

*From the desk of Dennis Holmes, Associational Missionary*



About ten years ago we restructured our association. Led by a group we called the New Century Task Force, including some who are still part of BAGC today (Bill Hounshell, Lance Cunningham, Gary Stringer, and Al Newman), we adopted mission, vision, and values statements that framed who we are and what we do. I thank the Lord that our association is relevant today, because of the changes we made back then. Here are some summary statements about who we are:

**Our purpose:** The association is the churches and we are about winning people to Christ.

**Our vision:** We are taking responsibility for reaching every person in every community of metro Cincinnati, which includes over 100 separate and distinct communities. While we may never have more than 100 brick and mortar churches, we certainly could use a church in every community.

**Our mission:** Our organization and structure is in place to assist and resource churches. That philosophy comes from one of our key core values, stated below.

**Our values:** We believe everything we do is based on the primacy of the local church.

**Our organization:** The BAGC structure is streamlined for efficiency and effectiveness.

**Our priorities:** Our ministry priorities are centered on making disciples.

I have reminded you of all of this as a way of reminding you that we are a Great Commission association. No matter how the organizational structure of the SBC or SCBO might change in the future, we have already been designed to fulfill the Great Commission. A Great Commission resurgence, however, is certainly about a lot more than structure. It is about the attitudes of believers and the focus of local churches. My prayer is that all of us will continue to work together in fulfilling the Great Commission. Our association can make an even greater impact on metropolitan Cincinnati when we serve as partners in the gospel.

What a summer we are having! World Changers, FamilyFest, and PowerPlant projects have been major mission efforts. In addition, Oliver has coordinated many short term projects for churches on mission to Cincinnati, most involving multi-housing ministries. And Ken is already gearing up for his next year of ministry on the University of Cincinnati mission field. Our metropolitan area continues to be a place where God is working to bring new church planters and groups on mission. Let's continue together the Great Commission work we are doing in our local communities, region, state, continent and world.

**PowerPlant—July 19-24**

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## Evangelism Ministry - Oliver Hawkins

As I write this article a busy summer is starting. Two volunteer groups have already come to Cincinnati to help in the ministry work here with over six hundred volunteers on the way to help with block parties, backyard Bible clubs, vacation Bible schools, construction projects and other activities. The projects include World Changers, FamilyFEST, PowerPlant as well as individual groups coming. This year the World Changers will work in the areas of Avondale, Madisonville, Reading as well as other neighborhoods. Over two hundred volunteers will pay to come and work for a week. This year's project is supported by People Working Cooperatively, the Avondale Community Council and one house is being sponsored by First Baptist Reading. The World Changers will work on twenty plus homes the week they are here. It is great that these volunteers will come but without the help of all the local churches partnering together the World Changers project would not happen. I want to thank the following churches for all their help feeding crews and helping with supplies. Christ the King, Compass Community, Fellowship, First Baptist Amelia, First Baptist Dent, First Baptist Reading, First Baptist Mt. Repose, Heritage, Highland Avenue, Lakota Hills, Mt. Carmel, Red Door, SonRise, and Trinity. I cannot express how grateful I am for your help! I am praying that many will have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18<sup>th</sup>—4<sup>th</sup> Annual associational golf scramble  
October 16<sup>th</sup>—3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Race for Hunger

## Collegiate Ministries - Ken Dillard

Summer time is here. Judging by the length of my "to-do" list, the quieter pace on campus, the travel schedule for camps and meetings, and the constant parade of freshmen going through daily orientations... well, this summer promises to be a very busy one for Collegiate Ministry.

The main thing for every summer is "PLANNING". The Bible reminds me that God has a Plan for our ministry as well as us individually. His plan is to give us a future and a hope. So this summer, we are not just sitting around waiting for it to rain. We are busy preparing the fields, repairing our tools, and planning for the harvest. Then, as God supplies the rain in His time, we will be ready.

Already, all the churches in the association and a few other area churches have received their letters from Collegiate with an invitation to participate in our "Dinner @ theHouse" weekly event. These Tuesday meals have become an important part of our outreach. Students bring their friends and classmates to these meals like crazy. Please make sure these letters find their way into the hands of the missions committee or Women's ministry leaders. This is one of our most successful partnerships in ministry. If you have not received your letter, please call me asap.

We also ask our church families to help us with our "Christmas in August" program. This enables Collegiate to better meet our Fall needs when our activity level is at its highest. You can supplement our budget through cups, plates, paper, pancake mix, soda, lemonade. The list is included in the letter recently mailed out as well.

We will be contacting incoming students to UC and area colleges as we find out who they are and where they are. You can help with this as well. Do you have any students attending the University of Cincinnati (Clifton, Clermont, Raymond Walters) campuses? There is no better recommendation and introduction that we can get for an incoming student than from their church and friends from home. So let us know who is coming and we will connect with them as soon as possible, especially when they come for their orientation time.

We at Collegiate Ministry are so glad to be a part of our family of churches. For over 50 years, YOU have reached out to the campuses through BSU/Collegiate Ministry. Thousands of lives have been impacted with and for the Gospel as you have invested into college students spiritual future. We thank you all and lift you up in our prayers as well.

Working in Christ with you,

Ken Dillard, Kim Feldner (US/C-2), and Volunteer leaders: Aaron Smith, Mike Ross, and Erica Poole

**CHURCH NEWS & BLESSINGS...**

**LAKOTA HILLS BIBLE DRILL WINNERS!**

Association Children’s Bible Drill winners are: Ally Latham, Rachel Henry and Martha Yost

Associational Youth Bible Drill winners are: Matthew Henry, Matt Mullins and Monica Yost

Associational High School Drill winners are: Cassi Lawless, Caleb Patterson, Sam Wagers and Jamie Yost

We had 10 Association Drill winners from Lakota Hills Baptist Church who advanced to the state drill level.

At the state competition in Columbus, Rach Henry was state perfect and Martha Yost and Ally Latham were state winners in the children’s drill. With a perfect score, Monica Yost earned 2nd place state winner in the youth division. In the high school division, Sam Wagers won 3rd place, Jamie Yost won 2nd place and Cassi Lawless won 1st place. **Congratulations!!!**



**CHRIST THE KING CHURCH**— baptized 17 people in a chilly portable baptistery and topped off the day with a picnic. Since beginning worship services in January they estimate about 300 people have visited the church and heard the good news of Jesus. Pastor Michael Clary

**NEWTOWN**—Wow, we have landed in Newtown and are very thankful to God and His people here in Newtown for calling us here to shepherd the flock at FBC. Many thanks are to be given but a special thank you to our Missionary Dennis Holmes, to David and Denise Smith and the Creek Road Baptist Church, to Bob Allen who served as the interim pastor at FBC Newtown, and to Charlie Shannon and the pulpit committee. We have moved in and mostly unpacked. We are expecting the Holy Spirit to do great things here at this time and ask many to be in prayer for the leadership of the Holy Spirit to be evident in all we do. Blessed beyond comprehension, Roger and Karen Hauck

**N. DEARBORN**—has been blessed with 10 additions since January and attendance up more than 17 on average. Pastor Ben Price

Church Contributions January-May 2010		State Convention of Baptists in Ohio Events—For more information go <a href="http://www.scbo.org">www.scbo.org</a>	
Alpha/Omega Mission	\$196.50	Mt. Carmel	\$5,500.00
Amelia	\$884.88	Mt. Healthy	\$4,839.50
Anderson Hills	\$100.00	Mt. Repose	\$2,406.00
Axiom	\$143.00	New Hope	\$500.00
Bethel Unity	\$677.41	New Life Chapel	\$0.00
Christ the King Church	\$450.00	Newtown	\$1,930.78
Church/Holy Trinity	\$0.00	N Dearborn	\$304.90
Compass	\$1,755.00	Origins	\$500.00
Creek Road	\$2,812.86	Passage	\$1,409.67
Dent	\$2,126.07	Power Korean	\$300.00
Eastern Hills	\$102.40	Power of Faith	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$8,889.32	Reading	\$359.00
Good News	\$0.00	Red Door	\$0.00
Harrison	\$1,199.53	Sharon	\$756.72
Heritage	\$615.00	Simple Church	\$0.00
Korean Cinti	\$400.00	SonRise	\$402.25
Lakota Hills	\$7,029.23	Springdale	\$250.00
Liberty Heights	\$1,181.61	Trinity	\$2,723.95
Loveland	\$1,175.49	Trinity Community	\$0.00
Mason	\$5,944.28	Urban Hills	\$500.55
Maud	\$521.36		
Miamitown	\$0.00		

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**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:**  
 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

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