

## Evangelism Ministry - Oliver Hawkins

Last week 1219 “Buckets of Hope” were sent to Florida, all packed by Ohio churches. Our Association sent 125 buckets of hope. Each bucket will feed a family for a week; then also give them a valuable container in which to carry water or store food. Thank you to all who helped with this project, especially FBC Mt. Healthy for acting as a drop-off point.

Other great opportunities are coming soon for your church to get involved with local missions. June 14-18 our annual World Changers project will take place. I am excited about this project for several reasons. This will be the first year we will have a church in the area where the project will be held. Christ the King Church will host a block party during the project as an outreach to the community. This year’s project will include houses on the same street as Rockdale Academy, the school where students stay during the project. This is an exciting opportunity since we will have a celebration at the school and invite the neighborhood. Your help is needed. This year’s project is one of the biggest we have ever had. There will be twenty or more crews working. Churches are needed to feed the crews lunch Tuesday, June 15-Friday, June 18. The crews are 12-14 in number and a menu will be provided. At this point six churches have agreed to feed a crew. Please give me a call or email if your church would be able to help with this great ministry.

### USING THE BLOCK PARTY TRAILER TO IMPLEMENT GOD’S PLAN FOR SHARING IN YOUR CHURCH



May 21-22, a great training will be held and I hope every church will take advantage of it. Dr. Richard Leach, a Missionary with the North American Mission Board will lead training that will help your church hold successful evangelistic block parties and also assist you with outreach strategies. The training will be held at Fellowship Baptist Church, 247 East US 22/3, Maineville OH. Friday’s training will pertain to block parties and big events while Saturday’s session will assist you with God’s Plan for Sharing (GPS).



- 7:00-8:30 p.m.—Friday Session—Learn how to have special events with an emphasis on how to conduct a successful block party. (Snacks will be provided)
- 8:30-12:00 noon—Saturday Session—Learn more about how your church can implement GPS with emphasis on assimilation and other topics. Breakfast provided 8:30-9:00 a.m. along with sharing and testimony time of how your church has already implemented GPS.

I believe this training will be just as beneficial as the one with Thomas Hammond last January. Bring your leadership team or anyone who has an interest in reaching the lost with the gospel. Those attending are asked to RSVP by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

If interested in the training or helping with World Changers please contact Oliver at [oliverbagc@fuse.net](mailto:oliverbagc@fuse.net) or at 478-3020.



### *From the desk of Dennis Holmes, Associational Missionary*

It would certainly be difficult to measure the effectiveness of the FinditHere campaign statistically, but what I have heard has been overwhelmingly positive. Several churches have reported record Easter attendances. Some churches prepared by adding signage, doing professional landscaping, and scheduling extra services. The overall climate for evangelism has been raised to a much higher level. Southern Baptist identity in Greater Cincinnati has been enhanced through the quality of the radio and TV ads. One church reported the excitement of new people witnessing through the Evangelism Response Center. Here are some specific reports I have received:

#### **Pastor Ken Slaughter, First Baptist Mt. Repose--**

We normally average right about 100. Easter Sunday we had 175! We had a senior adult lady come forward requesting baptism. She has been a believer for many years but has never been baptized. We will be baptizing her and a teenage boy this coming Sunday. The teenage boy is the son of a Wiccan and I got permission from his father to baptize him and let him join the church! We had a man from the community rededicate his life to Christ and I believe he wants to join the church. I am trying to follow up with him on that decision. One of our senior adult men who is a member of our church rededicated his life to Christ.

#### **Pastor Fran Trascritti, First Baptist Mt. Healthy--**

We had a wonderful weekend of 1000+ people hearing the gospel preached through three Passion Play presentations, one Easter Egg hunt, and our Resurrection Sunday service. We saw an increase in attendance in all events due to the FinditHere campaign and at least four salvations! We also had a visitor re-dedicate his faith at yesterday's service.

Also, we handed out coupons for free Bibles in our door hangers and got some of them back. We are following up on those that received Bibles so that they may find out the message of salvation that is found in Scripture.

That's what I have for now- all positive!

#### **Pastor Bill Mountsier, First Baptist Mason--**

We distributed about 6500 door hangers and had three individuals/families show up for Easter. One of those families returned again this past Sunday and we are hopeful about another guest we had.

The great effect was on the attitudes **and behaviors** of our own people. Over the past couple of weeks, we have had stories of people sharing their faith and inviting people to church like at no other time since I have been here. In addition to the three guests from the door hangers, we also had four new individuals/families present who were invited by our members. Even I had far more discussions with acquaintances about our church because of my heightened awareness for the gospel through my life.

It was a lot of work, time and money for the direct results. But it is my prayer that the indirect results will be with us for a long time. It was good!

#### **Pastor Jerome Byrd, Good News Baptist--**

I preached a series of messages titled *The Lost Sheep*. I wanted to challenge our people to be more bold in their witness for Christ. We also spent time in our Thursday night Bible study going over various approaches to share the gospel. I am sensing a new excitement among the church. We have another community outreach planned for next month followed by VBS in June. We're believing God for a great time of harvest.

#### **Pastor Bob Allen, First Baptist Newtown--**

We passed out only one thousand hangers. The biggest impact I think for the church was an opportunity to work together and creating a vision. People seem very enthused because of the emphasis and going out into the community.

It really touched many church members to see the community and talk with people. We had one man accept the Lord yesterday at services but not as a result of the door hangers.

I am thinking that the blessing may be that we have become more focused with a renewed direction and purpose. I think it was a great idea.

#### **Pastor Ben Price, North Dearborn Community Baptist--**

We passed out 1000 door hangers. We broke our attendance record. We had 72 present.

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### **Pastor Bill Hounshell, New Hope Baptist Church--**

We had a great Easter Sunday. We passed out 3,500 GPS flyers and had the opportunity to talk to several people while doing it. Our people enjoyed so much getting out in the communities. We put on an Easter Production called "Lion of Judah/ Calvary's Lamb". We had 120 in choir and drama who worked very hard for several weeks to get ready. We were somewhat concerned about the attendance not knowing what kind of response we would have. The church decided for the first time to go to two worship services. We came together at 9 AM and 10:45 AM with no Sunday School. Our ushers, greeters and people at the Welcome Center went through some training to get ready for what God had in store. We truly did not know what to expect. ICRC cable company decided to come and record the production which they have aired on cable and made it available on their web site, which we have linked to. When the day was over the results were beyond our expectations. We had 1072 in attendance in both services and 4 saved. It was incredible. We had to park cars in the empty field next door plus at the school down the street. Our people were fantastic and handled this blessing like they were pros. I truly believe God has given me the greatest congregation on earth. We continue to give God the glory and are excited about the days ahead.

*The BAGC is the churches, so these church stories are our association's story!*

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**—Creek Road Baptist Church is sponsoring a National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme, "Prayer. . .For Such a Time as This" is taken from Nahum 1:7. The event will take place at the Sharonville Community Center, 10990 Thornview Dr., Sharonville, 45241. There will be representatives from local law enforcement, emergency workers, schools, city officials, CCV, and others. You are invited to participate in this special event as we lift our communities, state and nation in prayer. David Smith, Pastor



Spring has sprung at UC. The campus is covered with flip-flops, tank-tops and Frisbees. Everyone is so excited to be outside and soak up the sun. If you have ever watched a butterfly emerge from its cocoon, you get a good idea of the attitude on campus. It is like new Life emerging. So I have a new life story to tell you.

## **Collegiate Ministries - Ken Dillard**

Lisa came to UC as a freshman this year. Lisa was not sure God was even real at that point. Towards the end of the fall quarter a couple of Collegiate Ministry folks sat down with Lisa and her friend, Halley. They were using a new evangelistic tool called Solarium to connect and converse with students. They had a good conversation and left the door open to continue later. The Collegiate folks were Allen (a student) and Erica (a volunteer leader). They planned to meet for dinner the next week and continue the conversation. Lisa began to come over on Tuesday nights to participate in our Family Meals that so many churches help us provide for students. She soon stayed for the freshman girls Bible study that follows which is led by Erica. Lisa began to hang around meeting more and more Collegiate students. She said she felt safe to explore faith and God here. That's a good thing.

Lisa went on Spring Break with us for our discipleship retreat. In fact, she was our only freshman to attend this year's retreat. There she began to really get into the Bible study and discussion more deeply. At the first CrossWalk worship this spring quarter we were reading the narratives of the arrest, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus. As the students took turns reading, the words of the Gospel began to penetrate her heart as never before. Lisa realized that night what she had been missing about God, what she saw and heard that the students around her seemed to have. It was that night that she accepted Jesus. The next week at CrossWalk, all through the singing of the praise songs, tears of joy and new found faith streamed down her cheeks and across a very broad smile.

Please pray for Lisa's continued growth in her new found relationship with Jesus. Also pray for students like Allen and volunteers like Erica to continue to be faithful in sharing the life changing story of Jesus with students on campus. In the next couple of weeks we will have our men's scratch and spit retreat and the ladies' scratch and sniff retreats. These are great outreach opportunities. We will also be doing our second annual "Read the Bible Through" out on the campus lawn the week following Mother's Day in May. This too is a great chance to talk to students about the truth of God's word.

Special thanks to our churches who have helped with the Family Meals on Tuesday nights. Way to go Mt. Healthy, Mt. Carmel, Dent, Trinity, Lakota Hills, Mason, Rolling Hills, Harrison, Loveland, Creek Road, Good News, Anderson Hills, Grosbeck, Korean, and Newtown. We couldn't do it without you all. You are my blessing. Thanks!

**CHURCH NEWS & BLESSINGS...**

**BETHEL UNITY**—will hold a revival April 25-28. The Evangelist is Bill Scott, pastor of Wilmington BC, Northern KY. Services are Sunday 10:00am and Monday-Wednesday 7:00pm. Bill is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and Southern Seminary.

**ANDERSON HILLS**—used the GPS to help promote Easter week activities. We had our cantata on Palm Sunday, "The Easter Experience" Bible study Monday-Saturday, EEGstravaganza on Saturday. Our prayers were answered with a wonderful turnout on Saturday. Three times our regular attendance with good connections made to a couple of un-churched families.

**State Convention of Baptists in Ohio Events—For more information go [www.scbo.org](http://www.scbo.org)**

**MAY 1 – STATE COMPETITION FOR BIBLE DRILLS** at Reynoldsburg BC, register no later than April 24th. To register: contact Ashley Stickel by email ([ashley@scbo.org](mailto:ashley@scbo.org)).

**MAY 21-22—NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR’S SEMINAR**, Jersey BC, Pataskala OH

**JUNE 13-16—WMU & SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTIONS—** ORLANDO FL

**JUNE 21-25—SUPER SUMMER AT CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY**, 8-12th grade, cost: \$235. Speaker: Dr. Chuck Lawless, Worship Leader: Matt Papa

**AUGUST 7—SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS TRAINING**, Urbancrest BC, Lebanon OH, 9-4:30, cost \$10, Speaker: Allan Taylor of FBC Woodstock GA

**SENECA LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY DATES:**

- June 14-18—Kids Kamp #1
- June 21-25—Kids Kamp #2
- June 28-July 2—Family Week
- July 5-9—Youth Camp #1
- July 12-16—Youth Camp #2
- July 19-23—Youth Camp #3
- July 26-30—Kids Kamp #3
- August 2-6—Girls Camp/RA Camp
- August 6-9—MK ReEntry Retreat
- August 13-15—Deaf Camp
- August 20-21—Laotian Retreat
- September 10-11—Men’s Campground Retreat
- September 17-18—Womens Fall Retreat
- September 21-22—AM Retreat
- October 15-16—Mother/Daughter Retreat
- October 22-24—Collegiate Fall Retreat

**ASSOCIATIONAL EVENTS**

**MAY 3 – SENIOR ADULT LUNCH-EON**, Trinity BC at 12:00 noon, bring a covered dish. **I hear it’s the best meal in town!**

**MAY 4 – OMLT (ON MISSION LEADERSHIP TEAM) MEETING**, BAGC Office at 10:00am

**MAY 16-23 – ANN DUNN BAGC WEEK OF PRAYER AND OFFERING**, Prayer Guides and envelopes will be available at the Spring Session.

**MAY 18—MINISTERS’ CONFERENCE**, BAGC Office at 10:30am

**MAY 21 & 22 – USING THE BLOCK PARTY TRAILER TO IMPLEMENT GOD’S PLAN FOR SHARING IN YOUR CHURCH**

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**JUNE 14-19—WORLD CHANGERS**

**JUNE 19-25—FamilyFest**

**JULY 19-24—PowerPlant**

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**Church Contributions January-March 2010**

Alpha/Omega Mission	\$127.50	Mt. Carmel	\$5,500.00
Amelia	\$0.00	Mt. Healthy	\$3,030.78
Anderson Hills	\$0.00	Mt. Repose	\$1,280.00
Axiom	\$0.00	New Hope	\$300.00
Bethel Unity	\$313.44	New Life Chapel	\$0.00
Christ the King Church	\$360.00	Newtown	\$1,218.51
Church/Holy Trinity	\$0.00	N Dearborn	\$178.56
Compass	\$1,257.00	Origins	\$300.00
Creek Road	\$1,949.55	Passage	\$770.46
Dent	\$1,225.19	Power Korean	\$300.00
Eastern Hills	\$60.06	Power of Faith	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$5,652.81	Reading	\$203.00
Good News	\$0.00	Red Door	\$0.00
Harrison	\$678.27	Sharon	\$528.63
Heritage	\$415.00	Simple Church	\$0.00
Korean Cinti	\$200.00	SonRise	\$238.07
Lakota Hills	\$4,847.36	Springdale	\$50.00
Liberty Heights	\$681.61	Trinity	\$1,624.57
Loveland	\$699.86	Trinity Community	\$0.00
Mason	\$3,654.27	Urban Hills	\$366.28
Maud	\$270.13		
Miamitown	\$0.00		

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