

Clifton Avenue Church of God

Pastoral Ponderings

In a few weeks, we'll be into the summer

season, I'm sorry but the Caribbean in me enjoys the summer. It's the time of years the kids look forward to after the demands of school are in their rear view mirror. It's also a time when you and I will have opportunity to meet our neighbors and friends as we linger outdoors more than we usually do the rest of the year.

Our theme for this month is "On a Road Trip with Jesus." We

will ponder different encounters Jesus had with ordinary people and how they changed because of it.

We will be shutting down our Crusaders and M & M outreaches for summer break but I hope we can have a BBQ in July and in August to touch our neighborhood. We are also planning to have a summer game night coordinated by Sis Penny and Aaron so if you want to be involved, let them know.

I want to thank all of you who volunteer and make a tremendous difference in the lives of our children. Be safe, Be prayerful but don't be afraid to take a risk for Jesus.

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-AMEN!

Many of us have spent our life trying to be someone we are not. Our addictive/compulsive behaviors may be only a desperate attempt to escape from ourselves. Maybe we have difficulty accepting our personality, our appearance, our handicap, or even our talents. Perhaps we spend our energy and time trying to be what other people want us to be because we feel that who we are is not enough. We may do all we can to separate from our inner being because we are so deeply ashamed of who we are. Self-hatred is a defect of character that needs to be removed. It breeds the sin of covetousness-that is, longing to be in someone else's situation or have what they have. The psalmist wrote, "**Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous-and how well I know it**" (Psalm 139:14). Saying we are God's "workmanship" means that we are **unique** and **beautiful masterpieces-works of divine poetry**. Beauty and value are designed into the very fiber of our being by virtue of our Creator.

In the process of life, it is important to allow God to remove our self-hatred, helping us to value ourselves for who we are. We have been miraculously created, and we are treasured by God. This has been true since the time we were in our mother's womb, long before we could do anything to earn it! As we begin to see how unique and special we are, embraced and accepted by God himself-so precious to Him that he has recorded every day of our life in a book we can walk in the truth of God's Word and be what He has called us to be...His beloved child.

Pastor Tina



Springfield House of Prayer

616 N. Limestone
Upper Level of Marriage Resource Ctr.

June Hours

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

Couples Get Together at the Gibsons...

TBA

Bring a dessert or drinks

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



Kids Hope USA

In his latest book, [*The Me I Want to Be*](#) (Zondervan, 2010), author and pastor John Ortberg makes these observations:

"Too often, people who need the cheers the most get them the least. Every day, everyone you know faces life with eternity on the line, and life has a way of beating people down. Every life needs a cheering section. Every life needs a shoulder to lean on once in a while. Every life needs a prayer to lift them up to God. Every life needs a hugger to wrap some arms around them sometimes. Every life needs to hear a voice saying, 'Don't give up.'"

As I read his words, I replaced the words "people" and "Every life" with "Every child." Try it, and you'll understand why KIDS HOPE USA exists, and exactly what every child receives from our program.

If you serve as a mentor, prayer partner, program director, or donor, and in case you haven't received this word for a while—Thanks! While John Ortberg's work captures today's reality well, your work helps wiggle kids free from the sometimes painful grip of circumstances they did not choose and cannot do much about.

For them, please don't give up.



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

Crusaders

Wednesdays at 6pm.
 *Last day June 2nd-Summer Break

A Meal & Message

Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm
 Free dinner, warm fellowship, a
 word of encouragement
 *Last day June 3rd-Summer Break

Celebrate Recovery

Starts back up mid-April, Fridays
 5:30-7:00pm
 Get help/healing for Hang-ups,
 Habits, & Hurts

Sunday School: 9:30am

Sunday AM Worship: 10:30am

Children's Church during preach-
 ing (approx. 11:30)

Sunday Evening Prayer:

5:00-6:00pm

We are on the
 web....

www.cliftonavechog.org

Therefore do not worry
 about tomorrow, for
 tomorrow will worry
 about itself. Each day
 has enough trouble of
 its own.

Matthew 6: 34

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHERS

June 6th - Leigh & Linda

June 20th - Debbie H. & Martha

June 13th - TJ & Hannah

June 27th - Pastor Tina

Weeks	Tithes/Offerings	Needed	Attendance
04/25/10	\$2,850.74	\$3,000.00	62
05/02/10	\$2,036.20	\$3,000.00	61
05/09/10	\$1,457.20	\$3,000.00	51
05/16/10	\$1,419.20	\$3,000.00	68
Monthly Total (May)	\$7,763.34	\$12,000.00	60.5 Avg.
Prev. Month (April)	\$7,503.41	\$12,000.00	65 Avg.
Prev. Month (March)	\$7,914.10	\$12,000.00	58 Avg.



June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> 7-8:30pm <i>Kayla Johnson</i> Bday	2 <i>Last day of Crusaders</i> <i>Summer Break</i> 6-7:15pm	3 <i>Last day of M&M:</i> 5:30-7pm <i>Summer Break</i>	4	5
6	7	8 <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> 7-8:30pm	9	10	11	12 <i>Pantry: 930-Breakfast</i> 10-11:30-Pantry
13	14 <i>Diana Camer</i> Bday	15 <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> 7-8:30pm <i>Karen Birt</i> Bday	16	17	18 <i>Steve & Debbie</i> <i>Williard:</i> <i>Anniv.</i>	19 <i>Pantry: 930-Breakfast</i> 10-11:30-Pantry
20 <i>HAPPY</i> <i>FATHER'S</i> <i>DAY</i> Special Guest: Rev. Brent Farmer	21 <i>Lewis Mann</i> <i>Jill Curry</i> Bday	22 <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> 7-8:30pm	23	24	25	26 <i>Carl & Martha</i> <i>Rowland</i> <i>Anniv</i> ANDERSON
27	28	29 <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> 7-8:30pm <i>Pastor Sam</i> <i>Wallum</i> Bday	30			
CAMP MEETING 						