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APRIL SHOWERS...

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." (1 Corinthians 3:6)

After a long, cold, long, wet, long winter (did I mention long?), spring is finally here... well, in theory. I am more than ready for the sunshine, warm weather and the cook outs to begin. I am also excited to start up the backyard garden. I'm planning on extending said garden out another 8 feet looking forward to bringing in a greater harvest.

Gardening is a funny thing- the more work I put into it, the better the results. I've learned over the years the fine art of plant placement, fertilizing, watering, weeding, and pruning to yield the best out-crop. And while I have figured out a few gardening tricks over the years, the fact remains- I CANNOT GROW A SINGLE VEGETABLE. I can do all the right things to aid the growing process, but God ultimately makes the plant grow. Planting and watering are my job, growing the harvest is God's job.

Agriculture examples were continually used by Jesus to teach us about evangelism. While we have been commissioned to make disciples of all nations, I am yet to meet someone who actually has made a disciple. I cannot make someone's heart change, only the Bible can. I cannot motivate someone to radically change their live- only the cross can. I cannot make a disciple- only God can.

But there are some things that I can do- I can sow seeds and can water them! I can share my faith with as many people as possible. I can water those seeds by loving people, caring for them, and considering them better than myself. I can swing the Sword and teach people the truth. And God can make those little seeds grow. As we transition into the spring, lets sow some seeds and shower them with water, and watch God do some growing!

2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 14th: HOPE Serving Event
May 27th-29th: ACR Beachstock (VA)
May 28th: Cincy Summerbration
June 4th: Rock of Ages Party
June 19th: Father's Day Outdoor Service
July 7th-10th: Camp Navigator
July 24th-29th: Camp Discovery
Aug 6th-7th: Cedar Point Singles Weekend
Aug 15th-19th: VBS
Sep 7th: Special Contribution
Sep 10th-11th: Ohio Valley Rally (Col)
Sep 24th: Bob Crable Memorial Tourney
Oct 2nd: Young Christian Luncheon
Oct 14th: Women's Day
Oct 29th-30th: Singles Halloween Party (Cle)
Nov 18th: Marrieds Event
Dec 11th: Church Christmas Party

FUND RAISERS

We have a bundle of fund raising opportunities again this year to raise money for Indonesia and summer camp.

Kroger: please re-enroll at
www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Mud Hens Dates: April 14th, 15th, and 20th. May 5th. June 9th, 23rd, and 24th. July 16th. August 11th and 26th.

April Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 MIT's Meeting Mandy's B-day!
3 Worship Service	4	5	6 Congregational Midweek Jen Scheuer B-day!	7	8 Ray's B-day!	9 Meat Eaters Class in Columbus
10 Worship Service Leaders Meeting	11	12	13 Women's Midweek Nick's B-day!	14 Mudhens Fund-Raiser Double-Header	15 Mudhens Fund-Raiser	16
17 Worship Service Leaders Meeting	18	19	20 Mud Hens Men's Midweek Tom's B-day!	21 Karin's B-day!	22	23 Song Leaders Practice
24 Easter Service	25	26	27 Family Group Midweek	28	29	30 "Bello Sera" Marrieds Night Out!

BELLO SERA

On April 30th, the Toledo Church has rented out a banquet room at Mancy's Italian for a special night out for married couples. The Singles ministry has graciously volunteered to watch our children so you can spend some much needed time away with your spouse. After an amazing meal, we'll break out the dance floor and boogey down! The entire evening including dinner, dessert, dancing, photography, and babysitting is only \$40 per couple! For more information, please contact Nick Kelsch or Christine Kovacs.

SUMMER CAMP INFO

Camp Navigator is for kids going into 3rd-5th grade and will be held July 7-10. The cost of camp is \$165.

Camp Discovery is for kids going into 6th-8th grade and will be held July 24-29. The cost of this camp is \$265.

A \$100 deposit is due by June 1st with the remaining balance due June 15th. Please contact Ryan if you need financial assistance.

Additional info can be found at <http://www.cincinnatichurch.org/teens.aspx>

STATS & NUMBERS

On March 6th, Tanya Haughton was baptized into Christ! She and her daughter Vega have been incredible additions to our church.

Our membership now totals 62 disciples, which is the largest our church has ever been!

Feb Contro: \$7,690.30

Feb Budget: \$6738.46

YTD Contro: \$22,369.15

YTD Budget: \$21,900.00

Difference: +\$469.15