

Clifton Avenue Church of God

Pastoral Ponderings

Summer is here and the kids are zipping around on their bikes looking for something to do. Here's to hoping you get to spend some time with loved ones to do something fun and relaxing. This month is our Faith Promise month so we will be looking at Biblical examples of God's marvelous provision for His people as they set out to do His will. I am convinced that God will always provide for His children on the

journey, as long as we are about our Father's business.

Next week marks our fourth anniversary as pastors at Clifton and we have certainly enjoyed the journey.

Thank you for all your support and prayer. There is still much to do so we are building a strategic plan of action to track our progress. We will celebrate a special Faith Promise Sunday on July 24th with a special speaker Bro. Nabil Safi and his wife

who will share about outreach to Muslims. I am convinced that the fastest growing minority group in the USA is Hispanics, but the next big wave will be people from Muslim Nations. It is my prayer that this month will inspire our future activity. Please come out and support our efforts and be challenged by "Cultivating Generous Hearts."

Love,
Pastor David Cotto

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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 17:20-47)

There will be times in our lives when right and wrong stand in stark contrast. When we know what is right and how things should be changed, the power may seem to be on the wrong side. We may feel powerless even though we know we are standing for what is right. But even when this is true, we still shouldn't give up. Sometimes situations where we feel powerless can prompt action that changes everything for the better.

David saw Goliath, the champion from Gath, come out from the Philistine ranks, shouting his challenge to the army of Israel. As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright. 'Have you seen the giant?' the men were asking. 'He comes out each day to challenge Israel.' David convinced the king to let him fight the giant his own way. He shouted to Goliath, "You come to me with sword and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD Almighty-the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will conquer you" (1 Samuel 1:23-25, 45-46).

The Israelite soldiers saw themselves as helpless victims. Their powerlessness paralyzed them, so they just stood there and took the abuse. David took courageous action to recovery their dignity. There are times when we need courage and God's help to fight against the tendency to remain a victim. We need to stand up for our human dignity and respond in new ways if we are to claim the victory.

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



Kids Hope USA

This summer we have a new online resource available for mentors and prayer partners. Check out: www.kidshopeusa.org; Here you will find ideas for your hour with your mentee, articles for mentors and prayer partners, tools for mentors and prayer partners and several blogs. Summer is a great time to check this out and make plans for next school year.

Speaking of next school year...are you praying for Kids Hope USA? Pray for our students, our mentors, our prayer partners and yourself. We have many opportunities for ministry at Clifton Avenue Church of God. Where is God leading you to be involved in His Church? If you have any questions about Kids Hope, see me, call me or email me. One person has already contacted me about being a mentor next year. What about you?

One child, One hour, One church, One school

Praying for YOU!

Laura Hufford
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Clifton Ave. Programs

Pantry Outreach



Every 2nd & 3rd Saturday
 9:30am Breakfast
 10:00-11:30 Pantry

If you want to volunteer, contact
 Sis Debbie Hilliard

uniqueblessed@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

John 14:12 The Message

The person who trusts me (Jesus) will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I've been doing. You can count on it.

Weeks	Tithes/Offerings	Needed	Attendance
05/29/11	\$1,860.75	\$2,660.00	64
06/05/11	\$1,297.22	\$2,660.00	43
06/12/11	\$2,143.84	\$2,660.00	62
06/19/11	\$1,629.62	\$2,660.00	64
06/26/11	\$1,677.99	\$2,660.00	73
Monthly Total (June)	\$8,609.42	\$13,300.00	61
Prev. Month (May)	\$9,338.31	\$12,000.00	57 avg.
Prev. Month (April)	\$9,764.65	\$12,000.00	61.4 avg.



2 Corinthians. 9:7b
 "...God loves a cheerful giver."

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10 Teresa Scott Bday	11	12 N.A. 7-9pm Grief Recovery 6-7:30pm	13 C.R. 6:30-8pm Hannah Cotto Bday	14	15	16 Pantry: 930- Breakfast 10-11:30-Pantry Tentative Couples' Gath- ering	
17	18	19 N.A. 7-9pm Grief Recovery 6-7:30pm	20 C.R. 6:30-8pm	21 Sherry Beireis Bday	22 James Husted Bday	23	
24/31 <i>Faith Promise Sun- day.</i>	25	26 N.A. 7-9pm Grief Recovery 6-7:30pm Gilbert Hufford Bday	27 C.R. 6:30-8pm	28	29	30 Niko Bday	