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We exist to glorify God: building, equipping and sending believers to win people to Christ

Habitat For Humanity Women's Build

From Saturday, June 6th until Saturday, July 25th, Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a Women's Build in Oregon. The entire house, from foundation to walls and cabinets to paint, will be built by women. PAC Alliance Women plans to take two groups at two different times to participate in this awesome opportunity.

The first group will be going early on in the build to help with foundational things such as framing the house, roofing and siding work. The second group will plan to go towards the end of the build in order to help with finishing touches such as painting and landscaping.

It is also possible for you to help with the build on your own or in smaller groups. Anything that is needed in building a house needs to be done. If you are interested in a specific job, such as installing carpet, contact Rochelle Sikora in order to find out when help with that job will be needed.

If you are interested in more information, be sure to sign up on the Alliance Women bulletin board outside the office and check back here for updated information.



Every few years it is an essential function of God's church to re-visit its vision, objectives and mission statements. How are we accomplishing the mission we set out on? We have much as a church family to be excited about and we have much that we are doing well. Our Mission states: Perrysburg Alliance Church exists to glorify God; building, equipping and sending believers to win people to Christ. This mission is being carried out, although we are not done with it yet.

Because of this, the Elders launched a review of our mission, vision and objectives. It's not that what we have is insufficient, but we need to periodically evaluate and tweak those things that need adjusting and change those things that need changing. The councils have been diligently working in each of their areas as have each of the Pastors. They have been overseeing and evaluating their specific ministry areas to see if we can do things more efficiently, if something needs to be let go or if something needs to change.

Even with all of the financial doom and gloom of our nation and state, we continue to have a large percentage of our overall income going to support the Great Commission Fund. We have students and adults stepping out to serve God both in local ministries and in ministries across the world. To my knowledge, we have more students currently enrolled or enrolling in schools to prepare themselves for ministry than we have had since the time of our inception. We have individuals learning and growing in God's Word, and we have people sharing the good news of the Gospel with family, co-workers, neighbors, and friends. Many are experiencing a renewed walk with their God in ways they have never walked with Him before. We are regularly hosting visitors and adding to our numbers. We are developing individuals in areas of leadership and placing them in ministry. The evidence is around us all. The mission is being carried out. All Praise be to God!

Lots of good stuff, yes, but we are not done! We cannot afford, at any point, to sit back and just take it easy. What is at stake is the salvation of thousands, hundreds of thousands and time is running out for them. We want to efficiently use all of the resources with which we have been blessed to serve God in the way He wants us to work.

This fall we will launch a new area of ministry which will help us to reach a segment of the population previously unreached by us as a church. With our huge heart for missions, we must be involved in reaching internationals in our communities.

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We are also seeing the need for a vision-led and focused children's ministry within our church family. We have a lot of things already in place for children's ministry.

- We have loving and motivated workers.
- We have good material to use.
- We have space.
- We have the children.

Yet there is a missing ingredient. We do not have a focused approach to children's ministry. Our kids learn so much at this stage of life. We have a great opportunity to teach and prepare them that is not being fully utilized. We most likely will need a staff member who will have this area of ministry as their specific focus. They get to shape it and form it as God directs and them. This will maximize the potential to train and prepare our kids and come alongside their parents to support them in their God given task of parenting.

Our website was another area that required changes. We needed a website that was updatable weekly and that was relevant in every aspect of its function, *'useful, timely, worth going to repeatedly'*. The new website is well on its way there. It is being updated several times a week, has schedules that are current, has a design pleasing to the eye and it is easily navigable. These are just the initial pieces. There is more to come.

Obviously I cannot go through all the details of the tweaks and adjustments here in a newsletter, but some of the implementation is already in process even as the plans are being completed. Some items just couldn't wait.

I don't know if you have noticed, but the longer we live in a place, the more stuff we seem to gather around us. The clutter can start to impede your living rather than assist you in your living. Sometimes a good spring cleaning is needed to clear the clutter and maximize our living. In our Spiritual lives, in our church family's life, clutter sometimes starts to gather also. The longer we do something the more stuff that starts to attach itself to us. Perhaps a spring cleaning approach is needed for our lives to function properly. A book I recently looked at talked about a simple way to approach life and ministry. You do this basically by asking three questions:

- Am I loving God?
- Am I loving people?
- Am I serving the body of Christ? According to ability and gifting.

This may help with the spring cleaning and reorganization needed in our own life. It will also help us focus and make adjustments as a Church family.

We have a lot of good things ahead of us. God is using His people in a mighty way. Let us throw off everything that encumbers us and press on toward the goal. The Author of Hebrews said it this way: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." (12:1)

Pastor Thomas



GET READY TO COLLIDE!

2009 Collide Host Home Locations

<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>
14th Church	5th George's	2nd Haas'
21st Patterson's	12th Vicker's	9th Enderbury's
28th Spaan's	19th Scherreik's	16th Walbom's
	26th Clark's	23rd Kempton's



Camp Snowbird July 13th -18th

Please remember the youth group and adult volunteers in your prayers during this week. Pray for us Monday and Saturday morning as we will be making the ten hour drive. Keep us in your prayers during the week while students will be faced with many physical and spiritual challenges designed to help them grow closer to Christ. Pray that our hearts will be open to what God has for us to learn. Pray for unity in our group and that each one of us will come home with a serious passion for living and sharing the Gospel of Christ. Our group going to camp this year is Pastor Paul Irminger, Ben Wilson, Andrea Timmons, Stephen Clark, Mike Kaylor, Breck Overy, JD Walbom, Drew Pezzin, Alex Rodriguez, Aimee Spaans, and Chelsea Gray. There is still an opportunity to get your student on the trip if you contact Pastor Paul Irminger before all the spots at the camp are filled.

Cedar Point Trip - Tuesday, June 23rd

For all Students entering 6th grade through 2009 high school graduates. Cost of admission is \$30 dollars. Students will also need to pack food or bring extra money for lunch and dinner in the park. A cooler will be provided for storing perishable food items for those who would like to pack their food. Students should be dropped off at the church by 8:30am Tuesday and should be picked up at the church by 11:15pm. Sign up on the youth bulletin board to reserve your spot or email Pastor Paul Irminger. If any parents are interested in helping chaperon and drive please contact Pastor Paul Irminger.



Yes FM Radio Ministry

Keep your radio dial tuned to 89.3 YesFM this summer. They are going to be playing a "Full youth initiative" (which is an informational spotlight on a local youth ministry). Our youth group's summer ministry format that we call "Collide" will be highlighted. During one of the summer weeks Pastor Paul will be doing the "Morning Munch" devotion on air for YesFM and the following week our summer intern, Ben Wilson, will be teaching from the broadcast booth as well.



Summer Youth Pastor Intern

Be sure to welcome our summer youth intern Ben Wilson. Ben is a student at Toccoa Falls College and will be graduating this winter with a major in Youth Ministry. Ben will be with us for eight weeks and we would like him to get to know as many of us as possible. So please take the time to introduce yourself to him and invite him over to share a meal with your family this summer. He will be working with us from June 1st - July 27th. Our prayer is that this will be a time of blessing for him and for our students as he ministers to them. There is a sign up list on the youth board to reserve him for a Sunday lunch with your family.

