

# The Herald Of Hope

Offering H.O.P.E. to the community

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## PASTOR'S PEN

Last Wednesday evening as I was teaching the Dr. James Dobson's video seminar, "Bringing Up Boys", I was struck by all the noise coming from the CSB boys next door. Dr. Dobson was talking about the need to provide outlets for their energy and role models to "civilize" them.

I was encouraged to think we have so many men (and women in our girls program) willing to step up and serve as role models and mentors for these young people.

I am encouraged as I hear reports that some of these kids are accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior. I have been further encouraged as some of those who have been through the program return to tell us how much positive influence we have had on their lives.

We are indeed engaged in an exciting (and challenging) ministry, that is fulfilling in part our Lord's command to us to go and make disciples.

Thank you to all who make Family Night possible, through time, talent, gifts and service.

Pastor Ken

P.S. We also have a fine Bible Study program on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. for all ages. Parents, come with your children and be the best role model your children can have.

## **VISITATION NIGHT**

We have been meeting each Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the overflow room for prayer and to receive our visitation assignments. These calls are for now general calls of welcome & encouragement. We usually take along some literature to hand out as appropriate. The responses to our calls have been gratifying. Our contact lists are long, so come join us next Monday as we seek to offer Christ to the community.

## WOMEN'S ABF

**All women are welcome.** This ABF meets on Tuesday's at 10:00 AM in the overflow room. They will continue to study "A Systematic Study of I & II Corinthians".

## 2007 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD UPDATE

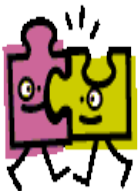
Just a reminder to all Administrative Board members (see leadership list in January Herald or the one posted in office) that we meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the overflow. You or a member of your committee should attend so we can work together to offer H.O.P.E. to the world. Our next meeting is February 1, 2007.

Please note the next meeting night is Feb. 8th at 7:00 p.m. Finance, Trustees, Outreach & Worship will meet. Nurture has decided to meet the second Saturday at 9:30 a.m. (Feb. 10). Please check the leadership list to see if you are on one of these committees. All committee members should plan to attend their respective meetings. This will make the load easier for all.

## TO MY HOPE CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to Pastor Ken for your visit during my surgery and thanks for all your prayers, cards & phone calls. They are truly appreciated.

Bill Anthony



## SINGLES PLUS

Come join us at Hope Church on February 2nd at 12:00 PM for fun & games. Please bring a sack lunch. We hope to see you there. Thank you



## ALLUMINUM CANS, BALL FIELD

We have raised \$955.49 toward the ball field expenses through this project.

Please remove tabs and place in the container in the lobby. These go to Children's Hospital. (Thank you to Mike Wadsworth for taking them in as needed). Also, if you are able, please crush the cans.

Thank you for your support.



## BRING A FRIEND TO BREAKFAST

What a great time to bring your FRAN to church with you. As you and your FRAN fellow-

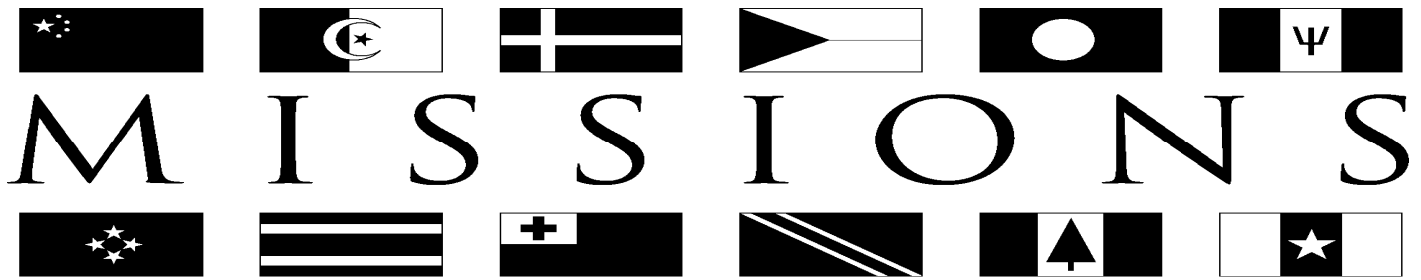
ship and worship together you will grow closer to Jesus and your FRAN may even invite Jesus into their lives. Remember our vision is to offer H.O.P.E. to the community, what better time for your guests to learn of our HOPE. See you on the 4th at 9:00 AM. The Jr./Sr. High Class is hosting.



## ALTAR FLOWER VASES

Starting in January 2007 we will again need people to sign up for altar flowers. The price is \$20.00 for two of them.

Thank you



### **MISSION OF THE MONTH THE WAY OUT PRISON MINISTRIES—AKRON**

The Way Out Prison Ministry was founded in 1980 by Esley Patsch. It now reaches Portage, Stark and Summit Counties and has also started a juvenile outreach called **True North**.

It not only reaches the inmates but also their families.

The ministry's only means of support is from private donations.

Please pray for the ministry.

#### **BILL & NANCY—FULL-TIME WITH OMS?**

We are still in prayer about our coming back full-time with OMS. At times, we feel the pull very strongly, especially after my recent missions trip to Kiev and Budapest. We feel that the time may be soon. Please pray with us about this life-changing decision. We want to do the right thing. We want to follow Jesus wherever he leads.

There is a chance that we could begin the transition process within a year or two, but, we have put this issue into the hands of the Lord. Thanks for your prayers & support.

Bill & Nancy Kidwell

Please note the Missionary items on the overflow windows.

**COMING SOON!** We will soon have a missions bulletin board.

#### **OPEN-M CLINIC**

OPEN-M has just opened an expanded free clinic. The clinic is open to all Summit County residents who need its services. In 2005 (last full year recorded) they offered specialized care to 700 patients and 2,942 office visits. Specialties offered included cardiology, pulmonology, endocrinology, pediatrics, psychiatry, podiatry, dentistry, ophthalmology and physical therapy. The pharmacy filled 8,176 prescriptions valued at \$932,892.00 (95% of drugs are donated by drug companies and physicians). This is just one of the ministries offered by our OPEN-M.

OPEN-M was started by two United Methodist pastors and is partially supported by our conferences shared giving.

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## *Worship Opportunities*

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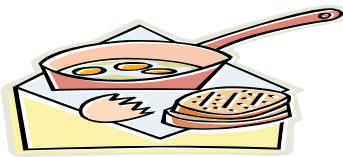
### **.TO OUR HOPE CHURCH FAMILY**

Words cannot adequately express our gratitude for all you've done for us through this very difficult time. We so appreciate your phone calls, visits, cards, meals and the wonderful dinner that was lovingly prepared and served by so many. We most of all thank you for your prayers and we ask you to continue to pray as we continue to grieve and heal. We love all of you so very much.  
Don & Bonnie Baird & Margaret Campbell.

### **Family Night Continues to Grow!**

We are averaging 125 people each Wednesday evening. We have some 90 children and youth participating. Most are from the community. Lots of great things are happening each week. So come—bring your kids and/or neighbors.

P.S. We also have a great ABF offered by Steve Miller and “Bringing Up Boys” video series by Dr. James Dobson, facilitator, Pastor Ken.



### **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST ATTENTION ALL MEN**—Saturday,

Feb. 10th at 8:00 a.m. all men & boys are welcome. Come join us as we plan for a day away at Stoney Glen & several other fellowship/mission opportunities. See you on the 10th at 8:00 a.m.

### **February 4 -**

9:00 AM- Bring a Friend Breakfast—Hosted by Jr/Sr Hi—Jeremy & Angie Veppert

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages  
Start of series “A Letter to the Church” from  
I Corinthians

10:30 AM-Morning Worship– “Count Your  
Blessing” I Corinthians 1:1-9

4:00 PM- Battalion

6:00 PM–Adult Bible Fellowships

7:00 PM- King's Calling Practice

### **February 11 -**

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages

10:30 AM-Morning Worship–“Do We Measure  
Up” I Corinthians 1:10-16

4:00 PM- Battalion

6:00 PM- Adult Bible Fellowships

7:00 PM- King's Calling Practice

### **February 18 -**

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages

10:30 AM- Morning Worship–“Living Up To Our  
Calling” I Corinthians 1:17-31

4:00 PM- Battalion

6:00 PM- Adult Bible Fellowships

7:00 PM- King's Calling Practice

### **February 25**

9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages

10:30 AM- Morning Worship–“Family Secrets”  
I Corinthians 2:1-8

4:00 PM- Battalion

6:00 PM- Adult Bible Fellowships

7:00 PM- King's Calling Practice

**Dear Sisters-in-Christ,**

On February 24, 2007, Beth Moore will be visiting with us at Community *LIVE—VIA SATELLITE*. The day will begin at 10:30 AM and end around 4PM. Beth's message is entitled "*Straight Talk about God's Deliverance*". We would like to encourage you to take advantage of this event and this wonderful opportunity.

## PLEASE HELP

I am working on my Eagle project for Scouts, which is collecting new or in good condition reading books for our Missionary, Billy Sue Dunn, who is working with Native Americans in Peoria, Arizona. They are in need of reading books for children in grades 2-6 and Jr. High.



There will be a drop off box in the Narthex for donations. If you need more information or have questions call Robbie Tanner at (330) 745-3042.  
Thank you, Robbie Tanner

## Acme Register Receipt Tapes

Please remember to turn in your Acme Register Receipt Tapes with the Acme cash back portion at the bottom of the tape. If you charge your groceries—do not cut off this portion of the tape. Only a portion of your charge card number appears on the register receipt. You may black it out if you wish.

Thank You  
Hope Preschool

## Pastor Ken & Everyone at Hope Church

Thanks so much for the visits, prayers and concern for Lowell and I as well as for our families. It is one day at a time and we treasure every one as a blessing. We are experiencing the power of prayer.  
God's blessing for everyone.  
Gay Beckman-Hargreaves

## USHERS NEEDED

If you would like to be an Usher, please contact Eric Walquist.

## TO MY CHURCH FAMILY

My heart-felt thanks to Pastor Ken for his visits and prayers during my recent hospitalization. Also for the phone calls and cards. The beautiful red poinsettia was so much Appreciated -a constant joy and reminder of the season and reason why we celebrate Christmas.  
Yours in Love and Prayer  
Genevieve Seibert

The worship and mission committee have proposed that each time we have Holy Communion that a special offering be taken. This loose change offering would be placed in the Pastor's discretionary fund to help those in need throughout the year.



## TO MY HOPE CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you so much for all the food you donated and gave to me. As always, you continue to bless my life with nourishment and prayers for the body and soul.  
Love, Susanne Abernathy

“Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my great concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.”

Abraham Lincoln

via Jim Reed

Cotter, AR

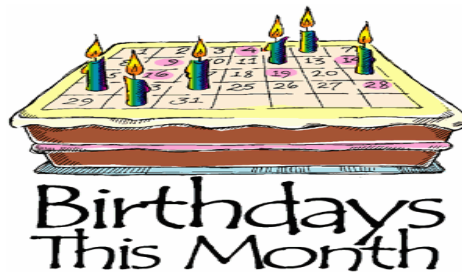
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## Interested In Joining Hope Church? Interested In Baptism?

If you are interested, please see Pastor Ken for more information.



The registration fee is \$30.00. See Pastor Ken for registration forms and to select workshops. You also need to bring a 10 lb. bag of potatoes for OPEN-M-AKRON.



Memorial Gifts help to further the Lord's work, and can be made anytime you desire. If you have questions, see Karen Semelsberger or Pastor Ken. Memorial gift forms are available in the literature rack in the Narthex and in the office.

Donations since the last Herald of Hope are made by: Jeffrey & Donna Whitacre in memory of Don Weber; Roger & Merleen Campbell in memory of Don Weber, Matilda Campbell, Jeanette Hoover, Madison Kurtz, Ron Phillips & Estelle Oeffner; & Lila Landals in memory of Stephen Baird.



### **Kamryn Grace Duty**

was born on Dec. 27, 2006 to the proud parents of Shane & Julie Duty (Swope) She weighed 7lbs. 6 oz.

Proud grandparents are Jim & Rusty Swope  
Proud bother is Kenton Duty



### **FEBRUARY**

- 12- Glenn & Rita Veppert
- 21- Ken & Marsha Oeffner

### **FEBRUARY**

- 1- Roger Campbell
- 2- Terry Walquist
- 3- Jill Hodges
- 4- Ethan Campbell
- 6- Doris Holman  
Angie Veppert  
Martha Baillis
- 7- Bob Russell
- 8- Matthew Rhodes  
Michelle Rhodes
- 9- Sandy Onusic
- 11- Robert Filiatreau
- 12- Marnie Mellinger
- 13- John Ross
- 14- Scott Campbell
- 17- Melissa (Campbell) Scott  
Stephanie (McVay) Howell  
Paul Cinko
- 18- Beverly Fincher  
Julie Thomas  
Penny Snyder
- 21- Sherry Jackson  
Heather Semelsberger
- 25- Sondra Myers
- 28- Gwenn Bresslauer
- 29- Abigail Tanner

**Our Condolences to Don & Bonnie Baird & Margaret Campbell on the loss of their son & brother, Stephen Baird.**









