

THE MISSION

Mis-sion [mish-uh n] - an operational task, usually assigned by a higher headquarters.

At our recent Winter Retreat, we asked everyone to write down the ideal speech that a friend might say to honor you. The idea was to help us each identify what we most value in our lives. Following the activity in my discipling group, I observed some commonalities. Men wanted to be recognized as worthy of respect, great husbands, great fathers, and spiritual leaders. I overheard some of the more boisterous brothers from other groups talking about leaving a legacy of disciples who they helped to convert. But I didn't hear many include this important mission.

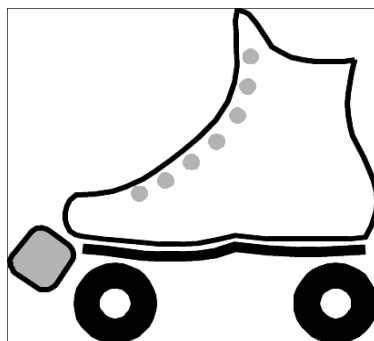
Throughout the Bible, God has given many a man a special mission. Noah was to build a boat in a dry Middle Eastern climate. Abraham was to move to move his family from their comfy surroundings to a barren desert. Moses was to explain to the most powerful man in the world that his work force would soon be resigning. Cowardly, faithless Gideon

was called to be the military leader of God's people. Only ever considered for her beauty, Esther was asked to plead to the king for the lives of her people. Time and again, God called fearful men to be men of courage. Truly are God "calls the things that are not, as though they are." (Romans 4:17). If these great men and women were given the opportunity to write their own tribute, I'm sure they would have included the specific mission given by God.

God has given us all a mission. He has given us an "operational task" and he sits in his "higher headquarters" awaiting to see souls plunged into the waters of baptism. Jesus has commissioned us to make disciples of all nations to baptize them, and to teach them to obey everything he has commanded (Matthew 28:18-20). How important of a role does your mission from God play in your life? How eager are we to "complete the 'task' of testifying to the good news of God's grace" (Acts 20:24)? We have the ultimate mission worth fighting for. We have greatest task in this world. Let us collectively embrace our Great Commission from God!

March 6th: Church Service @ the Roller Rink!

We have an exciting service planned for the first Sunday in March at the roller rink! It will be a family style service with all of the kids. After communing together we'll open up the rink for anyone who wants to skate. What a great event in which to invite your friends and family to have some fun and worship the Lord!



When: March 6th

Where: Ohio Skate 5735 Opportunity Drive (off Alexis), Toledo, OH 43612

How much: Admission and skate rental are FREE! They have an eatery if you'd like to purchase lunch.

February Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Midweek Cancelled	3	4	5
6 <u>Worship Service</u> Leader's Meeting	7	8	9 Congregational Midweek	10 Jen Blakeman Birthday!	11	12 Marriage Retreat in Cleveland
13 <u>Worship Service</u> David's B-day!	14	15	16 Women's <u>Midweek</u> Cheryl's B-day!	17	18	19 Singles Gala in Louisville
20 <u>Worship Service</u> Leader's Meeting	21 Latrice Flowers & John Gillham's Birthday!	22	23 Men's <u>Midweek</u> Linda's B-day!	24	25	26 Song Practice
27 Worship Service	28					

BOOK TABLE

This year, disciples of the Toledo Church of Christ will have access to all books from DPI and IPI publishers at a great discount. You simply can pre-order with Rob any book(s) from their websites (listed to the right). You will receive a 25-30% discount from the cover price of each book. You will not even pay shipping and handling! What a great deal! Our first pre-order will take place in March.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Here are a bundle of websites from our family of churches.

www.toledochurchofchrist.com
www.disciplestoday.org
www.icochotnews.com
www.hopeww.org
www.dpibooks.org
www.ipibooks.com
www.thankyouohio.blogspot.com
www.douglasjacoby.com

STATS & NUMBERS

January Finances:

January Contribution:
\$7,183.75

January Budget:
\$8,423.10

Since we did not collect our weekly contribution at the Winter Retreat, our first month's collection was understandably low. Please make sure we "make up" our missed contribution to enable the church to maintain our budget.