

Bible Quizzing Season Begins

The 2010 Bible Quizzing season has begun with lots of contagious enthusiasm and anticipation for what lies ahead. The team consists of Clinton Weaver, Greg Seymour, Kate Fleming and Kelli Fleming who are all back for another quiet year of quizzing practices! :-) This year's team is also blessed with the addition of Danae King and Heather Swartzentruber who have agreed to help with some of the coaching duties and with Jennifer Holderman who is helping both as a quizzer and as a coach. For the 1st time anyone can remember, this year's material covers 1st and 2nd Corinthians. Our quizzers have been busy at work since Thanksgiving studying the scriptures, answering practice questions, developing a vision and goals for this year's team, picking a team name (Bring It - To The Light), and discussing challenging devotionals written by Joni Fuller and Holly Swartzentruber. After the 1st two weeks of quizzing, "Bring IT To The Light" is off to a pretty good start having won 6 of 7 matches thus far.

Thanks to the many different people who have already volunteered to bless this year's team by spending time using their wonderful writing gifts for our weekly devotionals on these passages. Matches are held at Sonnenberg each week starting at 2:30pm. We certainly appreciate the fans who have already come to cheer the team on and hope to see more of you there soon! ~ Gary Steiner



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Elder Council Update

The 2010 ministry spending plan was approved by vote at the recent congregational business meeting. Included in the MSP vote was a provision to fund the other 1/2-time youth pastor position with pledges over and above normal tithing. More than a dozen families have committed to funding the 1/2-time youth pastor by pledging over the required total amount of \$1800/month. Elder Council will be appointing a search committee to begin the search process for the youth pastor. If you know of someone that may be interested in applying for this youth pastor position please let us know. We will keep the congregation informed as we move ahead with the search process. Mel Wenger, Elder Facilitator



Easter Orchestra Players Wanted!!!

Pastor Bill is putting together an orchestra of willing instrumentalists of all levels. We could easily have 20 people with adults and children who play instruments. Any instrument, if seriously (not jokingly) played can be included.

A small number of people will begin playing on February 21. Then each week, a player or two will be added with a good number of us playing on Palm Sunday (March 28) and everyone playing on Easter (April 4). The type of instrument you play does not matter. You simply need to be willing to join the group, do some practicing, and attend rehearsals.

Rehearsals will be Noon—12:30 p.m. on Sundays beginning with Sunday, February 7.

Please give Bill the following information:

- Name
- Age
- Instrument
- Sundays you are willing to play
- Sundays you are not available to play
- Indication that a parent is willing to help if you are young beginner

Sign up on the ad board, or send Pastor Bill an email at ombill@zoominternet.net.



Lasting Flame Marriage Seminar with Amy and Michael Smalley

Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church in Orrville is hosting a Lasting Flame Marriage Seminar February 26 and 27. The seminar, which will feature speakers Amy and Michael Smalley, will be held at Central Christian School in Kidron. Chestnut Ridge sponsored the first Lasting Flame Marriage Seminar in 2008. Nineteen couples attended that event, which was led by speakers Brent and Laurie Lamb. In 2009 more than 100 couples attended the seminar, which featured speakers Steve and Annie Chapman. Cost for the seminar is \$100 per couple if postmarked by February 5, and \$130 per couple after that date. Brochures are available by the mailboxes. More information also is available at the seminar web site: www.lastingflame.org.

Camp Luz Mother-Daughter Retreat—Camp Luz announces the Mother-Daughter Retreat, January 29-30, 2010. The speaker will be Mattie Marie Mast, of Dalton, Ohio. This retreat is for grandmothers, mothers and daughters to come together for worship, Bible study and discussion times, games, and just plain fun! The retreat begins Friday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. and ends Saturday, January 30 after supper at 6:00 p.m. COST: \$25 per person 11 years and up; \$12.50 for ages 4-10; under 3 free. See the flyer on the folding bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Extra copies are available by the mailboxes. Call 330-683-1246, email camppluz@embarqmail.com, or visit www.camppluz.com for more information.

Questions About Baptism?

What is it?

Why do we do it?

Should I be baptized?

When should I be baptized?

How should I be baptized?

What do I have to do?



If you have these or any baptism related questions, Pastor Bill has some special time for you:

- Sundays, February 14 and 21
- Bill's office 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

People of all ages are invited.

Just show up! If too many come for the size of the office, we'll move to the sanctuary.

Mennonite Central Committee Response to Earthquake in Haiti

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is responding to the earthquake that struck Haiti January 12, the largest in more than 200 years. MCC's response will be at least \$1 million U.S. or \$1.03 million Cdn. and will provide immediate shelter, food and emergency supplies and trauma healing and other long-term recovery needs. You can help through prayer for the people of Haiti and by donating to MCC's Haiti Earthquake appeal. Give online at donate.mcc.org/project/haiti-earthquake, by check to the MCC office nearest you, or by phone toll free: 1-888-563-4676 (U.S.).

Super Bowl Sub Sandwiches

Footprints is selling Super Bowl sub sandwiches with proceeds to benefit their summer mission/service trip to New York City. An order form is in your church mailbox. Please return your order to Bill, Gary, the church office or a Footprints youth by Sunday, January 31st. Subs can be picked up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th between 11:30 and 12:30.

