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News from the Church of God in the State of Ohio

June 2014

The Ekklesia Challenge Explained

Ohio Ministries is committed to a strategy designed to challenge and equip Ohio's churches to step up and step into their divine mission. Together, we work with church leaders to focus on three critical areas, Leadership Development, Church Vitalization, and Church Multiplication, to help churches unify, develop, and grow. We call this joined effort the **Ekklesia Challenge**.

Key to encouraging commitment to the Ekklesia Challenge is an increased awareness of the existing, traditional services and benefits that Ohio Ministries provides on a non-discriminatory basis to Ohio's pastors, churches, and individual church attendees, all of which provides a rich support system that is unique in size and scope among the Church of God Movement in North America.

As we reach out this summer and through the remainder of 2014, we will be focusing on the message of unity and growth. To learn more about how your church can commit to the Ekklesia Challenge, call us at (740) 747-2916.

Just what is the *Ekklesia Challenge?*



Ekklesia (f-kē-zhē-ə) from Greek, meaning "a people called out or summoned for mission"

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Leadership Development: Understanding that ministry is often too big of a job to do alone, Ohio Ministries has implemented several platforms for transformational leadership development.

Vitalization: Church vitalization features an intensive Catalyst Coaching Weekend with the capacity for involving all members of an individual church's leadership team.

Multiplication: The third exciting element is our missional commitment to church multiplication through our facilitation of church plants and multi-site congregational development.

We encourage you to contact us to learn more about what the Ekklesia Challenge can mean for your church.

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ESTHER RECEIVES HER DOCTORATE!

We congratulate our Associate Director, Esther Cottrell, in the recent completion of her Doctor of Ministry degree!

"I have been able to use my learnings to work with pastors and churches and am eager to continue using this information for the sake of the Church in Ohio," says Esther.



LEADERS DISCUSS CHURCH PLANTING

Nearly 50 pastors and leaders from across the state of Ohio met for a phenomenal "Cultivating Congregations" luncheon on June 12th to discuss church multiplication.

The next gathering of Cultivating Congregations will be August 19, 2014 in Lima, Ohio.



SUMMER CAMP KICKS OFF

The first week of Camp Marengo Summer Camp was a great success with 126 campers.

Of the Junior High campers, 10 made a first time salvation commitment, 36 rededicated their lives to Christ, 110 expressed an interest in deepening their faith, and 17 felt a call to ministry in some capacity!

News from Around Ohio



RETURN FROM MISSION IN ITALY

Last month Randy Bargerstock led a pilot group of eight to Italy. The team participated in worship and fellowship with two new congregations, and they also spent many helpful hours installing a suspended ceiling in the church in Ostia.

Look for a video and pictures of their adventure at ohchog.org.



SPIRIT-FILLED SW CAMP MEETING

The South West Camp Meeting in Lebanon, Ohio experienced a Spirit-filled week with great fellowship, great worship and great preaching.

Evangelist Rick Webb preached of the need to stay focused and fresh in our Christian walk. His text was from Luke 9 on *Sleeping Sickness*.



CELEBRATING REV. RON FOWLER

A Pastor's Appreciation Seminar was held at the Forty Corners Church of God in Massillon on April 29th.

One of the highlights of the day was the presentation to Rev. Ronald Fowler with the inaugural award for his leadership and service to the church.

Event Calendar

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| International Youth Convention | July 5-8 |
| Camp Meeting SEO | July 11-20 |
| Camp Meeting NEO | July 19-27 |
| Camp Meeting NWO | July 26-Aug 1 |
| Camp Meeting Central Ohio | Aug 1-10 |
| National Assoc. of the Church of God Annual Camp Meeting | Aug 3-10 |
| Cultivating Congregations 2.0 | Aug 19 |
| Men's Ox Roast | Sept 5-6 |
| Senior Adults Fall Feast Walnut Creek | Oct 2 |
| Senior Adults Fall Feast Plain City | Oct 16 |
| Fall General Assembly | Oct 23 |

Featured Upcoming Events



Men's Ox Roast Sept 5-6

3480 Township Road 221
Marengo, OH 43334



Senior Adults Fall Feasts

Der Dutchman
Walnut Creek Oct 6
Plain City Oct 16



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