

# The Heartbeat



The Newsletter for the Western Pennsylvania District of The Christian and Missionary Alliance

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## *Fear Of Things That Go Bump In The Night*

*Rev. Richard Jenks, District Prayer Convener*

*Fear not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*  
Isaiah 41:10

From the very moment that Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of the tree and hid from the presence of God, man has been fearful. Fear was unknown in the garden before the fall. Yet from Genesis to Revelation, the Lord has had to command us to “fear not” or “be not afraid.” Fear was to have no place in the children of God as they walked in faith in the protection and provision of the Lord Himself. I know of no other commandment in the Word which is uttered more times than “fear not.”

A large percentage of the prayer requests at our churches have to do with fear in one way or another. Much of the counseling that a pastor does is centered in our obsession with fear.

***“We also need freedom from the fear that paralyzes us from stepping out in faith and obedience to the call of God.”***

What is the basis of this proclivity to fear? Why do so many of us stumble in fear of the unknown? What is there in our makeup that makes us fearful? Could it be that while Adam lived in the garden, he was sheltered from fear because he was conscious of the abiding presence of God, and everything worked in harmony with the will of God? Therefore, there was nothing to fear.

Sin damaged something that passes on through the sinful nature that makes us question the omnipresent, omniscient, all-powerful goodness of God. It seems that the echo of the serpent passes down through the centuries to us,



saying, “Did God really say...?” causing us to doubt that all things really do work for good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose.

Remember the feeling, as a child, of being alone in the house after dark for the first time? Suddenly, sounds were amplified and a feeling of “strangeness” was almost overpowering. Fear seemed to grow with each passing minute. Then, the sound of Mom or Dad was heard as they came home and everything was all right again. What made the difference? The presence of our parents drove away all the ghosts and demons that had been plaguing us.

So today, as we are hearing such fearful predictions of things to come, we need to learn to live in the abiding presence of the Lord Himself. We need to remember, *“His promises are true, and He will not forget you.”*

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*Prayer Requests - Remember these special needs in prayer*



♦ **Caleb and Micah Cameron**, 4 and 2 year old sons of Rev. James and Megan Cameron, (James is the executive pastor at Somerset Alliance Church.) were hospitalized in Children’s Hospital in Pittsburgh with blood infections. The boys were treated and released, happy to be home. Thank you for your prayers.

♦ **Lynn McGarvey**, wife of Rev. Joel McGarvey (International Worker in Argentina) fell and fractured her kneecap. The operation to put the kneecap back together went very well and the prognosis is good. Pray for complete recovery.

♦ **Cathleen Milford**, sister of Rev. Tom Milford (Pastor of McPherron Alliance), has an aneurysm in the right side of her brain. It is surrounded by brain membrane. The neurosurgeon believes that it is better not to operate because more damage would be done trying to repair it. Cathleen is scheduled to see a specialist in March to talk about another form of treatment. Please pray that God will intervene and prevent the aneurysm from bursting; for wisdom in all the decisions which will need to be made; and ultimately healing.

♦ **Rev. James O’Hara**, Pastor of Castlewood Alliance Church, New Castle, cut his hand while working at the church. It took 11 stitches to close the wound. Pray for complete healing and no infection.

♦ **Phyllis Sylvania (update)**, wife of retired pastor, Rev John Sylvania, has regained much of her physical mobility, using a walker and a cane at times. She is now at home recovering but will need some health care assistance. The family is very thankful for the many friends who prayed for them during the past 18+ months. Please continue to pray.

♦ **Rev. David and Ruth Walborn**, retired pastor and his wife. Please continue to pray for David and Ruth. Ruth continues to receive therapy at the Concordia Haven skilled nursing unit following her stroke. (She has been moved to a new room: #2505.) David is living at home in their apartment at Concordia. Thank you for your prayer support for this couple and their family.

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**MINISTRY WORKOUT SURVEY:** Ministry Workout (MW) is a Disciplemaking Ministries training event designed for pastors, elders, ministry workers, worship directors and church leaders. The event will encourage, equip and enhance your ministry within the local church. Another MW is being planned for the fall of 2010. **Pastors/Lay Leaders** we value your opinion. List topics that you would like to see covered in MW 2010 that would be helpful to you or your church leaders. The survey is found on the district website: [www.cmawpa.org](http://www.cmawpa.org) and click on the following tabs; Leadership, Training and MW Survey. Please complete the survey by March 20. Thank you.

*Fear Of Things That Go Bump In The Night, continued*

God. We have to be proactive in these days that demand a greater degree of courage because of the environment that is more hostile to the Church of Jesus Christ.

As Joshua was looking ahead at the ministry God was calling him to shoulder following the death of Moses, fear filled his heart. He was not Moses. Did he have the training for the job? Would the people follow him? Fear seemed to overwhelm him until God spoke in a clear voice saying, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9, NKJV). Perfect love for the Lord Himself is the one thing that will cast out fear, with all of its torments, and free us to serve in faith and abounding confidence.

## PASTOR/STAFF CHANGES MARCH 2010

- **Bain, Rev. Thomas (Patricia)**, Unassigned effective February 14. Home address: 151 Laurel Lane, Kersey, PA 15846, phone: 814-834-2760 and email: thpbain@gmail.com.
- **Cinelli, Rev. Bryan (Jamia)**, Unassigned effective January 31. Home address: 161 Connellsville St., Fayette City, PA 15438, phone: 724-326-5552 and email: bryan\_cinelli0411@msn.com.
- **Dietrich, Rev. Timothy (Dorothy)**, New home phone: 814-736-3699.
- **Grossoehme, Rev. Mark (Cheryl)**, Unassigned. Home address: 118 Hickory Road, Punxsutawney, PA 15767 and email: pastormarkG1@gmail.com.
- **Hardie, Mr. David (Tara)**, New home address: 3811 College Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010.
- **Lara, Mrs. Erica and Mr. Rafael**, Transferred outside the district effective December 31.
- **McNutt, Mr. Kris (Sandra)**, From Interim Pastor to Pastor of the Clymer Alliance Church effective February 26.
- **Watkins, Rev. Nathan**: Transferred outside the district.
- **Wood, Rev. Rick (Cynthia)**, New Pastor at Coalport Alliance Church effective January 17. New home address: PO Box 45, 251 Hickory Street, Coalport, PA 16627 and phone: 814-672-4471.

### Email Changes:

- ♦ James Krouse, New Brighton Alliance Church - marionhillcma@verizon.net
- ♦ Rockwood Alliance Church - rockwoodalliance@zoominternet.net
- ♦ Alan Thompson - athomp436@yahoo.com

### Recently Ordained:

Rev. Joseph Floris was ordained February 21 at Cherry Tree Alliance Church.

### New Arrivals: Welcome to the District Family



Mr. Brandon and Bethany Nutter, New Castle First Alliance Church, would like to announce the birth of a baby boy, Benjamin Michael, born February 2, 2010.

Mr. Colby and Kristen Atkins, Erie First Alliance Church, also welcomed a new baby boy, Parker Dean, to their family on February 17, 2010.

### Wedding:

Congratulations to Mr. Gregory Flanders and Heather Fencil, who were married December 19, 2009. Gregory is the Youth Pastor at Marion Hill Alliance Church.



### Thank You!

A big "thank you" goes to all churches who jumped through hoops to submit their Annual Reports to the President on time (or nearly on time)!! This really helps us in meeting the deadline as a district.

## District Churches Seeking Pastors

- Aliquippa Hopewell\*
- Beaver\*
- Bedford\*
- Clearfield\*
- Coraopolis Whosoever\*
- Fayette City
- Neshannock\*
- Pgh Hilltop Community\*
- Smethport
- Spartansburg
- Webster Avenue\*

### Churches With Credentialed Interim Pastors

- Acmetonia\*
- Erie First
- Erie Grandview
- Fuoss Mills
- Greenville\*

### Churches With Uncredentialed Ministry Leaders

- Mina, NY
- NC Clifton Flat
- NK Greensburg Road.
- New Wilmington
- Sandy Lake
- Sewickley Pinehurst

### Churches With Lay Leadership or Pulpit Supply

- Ambridge
- Beccaria
- Gray
- Titusville

\*Receiving Resumes

Anyone interested in submitting a resume should send it to the attention of:

Rev. Jeffery Norris, DS  
341 Chestnut Street  
Punxsutawney, PA 15767  
Phone: 814-938-6920

# Setting Things In Order

By Rev. John Fogal, Sr.

Recently, I have been studying the Book of Titus. It is my impression that we are not turning to this pastoral epistle as much as we should. On his way to Rome, Paul was stopped on the island of Crete. Evidently, his close friend and associate in ministry, Titus, was with him. When Paul departed rather suddenly, he left Titus there to do two things: “set things in order” and “appoint elders in every city.”

Order is the first law of heaven. Look at the form and order in all of God’s creation. God is the author of order not confusion. He wants things done “decently and in order.” (Study all of I Corinthians 14 to see how order affects all we do in church.) This order is designed to provide direction and prevent chaos. Thus, the need for things such as a Constitution, Bylaws, ministry descriptions, organizational charts, etc.

But order is not maintained simply by having documents on file. The Apostle Paul directed Titus to appoint (set in order) qualified elders. We don’t want overseers who overrule the rules. (That kind of power corrupts.) Nor do we want a slavish, legalistic adherence to the letter of the law. (We don’t serve the organization, organization serves us.) We need to balance order and the authority of leaders. I also noticed when the word “bishop” (episkopos) is used, it is singular and when the word “elder” (presbyteros) is used, it is plural. (See how these words are used interchangeably in Titus 1:5,7 and Acts 20:17,28, to describe the same people.) Both are

*“We don’t want overseers who overrule the rules.”*

needed. For example, we set policy together as a group and then administer that policy as an individual according to the Bylaws and policy manual statements related to the position we hold.

Elders are to be selected according to Scriptural qualifications. There are personal character qualities listed by Paul such as: blameless, not overbearing,

not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. He must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, one who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. You notice there is nothing about physical appearance, IQ, financial status, business ability, etc. Character counts! There are also some family relationship requirements. Leadership at

home is a prerequisite for church leadership. “If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God’s church?” And, there are church leadership responsibilities. Elders are “entrusted with God’s work.” That means they are stewards, or managers of that which belongs to someone else. They are to “hold firmly to the message / doctrine,” which means they know biblical theology well enough to “encourage others by sound doctrine” and “refute those who oppose it.” I see all of this included in “able to teach” (I Timothy 3:2) which is the primary difference between the requirements for elders and deacons. Somehow, we need to understand what each of these qualifications mean and continually raise the bar because there is a connection between the quality of leadership and the growth of the church.



## PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- ♦ We must be continually diligent in our efforts to see that our C&MA Constitution, Bylaws, policy manual, etc. are clearly in line with Scripture.
- ♦ I see a lot of confusion in churches because so little instruction is given on the subject of biblical order. For example, how many people in the church you serve could draw the organizational chart for the church?
- ♦ We need to give more attention to these qualifications when we meet as a Nominating Committee and at the time of election.
- ♦ Elders need to spend time together studying these qualifications and holding each other accountable. (The Measure of a Man by Gene Getz is an excellent book to study together as leaders.)
- ♦ I happen to believe that we should encourage every male believer to qualify as an Elder. That does not mean that he should demand a right to be an Elder. But these are good and normal qualities that a Christian man should desire for his life.



## DISTRICT AND PRAYER CONFERENCE

**Date:** April 27-29, 2010  
**Place:** Four Points by Sheraton  
Pittsburgh North  
910 Sheraton Drive  
Mars, PA 16046

**Theme:**

*Leading Turnaround Churches*



### **Speaker: Gene Wood**

Gene is the author of Leading Turnaround Churches and is currently pastoring Grace Church in Glendora, California with an average attendance of 1200+. He has navigated the treacherous waters of turnaround in multiple churches of various sizes in Pennsylvania, Ohio and California. He will be sharing practical pastoral insights from his many years of serving as a turnaround pastor.

**Verse:** “...you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.” Isaiah 58:12 NIV

### **District Conference Reminders**

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Date Due	Task
March 15	Conference reports are due
March 24	Registration for housing and/or meals is due
April 9	Lay delegate certificates (yellow cards) are due
April 13	Names of lay delegates who are willing to serve on Conference committees are due

**Pastors' Wives and Women Licensed Workers** are invited to join together for a “Time of Refreshing” on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 pm. Join us as we hear about Refreshing our Relationship with People, our Husbands and God. Tia Ciferno, a singer, songwriter, author and speaker will be Refreshing us with a concert during our time together. *Look for a separate mailing for response details.*

A page for 2010 District Conference is set up on our website. Click on the Leadership tab to access the District Conference page where you will find a link for the registration form.

*\*\*\*By Conference action, it is mandatory for all official workers to attend District Conference. If you cannot attend, please submit a written request to the District Superintendent, Rev. Jeffery Norris, 341 Chestnut Street, Punxsutawney, PA 15767.*



### **Western Pennsylvania Alliance Women**



**Luncheon & Annual Meeting**  
**April 28, 2010 beginning at 12 Noon**  
**Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA**  
(The address for the Sheraton is Mars, PA)

**Speaker: Debbi Clouser - Burkina Faso**  
**Theme: Seasoned With Salt**  
**Cost: \$17 per person**  
**Register by April 2.**

*To register for the event go to the District website: [www.cmawpa.org](http://www.cmawpa.org), click on the District Ministries tab, Alliance Women tab, then click on the AWM eletter or use the following link to access the page: <http://www.cmawpa.org/District-Ministries/Alliance-Women.aspx>. Questions? Contact Ethel Fennick by phone: 724-652-6097 or email: [wefcma1@verizon.net](mailto:wefcma1@verizon.net).*

## ***2009-2010 MISSION CONFERENCE***

As part of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, we have the great privilege of partnering with those who are taking the gospel to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). The district has heard encouraging reports from churches and missionaries alike.

Some items to note:

- If your church has not scheduled a missionary conference, please contact the district office as soon as possible.
- Confirm your choices with the district office using the **Report Form** in the User's manual or e-mail from <http://cmawpa.org/International-Ministries/WPA-Choice-Tour/Choice-Tour-Report-Form.aspx>. This should be done **before** your conference.
- Expense Sheets for your missionary (which includes the yearly tour fee of \$100) need to be sent as soon after your missionary speaks as possible.
- The target date for the new 2010-2011 User's Manual for Pastors and Mission Mobilizers and Missionary Catalog is **mid-February**. A link will be e-mailed to each pastor/church along with information highlighting the changes. This will give you some time to determine which missionary you would like to schedule and potential dates that will work for your church.
- The target date to begin scheduling will be **March 1**.
- Presently, the District is looking for housing for a missionary couple in the Greensburg area and a missionary family in the Grove City area. If you have any leads, please contact Lynette Norris at the district office, [norrisl@cmawpa.org](mailto:norrisl@cmawpa.org).

## ***2010-2011 WPA CHOICE TOUR MISSION CONFERENCE***

The **NEW REVISED 2010-2011 USER MANUAL** for the WPA Choice Tour and the list of missionaries who will be available for scheduling are now available!

Changes to the User Manual include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Scheduling for active missionaries who are participating in the WPA Choice Tour will take place ONLINE via a new Website. The link will be e-mailed to each church sometime in March. Scheduling will continue to be on a first-come, first serve basis. (Retired missionaries participating in the Choice Tour will continue to be contacted via e-mail.)
  - \*\*\*A way to keep down the mileage cost would be to link up with a church in your area and determine possible dates from the attached list that you could invite a couple to come and minister. One spouse would speak at church A and the other at church B. The missionary couple could then take one vehicle instead of two and the churches could split the mileage cost.
- ◆ There will be NO report form, (Don't cheer too loudly ☺ )
- ◆ Churches should expect a bill for the \$100 tour fee in July.
- ◆ Missionaries will be given their honorarium/love offering and mileage reimbursement DIRECTLY by the church at the conclusion of the missions conference.

**The active missionaries who are participating in the WPA Choice Tour are (Note: The missionaries listed below are available to speak at churches on the Choice Tour only. If there are any remaining open dates after November 2010, other churches will be given an opportunity to schedule.):**

- ◆ **Joel McGarvey** (coming home in June and living in the Grove City area)
- ◆ **Jim and Sharon Kendall** (coming home in July and loving in the Greensburg/New Stanton area)
- ◆ **Michael and Ruth Davis** (coming home in December and living in the Hollidaysburg area)

\*\*\*Please do not contact the missionaries via e-mail. ALL scheduling will be done online through the new website. A list of the retired missionaries participating in the WPA Choice Tour will be sent with the scheduling link in March.

\*\*\***Because the National Office is only allowing us enough missionary force to just cover one weekend each for the churches on the Choice Tour, the district is requesting that each church schedule one weekend at first. After November, scheduling any remaining open dates will be open to All the churches in the district.**

**CHILE  
Earthquake Relief**

CAMA, the relief and development arm of The Alliance, is assisting survivors of the 8.8 magnitude earthquake that devastated portions of Chile, February 27. The quake's epicenter was located 325 km SW of Santiago. The earth shook approximately one and a half minutes. The tremor was strong enough to cause the crumbling of many structures.

WPA International Workers serving in Santiago, Chile, are Dave and LuAnne Woerner and Robert and Cheryl Fugate. They are all doing fine. The Fugates were able to send an eletter with details about the earthquake. If you would like to have a copy of their eletter, contact Ruby at: [piskerr@cmawpa.org](mailto:piskerr@cmawpa.org).

For information regarding the Woerners, Ethel Fennick, AW Director (New Castle First Alliance), was interviewed by WKBN, of Youngstown, OH. To read the article and to view the video, go to [WKBN.com](http://WKBN.com), type Chile Earthquake in the search box then click on Local Chile Ties.

Please pray for the Woerners and Fugates as they continue their ministry in Chile.

To contribute to the Chile Earthquake Relief Fund go to the National Office website: [www.cmalliance.org](http://www.cmalliance.org) or use the following link: <http://www.cmalliance.org/news/?s=Chile+Earthquake>

**Alliance Store  
Grand Opening**

The new online Alliance Store opened March 1, 2010. A 10 percent grand opening discount will be available on products throughout the month of March. Find valuable Alliance resources and materials on their website: [www.thealliancestore.com](http://www.thealliancestore.com) beginning March 1.

**New Official Workers  
Forum (NOWF)  
August 23-26, 2010  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Colorado Springs, CO**

All new official workers who have not attended a NOWF are invited to attend in order to fulfill one of the requirements toward ordination. Look for more information regarding registration to be sent from the National Office this month to all new workers.

**Retirement?**

Any official worker planning to retire this year who has not yet notified the District Office should do so as soon as possible. This will enable us to process your service award in preparation for District Conference.

**Sales Tax Exemption  
Certificates**

Updated PA Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificates were mailed from the Department of Revenue in Harrisburg recently to our district churches. They will

be "valid" until March 31, 2015. Please notify the people in your office who process your mail to be looking for the updated certificate; be sure a copy goes to the church treasurer and the pastor.

*If you do not receive an updated certificate within the next week, please notify the District Office so that we may follow up on this for you.*

**WPA K-12 Education  
Scholarship Fund**

Pastors please put this announcement in your church bulletin.

The WPA K-12 Education Scholarship Fund for grades K-12 has a limited amount of money available to award for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are a C&MA member and your child(ren) attend an ACSI member Christian School, you may be eligible to apply for tuition assistance. Eligibility requirements and applications are posted on the District website at [www.cmawpa.org](http://www.cmawpa.org) under the District Ministries tab., or call Nancy Sprowls at 717-664-0024 or email [WPAK12@cmawpa.org](mailto:WPAK12@cmawpa.org). Application deadline is May 29, 2010.

**Cross-Cultural  
Teaching Position**

International workers in Guinea, West Africa, are in desperate need of a teacher for 5 MK's. They are looking for a husband/wife team but a single teacher will work as well. Anyone interested should email Nicki: [krodamai@gmail.com](mailto:krodamai@gmail.com).

**District  
Pastoral Chaplains**



Sutton/Ulrich Cottage

The purpose of the cottage is to provide a safe haven for official workers and their families who reside in and are a part of the Western PA District of the C&MA and who may need a place apart for rest, study, prayer and in general for one's personal pursuit of God. Contact Rev. Bill Wood for reservations.

Northeast Quadrant  
Rev. Bernard Knefley  
814-274-8661

Northwest Quadrant  
Rev. Edwin Dixon  
814-786-7669

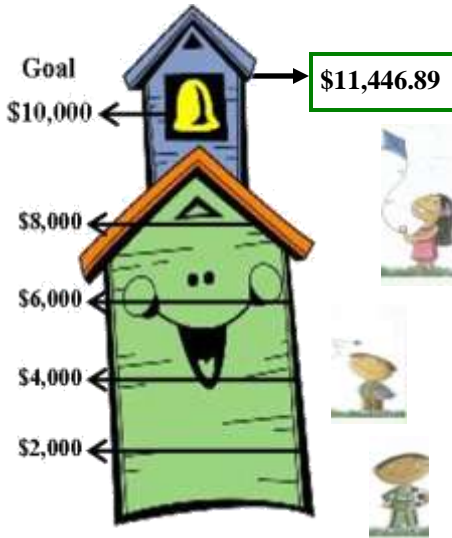
Southeast Quadrant  
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and  
Rev. James Vandervort  
814-444-8783

Southwest Quadrant  
Rev. William Wood  
Chaplain Coordinator  
724-863-5179

# Disciplemaking Ministries

Mrs. Cheryl Grossoehme, Director

We reached our goal!!



## Children's Mission Project "Playground for MKs"

June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010  
Darhan MK School,  
Darhan, Mongolia

**Goal:** Our goal of \$10,000 has been reached to provide playground equipment for the school. There is still time to participate in the project. To get resources, contact Ruby by phone: 814-938-6920 or email: piskerr@cmawpa.org.

## BIG CHANGE WEEKEND

Teen Quest Ranch  
Somerset, PA  
May 7-8, 2010

Guest Speaker: Paul Renicks

Big Change Weekend is the district's first retreat geared for 5th and 6th grade youth who will soon be entering Jr. High. For complete details, go to the District website: [www.cmawpa.org](http://www.cmawpa.org), click on the following tabs: District Ministries, Disciplemaking Ministries, and Children's Commission.

## BREAKAWAY

Senior High Retreat  
April 16-18, 2010

Family First Sports Park, Erie, PA

Guest Speaker  
**REV. RICK WALLACE**

Worship Leader  
**BRIAN CAMPBELL**

Brian Campbell of the band, *Aevory Nash*, has been performing and reaching out to people through his music for the past four years. He has the heart of a pastor and passionately desires to see the glory of God unleashed in the church. Brian's solo ministry is distinctly different from the band. Brian lives in Akron, OH, and splits his time between the music ministry on the road and serving in his local church.

Pastors, for your convenience the Counselor Reference Form is now available online. On the District Website, go to District Ministries, Disciplemaking Ministries, Youth Commission, then click on the form.

Brochures were emailed to all churches. If you did not receive a copy, go to the District website at [www.cmawpa.org](http://www.cmawpa.org) and click on the link for Breakaway.

*COLLIDE*  
*LIFE 2010*  
*Louisville, KY*  
*July 6-10, 2010*

LIFE is a unique once-in-a-lifetime event, to help students enter into the LIFE experience with a solid foundation and to ultimately return from LIFE 2010 with a maximum personal impact. Cost is \$395. Register online: [www.lifeimpactcma.org/LIFE/2010.html](http://www.lifeimpactcma.org/LIFE/2010.html).

Legacy Builders' Bus Tour  
Millennium Theater  
Lancaster, PA  
April 6-7, 2010

*Joseph!*

There are still a few seats available, but you must register by March 5. Everyone who has registered will receive a letter in the mail with details and any changes to departure times. The balance of the tour must be paid by March 19. Make check payable to WPA C&MA District Office and mail to 341 Chestnut St., Punxsutawney, PA 15767.

Departure Points:

- Home Depot, Meadville
- Mars C&MA Church
- New Stanton C&MA Church
- Bedford C&MA Church

For complete details go to: <http://www.cmawpa.org/Home.aspx> and click on "Joseph."

## 2010 Legacy Builder's Luncheons

The Senior Adult Luncheons will be held in the fall this year. Tentative dates and locations are as follows:

**Emporium Alliance Church**  
September 27

**Chippewa Alliance Church**  
September 28

**Erie First Alliance Church**  
September 29

**Mahaffey Camp and Conference Center**  
September 30

Watch for details.

# FYI - Events

## **Pastors & Wives Prayer Retreat The Castle at Franklin, PA March 22 - March 24, 2010**


Full Retreat: Two nights \$65 per person or \$100 for husband and wife. All fees must be paid in advance to "Grove City Alliance Church." Call the office to register, 724-458-8497. Send check or money order to Grove City Alliance Church, 845 North Liberty Road, Grove City, PA 16127. Questions, contact Rev. Richard LaFountain by phone: 724-458-8497 or email: rlafountain@zoominternet.net

## **Alliance Missions Network Meeting March 27, 9 am - Noon Pleasantview Alliance Church Saegertown, PA**

Join us to discuss changes in Alliance missions, The Russia Connection ministry partnership, missions resource updates, WPA Choice Tour, and anything else you may want to discuss. RSVP to the District Office by phone: 814-938-6920 or email: pizskerr@cmawpa.org

## **PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE INSTITUTE**

### **Raising Leaders for the Harvest 303**


 New Stanton Alliance Church  
Tuesdays, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Feb. 16 through March 30  
Instructor: Doug McCracken

Oak Hill Alliance Church  
Thursdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
Feb. 18 through April 1  
Instructor: Doug McCracken


This course enables students to identify emerging leaders in the church and to develop a strategy for training leaders. Textbook is the manual by Bob Logan. Tuition: \$100.

### **Expository Preaching 206**

Union City Alliance Church  
Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Feb. 18 through March 25  
Instructor: Russell Huizing


 This course is designed to teach students how to develop expository sermons using an eight-step system. Tuition: \$100.

### **Inductive Bible Study 102**

 Allegheny Center Alliance Church  
Thursdays, 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
March 11 through April 15  
Instructor: Bob Daniels

This course teaches students how to use inductive steps to study any passage of Scripture. Students will be able to understand and explain the message of the Gospel of Mark at the end of this study. Tuition: \$100.

### **"The Uprising"**

 Quest Community Church  
Lexington, KY  
April 15, 2010

The event central theme is being an outward focused/evangelistic church. Hundreds of churches from across the U.S. and many from overseas have already registered. Quest is a model of evangelistic outreach. Use the following link for details: <http://theuprising.net/>

### **Successful Grant Writing**

Not-For-Profit Organizations  
March 13, 2010, 10am-3pm  
First Free Methodist Church  
16260 St. Clair Ave.  
East Liverpool, OH  
March 20, 2010, 10am-3pm  
Cornerstone Christian Community  
129 Bellevue Road  
Pittsburgh, PA

You can find the money to fulfill your dreams. Money for buildings, youth programs, libraries, health care, etc. For more information go to [www.FirstMatrixMinistries.com](http://www.FirstMatrixMinistries.com)


### **Dalat International School Staff Openings 2010-11**

Dalat International School (DIS) is looking to fill positions for the upcoming school year. The Christian boarding school is located on the island of Penang off the west coast of Malaysia. A pdf file listing the openings is attached to the email for the Heartbeat. Also, interested candidates are encouraged to visit the school's employment web page at: <http://www.dalat.org>.

### **Holy Land Classic 2011 February 1, 2011**

Join Pastor Rick and Linda Rubeis and friends from East Lake Road Alliance Church for 10 days of biblical discovery. A journey of a lifetime. Questions? Contact Rev. Rubeis by phone: (home) 814-899-2324 or (church) 814-898-2771.

### **"TransforMissional Coaching"**

 Empowering Missional Leaders in a Changing Ministry World  
April 8-9, 2010, 9-5 daily  
Seneca Evangelical Congregational Church  
2844 State Route 257,  
Seneca, PA  
Trainer: Dr. Tim Roehl

This seminar will introduce you to basic coaching principles and take you on to advanced coaching practices. It will help you move beyond coaching for ministry performances to coaching for missional effectiveness. Workshop fees: \$149. To register, contact Jodi Earhart by phone: 800-866-7581 or email: [jeahart@eccenter.com](mailto:jeahart@eccenter.com). Deadline March 25.

## **WPA District Office Personnel**

### **District**

#### **Leadership Team**

- Rev. Jeffery Norris, District Superintendent
- Rev. Philip Harrison, Asst. District Superintendent Regional Team Leader
- Rev. Joseph Toomey, Director of Church Planting Regional Team Leader
- Mrs. Cheryl Grossoehme, Director of Disciplemaking Ministries
- Rev. Robert Douglas, Director of Church Health Regional Team Leader

#### **Support Staff**

- Kathy Anderson
- Janeen Barrett
- Susan Harrison
- Dixie McIntire
- Lynette Norris
- Ruby Pizsker

### **Mahaffey Youth Camps 2010**

The following youth camps are being offered at Mahaffey this year.

- Teen
- Horse
- Kids
- Junior
- Wilderness
- Young Explorer
- Soccer Sports



If your youth are interested in attending any of the camps, go to the Mahaffey Camp website: [www.mahaffeycamp.com](http://www.mahaffeycamp.com) for complete details. Be sure to register early!

# Pulpit Supply List

This list has been prepared to assist you in locating individuals to minister in your services in the absence of a pastor. The people listed are available and recommended for this ministry.

- **Rev. James Ailes (Mars)**, Phone: 724-625-1549.
- **Rev. Larry Aldrich (Retired - Oil City/Franklin)**, Phone: 814-678-0004 or email: larjean216@comcast.net.
- 🎵 **Rev. Melvin Allison (Retired - New Brighton)**, Mel & Jan Ministries, phone: 724-847-7445.
- **Rev. Robert Baer (Retired - Johnstown)**, Phone: 814-266-3349 or email rjbaer@verizon.net.
- **Rev. Richard E. Bartmas (Retired - Cabot)**, Phone: 724-352-0687 or email: rbartmas@yahoo.com.
- **Rev. David Baynes (Pittsburgh)**, Phone: 412-656-7028 and email: dabclb@verizon.net.
- **Rev. Duane Blough (Johnstown)**, Phone: 814-539-4247 or email: pamduane@atlanticbb.net.
- **Rev. Brian Cinelli (Fayette City)**, Phone: 724-454-4175 or email: bryan\_cinelli0411@msn.com.
- **Mr. Joe Cox (Pittsburgh)**, Phone: 724-863-3943.
- **Rev. Edwin A. Dixon (Retired - Grove City)**, Phone: 814-786-7669 or email: edixon@access995.com.
- **Mr. Ronald Evans (Mars)**, Phone: 724-625-6608 or email: revansed@yahoo.com.
- **Mr. Scott Ganoe (McKees Rocks)**, Phone: 724-774-5676 or email: scottganoe@yahoo.com.
- **Rev. Roland Gray III (Butler)**, Phone: 724-287-2322.
- **AW - Mrs. Cheryl Grossoehme (DO)**, Phone: 814-938-6920 or email: grossoehmec@cmawpa.org.
- **Rev. Richard Harter (Alexandria)**, Phone: 814-832-1955 or email: rdharter@embarqmail.com.
- **AW - Mrs. Dee Henretty (Brockway)**, Phone: 814-265-1430 and email: tph1114@brockwaytv.com.
- **Mr. Don Higley (Coudersport)**, Phone: 814-274-8833.
- **Rev. Dave Hunter (Clearfield)**, Phone: 814-661-2576 or email: dvhntr@gmail.com.
- **Mr. John Impavido, M.Ed., CAC (Pittsburgh)**, Phone: 412-303-2750 or email: Impavido@city-net.com.
- **Rev. James Ishler (Butler)**, Phone: 724-282-9878.
- **Rev. Woody Johnson (Beaver Falls)**, Phone: 724-846-3316 or email: wn2rjohnson@gmail.com.
- **Rev. Charles Kephart (Portage)**, Phone: 814-736-3387 or email: charleswkephart@yahoo.com.
- **Rev. Brian Kirk (Pittsburgh)** Phone: 412-831-5846 or email: kirkkorner@hotmail.com.
- **Rev. Gary Koontz (Pittsburgh)** Phone: 412-921-3977 or email: pgsgang@verizon.net.

- **Mr. Wayne Kurtz (Meadville)**, Phone: 814-724-7865.
- **Rev. Kirby Lantz (Beaver)**, Phone: 724-462-4043.
- **Rev. Mark Lockett (Erie)**, Phone: 814-774-3303 or email: mark.jen.lockett@verizon.net.
- **Mr. Darrell Lozier (Union City)**, Phone: 814-438-2463.
- **Mr. Jim Mahan (Butler)**, Phone: 724-352-7034.
- **Mr. Matthew Mahan (Pittsburgh)**, Phone: 814-598-7837 or email: m.john.mahan@gmail.com.
- **Rev. Jerry McCauley (Retired)**, Phone: 863-699-2864 or email: jrml1957@yahoo.com. Summer months only.
- **Rev. George McNeel (Pittsburgh)**, Phone: 724-736-0957 or email: gvmcneel@juno.com.
- ♥ **Mr. Gary Means (Chalk Artist Ministry - Beaver)**, Phone: 724-869-9536.
- **Mr. Dennis Morris (Portersville)**, Phone: 724-368-3719.
- 🎵 **One In Spirit**, Email: one.inspirit@hotmail.com
- **Mr. John Peles (Norwin)**, Phone: 724-733-4620.
- **Mr. Robert Piel (Oil City)**, Cell phone: 814-676-9786 or email: sbpiel@comcast.net.
- **Mr. David Purvis (Mars)**, Phone: 724-625-3348.
- ♥ **Rev. Ted & Linda Sauve (Retired - Missionary)**, pulpit supply, inner healing workshops, concerts of prayer. Phone: 724-837-1070 or 724-953-5058 (cell) or email: tedlinsauve@hotmail.com
- **Rev. James Serra, Sr. (Pittsburgh)**, Phone: 412-719-5514.
- **Rev. Edia Silvis (Retired)**, Phone: 814-665-8658 or email: ediasilvis@tbscc.com.
- **Rev. Jim Smith**, Phone: 814-277-6708 or email: jim.smith@wgm.org
- **Mr. James Switzer (Kittanning)**, Phone: 724-543-4176 or Email: jswitzer@co.butler.pa.us.
- **Mr. Scott Taylor (Erie)**, Phone: 814-796-2311 or 814-460-9378 or email: THaggis5@aol.com.
- **Rev. William Underwood (Retired)**, Phone: 724-696-4319 or email: wunderwood5@juno.com.
- **Rev. James Vandervort (Retired - Somerset)**, Phone: 814-444-8783 and email: jbvandervort@yahoo.com.
- **Rev. Grant Walborn (Retired)**, Home phone: 724-524-1377 or cell phone: 724-841-8014 or email: WO3Q@aol.com.
- **Rev. Dr. Duane White (Retired)**, Phone: 814-765-3994.
- **Rev. Roy Wilson (Retired - Washington)**, Phone: 724-225-7381 or email royel46@verizon.net.
- **Rev. William Wood (Retired)**, Phone 724-863-5179 or email: wpnjwood@yahoo.com.
- 🎵 **Rev. Jim Yates**, a member of the Focus Quartet and is available during the winter months. Phone: 814-866-8677.
- **Rev. J. Richard Young (Warren/Bradford)**, Phone: 814-368-6992 or email richyoung2@juno.com.

AW Women's Ministry • 🎵 Music Ministry • ♥ Special Ministry

# 2010 District Calendar

*Vision Statement: Our vision is to plant churches and to enable all district churches to be culturally relevant and biblically sound*

## Schedule of Events

- 3/4-6 - In-Service Retreat, Mahaffey Camp
- 3/9 - DEXCOM Meeting, District Office
- 4/2 - Good Friday, District Office Closed
- 4/13 - LO&CC Meeting, District Office
- 4/16-18 - Breakaway, Family First Sports Park, Erie, PA
- 4/22 - Ordination Exam Study Day, Greensburg Alliance Church
- 4/23-24 - District Quiz Finals, North East Alliance Church
- TBD - Properties & Building Committee Meeting
- 5/11 - Ordination/Consecration Written Exam, Lighthouse Foundation, Butler
- 5/31 - Memorial Day Holiday, DO closed

**2010 District and Prayer Conference**  
 Sheraton Four Points  
 Cranberry Twp, PA  
 April 27-29, 2010

## March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				In-Service Retreat - In-Service Retreat		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		DEXCOM				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 LO&CC	14	15	16 Breakaway	17
18 BKWY	19	20	21	22 Study Day	23 Quiz Finals	24
25	26	27 District and Prayer Conference	28	29	30	

## May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Ordination Exam	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



### DISTRICT CORE VALUES

- ◆ Lost people matter to God! He wants them found. (Luke 19:10)
- ◆ Prayer is the primary work of God's people. (Philippians 4:6-7)
- ◆ Everything we have belongs to God. We are only stewards. (I Chronicles 29:14)
- ◆ Knowing and obeying God's Word is fundamental to all true success. (Joshua 1:8)
- ◆ Completing the Great Commission will require the mobilization of every fully devoted disciple. (Matthew 28:19)
- ◆ Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish nothing. (I Corinthians 2:4-5)
- ◆ Achieving God's purposes involves taking faith-filled risks. This always involves change. (Hebrews 11:6)
- ◆ Social justice is a passion of God. Our faith champions justice for all. (Isaiah 58:6-8)