

THE "419"

THE TOLEDO CHURCH OF CHRIST
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER EDITION

THE "END-YEAR'S RESOLUTION"

In my nine plus years serving in the Toledo Church, I've picked up a thing or two about our congregation. I've learned that ultimate Frisbee is a full contact sport, our best Wii bowlers are those who have never played, and Sandie Crable thinks she is a teenager who can be found on facebook during the wee-hours of the morning. More recently, I've learned that the term "Sermunion" has yet to make it to the west coast! All kidding aside, I have noticed that during our spiritual campaign months, we tend to do better than normal. Plenty of reasons come to mind on why this may be... Perhaps the unity of the campaign sparks something within our spirit that spurs us on to do our part? Maybe it is that something new to study gives us focus, or could it be that a little extra accountability motivates us beyond the norm? While this reasoning may hold true for some, I think we all would agree that the structure and discipline of campaign months leads us all to be a bit more focused for God.

Discipline and structure aids us in all areas of our lives. From alarm clocks blaring in the morning, to the day-timer on your phone, to the sacred family calendar magnetized on the

fridge, we all understand the aid these devices give. Structure, scheduling and game-planning make our lives flow smoothly and increase our overall productivity. It stands to reason that adding some structure, scheduling and game-planning would also be a great benefit to us spiritually. I've noticed that our most focused spiritual months tend to come in January and February when our spiritual goals are fresh in our minds.

With all of this in mind, I challenge you to make an "End of Year Resolution." As we continue with "Operation Meditation," I'd like us all to make some specific goals for our times with God to last us through the holiday season. Perhaps you'd like to polish off a couple new spiritual books by year's end. Or maybe use last month as a springboard and continue through the rest of the New Testament and/or continue your Monday fasts. Perhaps you struggle with prayer during the cold winter months, and could use some resolute plans to get your winter started with a bang. Its up to you. I simply challenge you to make a plan for your quiet times to stay spiritually sharp and focused and communicate those plans with your Family Group and discipling partner. Lets end the year on a high note, giving our best to God!

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

The Singles Ministry has found a wonderful serving opportunity to clothe and help the homeless in the Toledo area. Every Saturday morning, there is an organization that needs volunteers to help with their endeavors. If you would be interested in volunteering your time, please talk to Brett Hibbler or Jen Scheuer. Also, if you have old clothes that you would like to donate, you can speak to them as well.

For the past several years, Cheryl Sears has teamed up with the director of "Miracle Christmas" to help provide Christmas presents for struggling families in the Toledo area. Specifically, its designed to help families that have recently been struck with tragedy or job loss. There is a spaghetti dinner scheduled for November 14th. If you are interested in donating for the cause, please talk with Cheryl Sears. Thank you!

November Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 <u>Midweek Service</u> Doreen's B-day!	4	5 ACR CONFERENCE	6 ACR CONFERENCE
7 ACR <u>CONFERENCE</u> Sunday Service	8	9	10 Midweek Service	11	12	13 Song Practice
14 <u>Sunday Service</u> Leaders Meeting	15	16	17 Family Group <u>Midweek Service</u> LG Delivery	18	19 <u>Boy's Sleepover</u> Erika's B-day!	20
21 Sunday Service	22	23	24 No Midweek	25	26 Nate's B-day!	27
28 Sunday Service	29	30				

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Sunday December 19th
- We will have our annual Christmas potluck, slide show, and white elephant gift exchange!

2011 WINTER RETREAT

- January 28-30th, 2011
- Our annual retreat continues to get bigger and better!

October Membership:

Baptized: Aggie Moore

Restored: Jeff Head

Membership Totals: **60 disciples!**

October & YTD Finances:

October Contribution: \$8,036.00

October Budget: \$6,830.76

YTD Contribution: \$73,059.45

YTD Budget: \$73,430.67