

# Clifton Avenue Church of God

## Pastoral Ponderings

Summer is in full blaze. The heat is on. We will soon host our next **Back 2 School** celebration (Saturday, August 20, 9:30am—11am.) This year our friends from the neighborhood want to have a yard sale to raise funds for Promise Neighborhood during our celebration. What this means is our corner will be a beehive of activity. I

think it is awesome that so many people will flow through our doors and come away with a good feeling about what is happening in our midst.

One of the gifts our church has is the gift of space, so as we share our space: **BE** friendly (Jesus drew kids like bees to honey), **BE** helpful (we are called to be servants), and **BE** gra-

cious (who knows if you or I will find ourselves ministering to an angel or two unaware.) If you have any items you would like to donate to this effort, bring them in and we will store them in one of our empty rooms. Thank God for space. We can use it to give Him glory.

Love,

Pastor David

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## *Counseling Corner*

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.*

*(Read 1 Samuel 24:1-22)*

When we are working to make changes in our life and relationships, we may not always be certain of what to do. When we face confusing situations, we need to rely on God's wisdom to help us make our decisions. King Saul's jealousy and abuse made young David's life miserable. Saul knew that God had chosen David to be king instead of him. Although David was a loyal subject, Saul tried to kill him. Once, when David was hiding in a cave, King Saul came in without knowing David was there. "Now's your opportunity David's men whispered to him! "Today is the day the LORD was talking about when he said, "I will certainly put Saul into your power, to do with as you wish." Then David crept forward and cut off a piece of Saul's robe. But then David's conscience began bothering him because he had cut Saul's robe. The LORD knows I shouldn't have done it he said to his men. "It is a serious thing to attack the LORD's anointed one, for the LORD himself has chosen him." So David sharply rebuked his men and did not let them kill Saul" (1 Samuel 24:4-7).

David knew what God expected of him in this situation, and he chose to obey God. In trying to obey God, it is important to know what his will is in a given situation. When we aren't sure what to do, we can see if the Bible gives us any guidance on a similar situation. Then we will have a clear view of what it means to truly obedient to God.

**Pastor Tina**



**Springfield House of Prayer**

616 N. Limestone  
Upper Level of Marriage  
Resource Center

**Hours**

Please contact Ben at  
937-206-0124 or e-mail at  
ben@vineyardnorthridge.org

**Couples Get Together....**

Tentative Date: July 16th

Bring a dessert or drinks

Please RSVP @ the  
church: 324-5398  
cacog1@aol.com



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**Kids Hope USA**

What do you get when you combine a picnic lunch, croquet, swimming and lots of smiles and laughter? **Great Memories!**

Karen Birt hosted a picnic for a couple of our Kids Hope USA mentors and mentees. It was a great afternoon of summer fun for the kids AND THE ADULTS. Thank you **Karen Birt** and **Kathy Mann** for sharing your love and time with **Erica** and **Travis!**

Ask Karen Birt or Kathy Mann about who was the **CROQUET CHAMPION!!!**

**HELP WANTED**

**Qualifications:**

Must know how to be a friend and give encouragement, throw a ball, swing on swings, read, color, draw, work on puzzles, assist with some homework, and most importantly be a good listener and Christian role model.

**Part time:**

One hour per week at Lincoln Elementary School with future opportunities to befriend your child and their family outside of school.

**Salary:**

"Serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does." Ephesians 6:7-8

**Bonuses:**

Every week: smiles, hugs, laughter, and encouraging words like "I love you," "You're my best friend."

For more information contact Laura Hufford at 937-536-6168 or [LHBuilder@aol.com](mailto:LHBuilder@aol.com)

Laura Hufford  
Kids Hope USA Director



# Clifton Ave. Programs

## Pantry Outreach

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

9:30am Breakfast

10:00-11:30 Pantry

If you want to volunteer, contact Sis Debbie Hilliard

[unique-blessed@aol.com](mailto:unique-blessed@aol.com)

(937) 324-1138



## Celebrate Recovery

WEDNESDAYS from 6:30-8PM.

God Loves You and so do I  
Pastor Tina

**Sunday School: 9:30am**

**Sunday AM Worship: 10:30am**

Children's Church during preaching (approx. 11:30)

**Sunday Evening Prayer:**

5:00-6:00pm

**We are on the web....**

[www.cliftonavechog.org](http://www.cliftonavechog.org)

**Back 2 School Give Away**  
**Sat, Aug. 20, 9:30-11:00am.**

We need school supplies, monies to purchase, & volunteers!



Please contact **Debbie Hilliard**  
**324-1138** for more information.

## Needed Supply List

- Scissors - round & pointed tip
- Pink erasers & eraser tips
- Colored folders with pockets and no prongs & folders with prongs
- Pencil box plastic & pouch
- Glue bottle & glue sticks
- Multi-colored construction paper (dollar tree good buy)

## *Springfield Promise Neighborhood*

**Coming together to care for our children**



**Yard Sale**

*Saturday, August 20, 2011*

*10:00am – 2:00pm*

*Clifton Ave.*

*Church of God*

*1408 Clifton Ave.*

*Springfield, OH 45505*

*Donations accepted. Contact Mr. Steve Lamb for pick up. (937) 325-2514*

*(No bulky items like bedding, box springs, or mattresses please)*

*Food available for a free will donation.*

*A great way to say goodbye to the summer!*

Weeks	Tithes/Offerings	Needed	Attendance
07/3/11	\$	\$2,660.00	
07/10/11	\$	\$2,660.00	
07/17/11	\$	\$2,660.00	
07/24/11	\$	\$2,660.00	
07/31/11	\$	\$2,660.00	
<b>Monthly Total (June)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$13,300.00</b>	
<b>Prev. Month (June)</b>		\$12,000.00	
<b>Prev. Month (May)</b>	\$9,338.31	\$12,000.00	57avg.

# August 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Bdays</b> Michelle Kingery Cathy Saunders	2	3 <b>Bday</b> Paul Jr. Husted	4	5	6
7	8	9 N.A. 7-9pm Grief Recovery 6-7:30pm	10 C.R. 6:30-8pm <b>Bday</b> Olivia Trice	11	12 <b>Bdays</b> Isaiah Trice Dana Kapp	13 Pantry: 930-Breakfast 10-11:30-Pantry <b>Bday</b> Aiden Hilliard
14	15	16 N.A. 7-9pm Grief Recovery 6-7:30pm <b>Bday</b> Jaycie Gibson	17 C.R. 6:30-8pm <b>Bday</b> Charles Mann Chuck Hilliard	18	19 <b>Bday</b> Linda Crew	20 Pantry: 930-Breakfast 10-11:30-Pantry Back 2 School Give Away 9:30-11am Promise Neighborhood Yard Sale 10am-2pm
21 <b>Bday</b> Bill Curry	22	23 N.A. 7-9pm Grief Recovery 6-7:30pm	24 C.R. 6:30-8pm	25	26	27
28	29 <b>Bday</b> Marcella Maier	30 N.A. 7-9pm Grief Recovery 6-7:30pm <b>Bday</b> Mary Schuwitze	31 C.R. 6:30-8pm <b>Bday</b> Nicole Darst			