Church in Ohio will make every element of their ministries—worship, education, youth programming, witness, community service, communications, administration, policy-making and more—an opportunity to nurture transformational leadership for their missions and for the mission of the whole Church.

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**Copy Due Date**

Copy for the March/April 2005 issue of The Buckeye Disciple is due in the Regional Office by February 15, 2005.
**UN Seminar**

The biennial United Nations Seminar for seniors and juniors will be held Friday, February 25-March 5, 2005.

Please note, there will not be a seminar in 2006.

The Christian Church in Ohio sponsors the trip to the United Nations in New York City and the United States Government in Washington, D.C. Young people have an opportunity to meet and hear foreign leaders and leaders of the United States government. There will also be an opportunity to see two Broadway plays and have a wonderful dinner in New York City.

For further information, contact the Regional Office or go to www.christianchurchinohio.org/Unapp&rec2005.pdf

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**Light of the Community Christian Church**

The Dayton area has a new congregation, Light of the Community Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Rev. Willie J. Barnes-Jackson is the pastor. The church’s mission is to be an inclusive, multi-cultural, multi-dimensional, multi-faceted, and multi-purpose church/assembly, looking for potential members who are seeking to be willing workers and participants in the Kingdom of God, with a focus on becoming a Christ-like light in the world; reaching out to those in need of assistance within the community, while prayerfully bringing them to God through Christ Jesus, executing the “Great Commission” as Jesus commanded according to the Gospel of Matthew 28:18-20.

Although the church planting was individually initiated, they seek to maintain all local, regional, and national affiliations with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Services are held in the Fairview Middle School auditorium in Dayton, Ohio located at 2408 Philadelphia Drive, two blocks north of Good Samaritan Hospital.

**CYF State Youth Convention**

March 11-13, 2005 - Hiram College

**Edwards to speak at Adult Conference**

Dr. William Edwards, Regional Pastor and President of the Christian Church in Ohio, has agreed to be the Bible Lecturer for the 2005 Adult Conference.

This wonderful week of learning, fellowship and fun will be held June 20 through June 24 at Northwest Christian Church in Columbus. Please write the dates on your calendar and plan to attend this event.
Keep the Fire Burning

A Camp Capital Campaign of the Christian Church in Ohio

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Keep the Fire Burning
By Pete Smith, Director

Using our newly completed dining hall, kitchen, and one cabin cluster, hundreds of young people participated in thousands of hours of Christian Education during the 2004 Summer camping season at Camp Christian.

Education took place:
- during the early morning quiet time (by Cabin groups for Chi Rho and individually during CYF), when the “still small voice” of God is heard
- during the morning class groups (Quest Groups for Chi Rho and Classes for CYF), when youth and adults share life/faith stories
- during Evening Worship (the Vesper Spot in front of the cross becomes a living sanctuary), as faith stories are told
- during Committee times in planning events to make the week a “mountain top” experience for everyone
- during Crafts and free time when friendships are made which often last a lifetime
- during Meal Times when table groups watch out for one another’s needs, and when the group singing is fun...and the food is always “not like Mom’s”!

How do you measure the “value” of a week at church camp for a teen-ager?
How do you put a “price tag” on the young person whose faith is challenged to new levels of commitment (and in CYF, dozens step forward to “give serious consideration” to Christian ministry as a life work)?
How do you “measure” the influence of a dedicated counselor, giving a week of his/her precious time, to share this week with our teen-agers?
We can’t put a DOLLAR VALUE on these times when God speaks, and our teen-agers listen! We rejoice that it happens! We are grateful to God that we, and our children, and our grandchildren can reap the wonderful BLESSINGS OF A WEEK AT CAMP CHRISTIAN!

We are now in our fifth year of the “Keep The Fire Burning” Capital Campaign for Camp Christian because we believe that this Summer Youth Ministry, and all the Camp Christian ministries, must be kept alive and well. Young people and adults need to be “housed” in buildings which are safe, handicapped accessible, and comfortable.

Thank you for working with us in making this happen! Please continue to support this ministry with your prayers and your financial support. We have reached over nine-tenths of our Campaign needs. Our receipts of over $2,300,000 at the end of 2004 are the most ever raised in a Regional capital campaign by the Ohio Disciples!

Keep the Fire Burning...to-you! How do you “measure” the influence of a dedicated counselor, giving a week of his/her precious time, to share this week with our teen-agers?

Keep the Fire Burning...to everyone who can help us “wrap-up” this important ministry!

Lantis to retire
Rev. Paul Lantis, a minister for over forty years, is retiring. On January 16, “Rev. Paul,” will retire after eleven years as Pastor of Northwest Christian Church in Columbus. Under his direction, the church has blended contemporary and traditional worship services and undertook a two million dollar building expansion and remodeling program, which was completed in 2002. Prior to his ministry in Columbus, “Rev. Paul” served for 14 years in Bellefontaine.

New Ministers Orientation, Sexual Ethics, Anti-Racism Pro-Reconciliation Training

The Christian Church in Ohio’s New Ministers Orientation is March 7-9, 2005. This orientation includes the sexual ethics and anti-racism pro-reconciliation training. All clergy who are new to the region and have not had these trainings in Ohio are required to participate in this three-day event.

The sexual ethics and anti-racism pro-reconciliation trainings meet the ministerial standing requirement in the Christian Church in Ohio. The sexual ethics registration is $30.00 and the anti-racism registration is $25.00.

Please include these dates on your calendars; registrations will be in the upcoming minister’s mailings, or you may call the Regional Office for further registration information.

The Christian Church in Ohio Anti-Racism Pro-Reconciliation Initiative

Anti-Racism Pro-Reconciliation Ministry Team and Reconciliation Committee are sponsoring a 2 ½ day training March 3-5, 2005 at the Radisson Hotel, 7007 North High Street, Worthington, OH. The training will begin Thursday at 6 p.m. and end Saturday at 6 p.m. This training will provide the participants an introduction to the theological, historical and social construction of racism in North America, and the introduction to initiate an anti-racist identity in the Christian Church in Ohio. The core trainers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will facilitate this training. The cost for this training is $250.00.

Persons serving on the Ohio Regional Board, Executive Committee, all commissions and committees are invited to participate. Fifty is the maximum number of participants. If members of the Regional Board and commissions do not fill the 50 slots, other persons will be invited to participate. You may contact Rev. Mary Anne Glover at glover@ccino.org for registration information. Registration deadline is February 1, 2005.

Three honored as models of service

On October 24, 2004, Franklin Circle Christian Church in Cleveland presented its Faith and Community Life Award to three individuals: Dr. Webb Chamberlain (posthumously), Claude Pitman, and Ada Smith.

The “Franklin Circle Christian Church Faith and Community Life Award” was inaugurated in order to help bridge the past, present, and future of this dynamic and community-minded congregation. The history of this church clearly records the lives of many faithful souls: six college or university presidents, a famous hymn writer, a mayor, and a future United States President (James A. Garfield).

Claude Pitman (87) was honored because of his tireless work over the years with both the Boy Scouts of America and the Masons, of which he has been a member for over 60 years.

Ada Smith (81) has volunteered at the St. Augustine Manor health care center for over 13 years and has put in over 8,500 hours of volunteer service there.

Dr. Webb Chamberlain (deceased) practiced medicine for more than 40 years in Cleveland, specializing in pediatric eye muscle disorders and surgery. He served on the boards of numerous community organizations and institutions, including the Cleveland Christian Children’s Home, Hiram College, was past president of the Cleveland YMCA, the Cleveland Sight Center, and the Cleveland Medical Library Association.
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**January/February 2005**

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Church Revitalization Seminar

By Dr. William T. McConnell, Pastor, First Christian Church, Harrison, Ohio

On Saturday, November 13, 2004, church leaders from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Iowa gathered at the First Christian Church in Harrison, Ohio, for the Second Annual Church Revitalization Seminar. Following some wonderful contemporary worship led by First Christian Church’s praise team, Dr. Bill Edwards presented an excellent keynote address.

Workshops for both lay and clergy leaders were offered in both morning and afternoon sessions. Offering workshops, in addition to several leaders from First Christian, were Rev. John and Judy Turner, co-founders of Christview Ministries, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, Rev. Jerry Zehr, co-pastor of the Florence Christian Church, Florence, Kentucky, and Rev. Roger McKinney, Associate Regional Minister, the Ohio Region.

The evaluations and responses to the seminar were very positive. Some of the comments received were: “Nice to hear others share their testimonies.” “Helpful to hear how conflict was handled.” “Learned from experiences of others.” “Excellent, helpful.” “Wonderful.” “Excellent. Just the thing I came for!” “The presenter was open, honest and enthusiastic.” “Wow – I really enjoyed Tom’s presentation. He opened my eyes to help me understand what more I can do to be a good elder. He reinforced the idea of ‘God centered.’” “Very God driven.” “Very helpful Thanks/Great handout.” “Thank you so much for sharing what you have learned with us!” “Can’t think of a negative thing to say – wonderful songs and workshops!” “My overall experience here was uplifting and informative. Learning how to handle ‘sticky’ situations was helpful.” “THANK YOU!”

Plans are already in the works for a Third Annual Church Revitalization Seminar. Hope to see you there.

Men’s Work Retreat

The Spring 2005 Men’s Work Retreat at Camp Christian will be a Friday night/Saturday work experience. The dates are May 20-21, 2005. There are many projects around Camp Christian to complete after two sessions of construction. Men and teenage boys are invited to come Friday night and Saturday, or Saturday only, to paint, mow, landscape, clean, demolish, etc.

Cost will be $25 for Friday night and two meals on Saturday; or $15 for Saturday only. Please encourage men in your congregation to plan to come to camp for this important work event.

Men’s Three-Track Weekend

The Fall 2005 Men’s Retreat at Camp Christian will be September 9-11, 2005.

This spiritual life experience will include three tracks: Fathers and sons – Fathers are encouraged to bring elementary/junior high age sons or grandsons or “adopted for the weekend” sons to camp for study and play designed for them to spend time together. Get a group of fathers and sons form your church to attend together. It will be a great group-building experience.

Men’s Chorus – Men are invited to come and spend the weekend singing music designed especially for them in men’s quartet/barbershop quartet style. Jim Rivers from First Christian Church in Wadsworth will lead this singing experience.

Leadership – Being a Servant of God – The third component of the retreat will spend four sessions with men learning about leadership skills they can use in their congregations and lives. Bill Edwards, theRegional Pastor and President of the Christian Church in Ohio, will lead these sessions.

Cost for this weekend will be $70.00 for men and $35.00 for sons accompanied by their fathers.
What are you doing this summer?

The Office of Volunteering in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) offers a phenomenal experience for Disciples and UCC leaders (preference given to seminarians) wanting to work with church groups from all over the country anywhere from the Yakama Reservation in Washington to Los Angeles, California to Alderson, West Virginia. Week of Compassion Homeland Mission Interns act as liaisons to the local community, while they teach visiting church groups connections between justice issues at their home church and their visiting site. A chance to learn about construction, economic justice, a different culture, and to have fun! With a modest stipend and an Americorps grant, there is a total award of $3000.00.

To check out their website to learn more, go to http://www.homelandministries.org/VIM/Interns.htm

To apply online today: http://www.homelandministries.org/VIM/InternForm.htm

VIM may be able to provide theological supervision for Field Education credit for specific universities and seminaries. For further information, contact Audrey M. Connor, VIM & FAST Intern Coordinator at audrey.connor@vanderbilt.edu or (615) 327-7674

Christian Educators Retreat

Christian educators, pastors and others are cordially invited to the fourth annual Christian Educators Retreat sponsored by the Christian Church in Ohio, Teaching and Learning in a Multi-Cultural World on Jan 14-15, 2005 in the Monroe Lodge, Camp Christian. The cost is $30 per person, which includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday and snacks.

The workshop leader is Dr. Randy Litchfield, Professor of Christian Education at Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio.

Friday evening, Jan. 14, 2005, Rachel Trimble and members of the Diverse Ministry Team at North Eaton Christian Church will give a presentation on Disabilities Ministry. There will be breakout sessions where educators can share issues and ideas with each other. Cokesbury will provide a display of books, and other teaching materials for browsing. For questions, call the Regional Office.

Learn:
* how to teach parishioners of all ages to be more loving and caring, and value all people regardless of their color, race, culture, religion, gender or disability;
* how to choose curricula, videos, and training aids that promote a multi-cultural understanding of the world;
* how to teach about stories of racism in the Bible that we educators frequently ignore;
* how to teach from a world view, and thereby discourage racism; and
* how to be aware of our own “cultural filters” and what we unknowingly do to defeat the above purposes.

Mix in '06 Women's Event

June 21-25, 2006 - Indianapolis, IN
A one-time historic gathering of the Disciples of Christ ICWF Quadrennial Assembly and The United Church of Christ National Women's Meeting. Website: www.dreamonsisters.com