

THE "419"

THE TOLEDO CHURCH OF CHRIST
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
AUGUST EDITION

"Operation Meditation"

Why did God create us? Why would an omniscient and omnipresent God of the universe who could do as he pleases take the time and effort to create us? And why would he give us the power to choose right or wrong, good or evil, obedience or rebellion? God created us because he desperately wanted to be loved.

As a father, little can compare to the joy that my children give to me. Whether its Justin wanting to show me the latest insect he caught in the backyard, or Anna giggling while she wrestles me to the ground, I get so much

satisfaction from being a father who is loved by his children. God is no different. Our God truly revels in being our Father in Heaven. Above all else, he desperately desires we reciprocate the love that he shows us.

This past month, we unveiled "Operation Meditation" to the church. The mission is simple and straightforward: We want everyone to commit to having an awesome quiet time everyday. While this "operation" sounds more like a military campaign, our real goal is for everyone to fall in love with spending time with their Father in Heaven.

"As a deer pants for water, so my soul pants for you, Oh God."

Psalm 42:1

Let us all give our heart to this mission by giving our hearts to God. Let us seek out our first love with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. And let us put a huge smile on the face of our Father in Heaven by relishing in our relationship with him!

Special Contribution- August 4th

We are excitedly anticipating the collection for our Special Missions Contribution to be collected at Midweek on August 4th. This year, our goal is to collect just under \$22,000 to help aid the churches in Indonesia and our local mission work in Toledo. It's



with a team of disciples who are aggressively attempting to evangelize the largest Muslim nation in the world! For those that missed the Missions Contribution presentation given last month at Midweek, I will be conducting it again after church on August 1st.

a great honor to be able to share in this grace of giving

2nd Annual Bob Crable Memorial Tournament- August 28th

Come one, come all to the 2nd Annual Bob Crable Memorial Wii Bowling Tournament! Bob was a beloved member of the Toledo Church of Christ. Bob became a Christian while courageously battling cancer. He passed away in August of 2008. He was an avid bowler and we honor him every year with a Wii Bowling Tournament. This year, we are opening up the event to the entire church. Brett Hibbler will face some serious competition to defend the trophy, as any man, woman, or child is welcomed to participate. Please join us for some great food, fellowship and fun as we honor our great brother Bob!



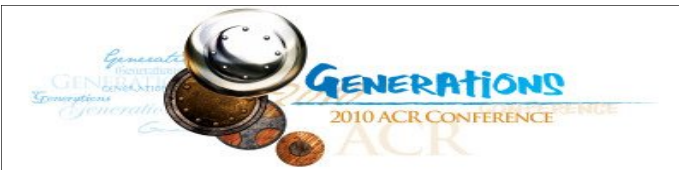
August Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>Sunday Service</u> \$ Presentation	2 <u>God Works</u> Rahman's B-day!	3	4 Midweek Service	5	6	7 <u>Song Practice</u> William's B-day!
8 <u>Sunday Service</u> <u>VBS setup</u> Amy Dull B-day!	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!					14 Segovia Diaper Party!
15 Sunday Service	16	17	18 <u>Midweek Service</u> LG Delivery	19	20	21
22 Outdoor Service	23 Jan, Fran, & Ross Birthdays!	24	25 Midweek Service	26	27	28 Bob Crable Memorial Tourney
29 Sunday Service Alejandra's B-day	30	31				

Upcoming Events...

OHIO VALLEY MARRIAGE RETREAT: October 9-10

- Disciples from the Ohio Valley will be gathering near the Dayton area for a weekend of great teaching to enhance our marriages.



ACR CONFERENCE: November 5-7

www.hamptonroadschurch.org/generations

The ACR conference will be held in Norfolk, VA. The theme of the conference is "Generations" and will be focused on preaching and teaching from the book of Daniel. There will be speakers from around the world pEarly bird pricing is \$55 (thru August 15th). Please sign up via the website listed above.

Church Business

July Membership:

- Placed Membership: Luis & Heather Sanchez
- End of June Membership: 58 disciples

Finances:

June Pledges: \$7,173.84
 June Contribution: \$5,482.25
 Year to Date Pledges: \$53,803.80
 Year to Date Contribution \$50,208.45