

Clifton Avenue Church of God

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Pastoral Ponderings
The Abundant Life

I don't want to say good-bye to the summer, but it won't be long before the leaves start turning. Praise the Lord for His provision and protection. This month we will close out the final steps of CELEBRATE RECOVERY and pick up "The Abundant Life." Too many times we are living below our privilege as God's children and I want to make sure we remember

how GOOD God is!! David Witt from Voices of the Martyrs will be with us on the 13th so if you think you've had it rough, hear this man of God give his story of how God is moving in other lands.

Continue to pray for Kids Hope USA which we will be ready to launch in October. And pray for

the workers of our M&M and Crusaders Ministries, that will start soon and ask for a fresh anointing.

We love you all & pray God's richest blessing on your family.

Pastor David & Staff

Counseling Corner

The Road To Recovery

Read Philippians 4: 10–13

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

Serenity is having an inner calm in the midst of the ups and downs of

life. It involves learning to be content with the things in our life that cannot be changed.

The process of recovery is a time of learning to find serenity while also accepting life as it is. Life isn't always fair. It isn't predictable or controllable. It can be wonderfully rich in some ways

and terribly difficult in others. When we become willing to face the hurt in our life and consider how we have reacted to it, then our discomfort can lead us to break the destructive cycle. Then we can learn to be content with the things we cannot change.

Pastor Tina Cotto

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Doris Hufford & Mike Curry Bday	3	4 Pastors 27th Anniv.	5
6 Pastor Chad Vickers in pulpit Joe Gibson Bday	7	8 Narcotics Anonymous 7-8:30pm	9 Jordan Pritchett Bday	10 M&M: 5:30-7pm Basketball Clinic 6:30-7:30pm	11 C.R.: 5:30-7pm Rehearsal 7:15pm Men's Ox Roast	12 Pantry: 930- Breakfast 10-11:30-Pantry Scott Wedding 5:30 Men's Ox Roast
13 Bro. David Witt of Voices of the Martyrs in pulpit	14 Gilbert & Doris Hufford's An- niv.	15 Narcotics Anonymous 7-8:30pm	16 Crusaders 6 -7:15pm	17 M&M: 5:30-7pm Basketball Clinic 6:30-7:30pm City wide prayer service @ Clifton 7pm	18 C.R.: 5:30-7pm	19 Pantry: 930- Breakfast 10-11:30-Pantry
20	21	22 Narcotics Anonymous 7-8:30pm	23 Crusaders 6- 7:15pm Michelle Moore Bday	24 M&M: 5:30-7pm Basketball Clinic 6:30-7:30pm Pastor Chad's Ordination Fall G.A. Mtg Salem Ave C.O.G.	25 C.R.: 5:30-7pm Super Cluster Salem Ave. C.O.G.	26
27	28	29 Narcotics Anonymous 7-8:30pm	30 Crusaders 6- 7:15pm			

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

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(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

Basketball Clinic 4 Youth

On Thursdays thru the summer 6:30-7:30pm in the Parking Lot. For youth 5-12!

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

The Lord is good
to those whose hope
is in him, to the
one who seeks
him; it is good to
wait quietly for
the salvation of
the Lord.

Lamentations 3:
25-26

Meal & a Message

Join us on
Thursday nights for
food, fellowship,
and a message!

Dinner starts at 5:30
and we server till
7:00pm. We are
growing and need
your help! If you
would like to
volunteer, please
show up by 5pm in

the kitchen. We
greatly appreciate
all your help and
support!!

Pastor Debbie's Corner

Crusaders Is Coming to a Church Near You

We are beginning our 2009/2010 year with a brand new program. We will have music, storytelling, crafts, games, and activities all designed to take Bible truths and make them fun and relevant to today's kids. Children ages 4 (& potty trained) – 8th grade are welcome to join us Wednesday evenings 6:00pm – 7:20pm (approx) beginning Sept. 16. If you are interested in serving in this vital ministry, please see Pastor Tina or Pastor Debbie.



We Welcome our Newest Addition

Jessica & Tony are the proud parents of a healthy baby girl, Xiomare. Let's pray for this beautiful princess.



Notes from Pastor Debbie

I enjoy living in the Midwest where we have a change of seasons and autumn is my favorite time of year. As a girl, I remember being excited to get new school clothes, go back to class, and be promoted to a new Sunday School group. It was a time of new beginnings and new adventures.

As we enter this fall, I am excited about being a part of this ministry. We are working together to continue improving our service to the Lord. There will be some changes in the children's ministry and in worship as well. As we try these out, we will be able to see what works best for our church. We are in this family together and I really appreciate your grace and patience as we find God's plans for our church family. Thanks for having servants' hearts and love for one another. That is how our community will know we are Christians...by the love we show each other.

As we walk together in life, feel free to call or email me with comments, concerns, or encouragement. What is God up to? Join us and let's find out! (217) 690-1455
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