

Clifton Avenue Church of God

Pastoral Ponderings Each One Reach One

As we close in on the winter season, I want to challenge each of us to remember why the church exists. We are called to win the lost to Jesus Christ. What if we took our assignment seriously and made a concerted effort to win one person to Jesus Christ over the next three weeks EACH ONE REACH ONE. WOW!!! Robin Wood is our speaker for Sunday, Nov. 15th. What if we took it upon ourselves to name three unsaved family members, friends, neighbors or co-workers

and earmark a special invitation bathed in prayer with and offer to come pick up our friends and bring them to church. They would hear Bro. Robin, who has a real passion for communicating God's word to people who are finding their way back to God, and we would experience a great out pouring of the Holy Spirit. EACH ONE REACH ONE; that is our challenge. Let's do this so that on Sunday the 15th we will have twice the number of usual attendees and let's ask God to

change the lives of those we love. EACH ONE REACH ONE.

The Student Achievement Center of Dayton owned by Ms. Diane Dotson has rented out our school side of the building for 'November & December to tutor children of our community Monday-Thursday 5:30-7:30pm

Counseling Corner The Road To Recovery

Denial

Some of us avoid or cope with our own pain by trying to fix the world. We try to right every wrong, heal every wound, point out every injustice. We spend our time demanding that the world system reform. We may also dedicate ourselves to rescuing and reforming those we love. Our zealotness to set the world right can be a means of denying that we are powerless to do so.

Solomon said, "I also noticed that throughout the world there is evil in the courtroom. Yes, even the courts of law are corrupt! I said to myself, 'In due season God will judge everyone, both good and bad, for all their deeds.' ...I observed all the oppression that takes place in our world. I saw the tears of the oppressed, with no one to comfort them. The oppressors have great power, and the victims are helpless" (Ecclesiastes 3:16-17, 4:1). Solomon saw that the world was not as it should be. He also recognized that it was ultimately God's job to judge the injustices in our world.

When we set out to save the world, we err by taking on a role that belongs to God. What we gain by taking on such a massive task is the guarantee that we will always be busy. Then we will never have the time or energy to face our own issues. The Bible makes it clear that the world will never be right until Jesus Christ returns to make it so. We need to accept the fact that we are powerless to do his job. This does not mean that we should turn a blind eye to the world's problems. When we focus on our Hurts, Hang-ups, & Habits, fixing ourselves instead of everyone else, we will be more effective in helping others.

Pastor Tina

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November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Connie McKeever Bday Drama 6-7:30pm	2 S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	3 Narcotics Anonymous 7-8:30pm S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	4 Crusaders 6-7:15pm S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	5 M&M: 5:30-7pm S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	6 C.R.: 5:30-7pm	7
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29 Tom Dawson Bday Drama 6-7:30pm	30					

Pastor Debbie's Corner

Drama Team

Sunday, Nov. 1, 8, 29

6-7:30pm in sanctuary

We are continuing to prepare for Christmas. Please bring your scripts and be ready to act up

Deck the Halls

Friday, November 20, 6:30pm – 9pm

Sunday, November 22, 6-8pm

(If needed)

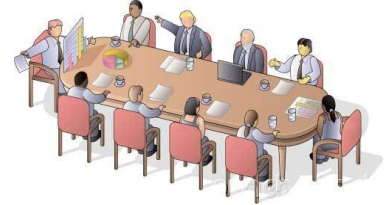
Come join us for a fun time of decorating, listening to Christmas music, and munching on holiday treats. It will be a great way to start the Christmas season with your church family. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite Christmas snack to share.

Elders Meeting

(Day & Time TBA)

We are meeting again to get ready for the 2010.

Please bring your personal calendar and be prayed up as we work together for the kingdom.



Thanks So Much

We had a great Fall Clean-Up Party! Thanks to all who came to help with the work day. Each of you did a great job! If you weren't able to attend & would like to help, please see Pastor Debbie for the clean-up checklist. You can choose when you want to volunteer & decide from the list what you would be willing to do.



The Jar of Joy

Purpose:

To recognize *God's Little Children* for being obedient to their role in the Great Commission

To encourage the *Church Body* to reach out to someone unchurched and invite to worship with them at their home church.

How It Works: Every child who brings a new friend each Sunday will get to dip their hand into the *Jar of Joy*. Both the child and the first time guest will have the opportunity to take a dip into the jar. The *Jar of Joy* is filled with money (paper & coins), candy and post-it notes of services donated by congregation members.

The child will get their name placed on the Scroll along with their invited friend, designating they are a part of God's Army. There will be a Quarterly Celebration of Recognition during regular Sunday Worship where the children can march into the sanctuary.

The kids are excited about this challenge. How bout you?

You can support this program by adding a post-it note of a service you can provide to any of the children's families that draw the note. For example, maybe you can volunteer to help mow the lawn, shovel snow, take a meal, make a pie, babysit, and many other creative things. Remember, God has gifted us all differently. This is a unique opportunity to share His love with our community.

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

Starts Wed., Sept. 16th at 6pm.

Study for Transformational Change

Thursdays 4:00-5:00pm

A Meal & Message

Starts Sept. 10th Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm

Free dinner, warm fellowship, a word of encouragement

Celebrate Recovery

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 preaching (approx. 11:30)

Sunday Evening Prayer: 5:00-6:00pm

We are on the web....

www.cliftonavechog.org

Don't forget
to set your
clocks back

1
hour
on



Saturday,
October
31st

Pastor Debbie's Corner

Mark Your Calendars

Because of the holidays, there will be no Crusaders on the following days. Wednesday, November 25, Dec. 23 - Jan. 13.



Christmas In the City

We will have a special Christmas cember 6, 10:30am. This will be a your friends, family, or coworkers. Be praying now to see who you could invite to this incredible time of music, dance, drama, and worship.



Musical, Sunday, De-
great time to invite

If you are willing to help with any area of this program, please let Pastor Debbie know.

Missional Conference at Clifton Avenue Church of God

*If Jesus Says "Go...", Why Does The Church Say "Come"?
The Great Commission Was Never About Just Inviting People To Church.*

*An Extreme Church
Make-Over
Presentation...*

*B E C O M I N G S E N T
RE-IGNITING A MISSIONAL FOCUS*

Saturday, November 14th, 2009

**A Missional Chat
& Book Signing**

11am-12:15pM

Church leaders are invited to attend this "Missional Chat" with Robin Wood, Author of *What Are The Odds: **Un Mundo Café***, 801 W. Main Street Springfield, Ohio, (Corner of Shaffer & W. Main)

Missional Conference

1pm- 5pm

"Becoming Sent: Re-igniting A Misisonal Focus" (\$10 Per Person)
(Payable at Door-Cash or Check)

Sunday, November 15th, 2009

**Re-Igniting Celebration!
10:30am**

Everyone Is Invited To Attend This Special Worship Celebration To Re-Ignite A Missional Focus In Your Community