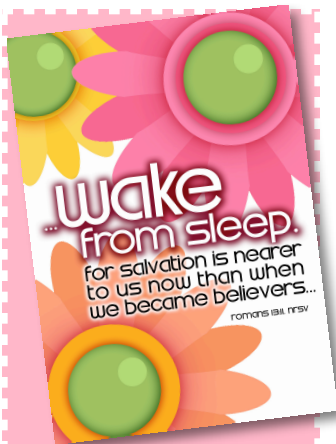


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# FOCAL Point

CENTERED ON ACTIVITIES OF TOLEDO FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH FAMILY



*God is,  
and all is well.*

—Whittier



## ✧ Come to Camp Meeting—For His Glory ✧

Years ago a monumental study of young people revealed that emphasizing grace, actively participating in community service, and teaching children how to pray, read, and share during family times of worship are three of the most significant factors that contribute to whether they will see God as significant and the church as a positive place to stay when they're adults. This summer, you're invited to see how these things can work in your lives today.

We make time for sporting events and theme parks. But when was the last time you and your family intentionally set a week aside to worship God and serve those He loves like crazy all together? Camp Meeting JUN 12-18 is coming fast and YOU are invited to join me there! Please see page 3 for details and room / RV reservations. You do NOT need to be Adventist or a member of Toledo First Church to participate! —Pastor Mike



*All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.—James Russell Lowell*

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# Here's what happened in March & April

The soap critters in the top left photo were made by Pathfinders and displayed in the foyer at church. In photo #2 Donna Schuster presented Betty Kizer with a welcome basket when she

joined Toledo First by transfer on April 16. Betty has been attending our church for many years and we're glad to have her officially join. That same day we happily welcomed Nancy

Green by profession of faith. She is shown in photo #3 with her two daughters and their husbands, along with Pastor Mike and Donna at left. The last photo is of our new Youth

Choir under the direction of Sharon Van Wyk. They sang as part of the Easter worship service on April 23. Thanks, Jeff Batchelder, for sharing your photos!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	MAY 7	MAY 15	MAY 21	JUNE 12-18
	Mother's Day Dinner by men	Spring Cleanup Outside	Farewell to Pastor Anna	Ohio Camp Meeting

*Remember: You can see this newsletter in beautiful color by visiting [toledofirstadventist.org](http://toledofirstadventist.org)*

### Got room?

Pastor Anna, our youth pastor, will be leaving soon and someone new will be coming. If you are willing to provide a room for him/her, please contact the church (419.882.6200) or Pastor Mike directly (419.386.8918).

### Come to Spring Cleanup May 15

This is your invitation to come on Sunday, May 15, 1:30 - 4:30 PM to join your brothers and sisters in Christ for an old-fashioned Work Bee to clean up the grounds at church, getting rid of fallen limbs and

other debris. Any questions about what tools to bring, please see Robert Ostrander. ##

### Listen

*Listen* magazine campaign is still on! *Listen* exists to help young people make smart choices, and to stay away from drugs and other risky behaviors. Now through May 31, you can sponsor a subscription to a young person for \$19. If you want to provide a name and address, the subscription can be sent directly to the person of your choosing, or *Listen* can send subscriptions to local high schools. Either way,

you can make a difference in a young person's life. For more information, .check their cool website: [www.ListenMagazine.org](http://www.ListenMagazine.org). ##

### Calling all women!

Ladies, don't miss your chance for a great meal on Sabbath, May 7 (and you don't have to do a thing but show up)!! The men are honoring the ladies with a Mother's Day dinner on Sabbath, May 7, after worship. Come and enjoy! (And men, remember your donations.) ##

### ABC has specials

Each month the Adventist Book Center has food and book specials. Flyers are available on the desk in the church office. ##

### Help flood victims

The Mansfield church is helping flood victims but they can't do it alone. If you help, too, please contact Roy Nelson at 740.381.7703. ##



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## Ohio Camp Meeting June 12-18

Enjoy a full week of camp meeting on the campus of Mount Vernon Academy. The program will include daily worship, opportunities for Bible study, spiritual and personal growth, inspirational singing and music, full programs for Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, Earliteens and Youth, recreational activities, fellowship and food.

### Lodging

Dorm rooms are \$30/day; \$150/5days; \$185/7 days (plus \$85 refundable deposit; (deposit will be forfeited if room is not left as it is found, or if guests cook in dorms). RV sites with electric \$20/day. Tent spaces available; contact MVA for details.

Reservations may be made by contacting Sheila Shafer at [sshafer@mvacademy.org](mailto:sshafer@mvacademy.org) or 740.397.5411, ext 228.

### Food

Please note: NO cooking (including microwaves & hot plates) is permitted in the dorm rooms. Small refrigerators are allowed. No meal service is provided except for Sabbath lunch (hosted by Kettering Health Network) and Sabbath dinner (courtesy friends of the Ohio Conference). Reserve either or both meals by calling 740.397.4665, ext 111.

### Daily Schedule

For adults, meetings are offered daily, M-F at 8:00 AM, 10:45 AM; and 7:45 PM. From 2:00-4:00, M-F, spiritual, family, & marital counseling are offered, as well as prayer. At the 10:45 AM and 7:45 PM meetings, there is a choice of programs including: health, Gospel memory course, discovering God's way, a careful look at OT stories, Christian perfection, Mark's Gospel. Classes are held in the Admin building or Cafeteria.

For children and youth, meetings are offered for all divisions M-F at 10:45 AM and 7:45 PM.

Something special occurs on Thursday, June 16, 12 Noon, when ladies are invited to "Come to the Garden" for a relaxing ladies tea with friends. It will be held at the Mt. Vernon Hill Adventist Church. Space is extremely limited so please only reserve tickets if you will definitely be in attendance. Reservations may be made online at [www.ohioadventist.org](http://www.ohioadventist.org), or by calling Ruth Ann at 740.397.4665, ext 111.

### Weekend (Pastor Mike speaks @ closing meeting)

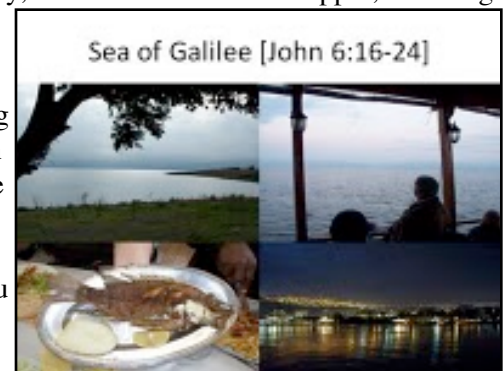
On Sunday, June 12, Camp Meeting begins with a 7 PM concert by The Gospel Echoes, a men's quartet based in Akron, Ohio, who have travelled throughout the midwest.

On Sabbath, June 18, conference president, Dr. Raj Attiken speaks at worship in the auditorium. A music and talent program will be presented at 2:30 PM, then the evening meeting at 7 PM features our own Pastor Mike Fortune. A concert at 8 PM by The Walker Family rounds out Camp Meeting 2011. More information may be found at [www.ohioadventist.org](http://www.ohioadventist.org) or by calling 740.397.4665 ext 165. ##

## Join me on a trip to Israel

Some of you know Jackie and I went with a bunch of pastor friends to Israel in January 2010. Seeing the places Jesus walked made the Bible "come alive" in ways you must experience to understand and I have wanted to return ever since! So I want you to know I am planning an eight-day tour back to Israel JAN 23 – 30, 2012. The tour is approximately \$2500/person [not including travel to NYC where we depart] but will include visits to Tiberias, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, Capernaum, the River Jordan, Mount Carmel, Caesarea, the Dead Sea, Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran, the Garden Tomb, Calvary, Pool of Bethesda, Garden of Gethsemane, Mt. Moriah, Mount of Olives, the Western Wall, the Via Dolorosa, Bethlehem, the Kidron Valley, the Room of the Last Supper, and King David's Tomb.

I'm hoping with enough notice, some of you may be able to join me! You do NOT have to be Adventist or a member of Toledo First Church. If we get 30+ people to sign up, we get our own coach bus in Israel and hopefully Menachem my favorite tour guide extraordinaire from last time! Please see me or reply to [mike4tune@gmail.com](mailto:mike4tune@gmail.com) for more information or to let me know of your interest. —Pastor Mike ##





## TJA Open House is May 22

On May 22, Toledo Junior Academy will host its second Open House. If you know of someone looking for a wonderful atmosphere for their child to learn, invite them to come out and tour the school and meet the staff. Doors will be open from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. ##



## JMLC News

James Meade Learning Center will be hosting the 8th graduation since 2003. The children in the graduating class of 2011 are excited to demonstrate the skills they have learned this year, including reading, memorizing Bible verses, and the many skills required to enter into Kindergarten. Graduation will be held May 31, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary. All are invited to experience the preschool working "down on the farm" and the Pre K in "the land of the Letter People."

James Meade Learning Center has a new website! Check out the high quality child care site and the impressive program JMLC offers. The site will be launched in the next few weeks at [www.Jamesmeadetoledo.org](http://www.Jamesmeadetoledo.org). (We give a huge thank you to John Hood for all his hard work.)

James Meade Learning Center was awarded the 2 star quality award from the Ohio Department

of Job and Family Services and Step Up to Quality on April 17, 2011. The learning center was originally awarded 2 stars in 2007 and has maintained excellent quality for four years straight! JMLC is providing above average quality in every area of the program and continues to uphold exceptional care for children. — Tanya Purcell, Director ##

## TJA News

The school year is quickly drawing to a close. This month we're looking forward to the annual Mud Hens School Celebration Game on May 26.

Graduation ceremonies will be held on Thursday, June 2, beginning at 6:00 PM with Kindergarten, and the Eighth Grade ceremony begins at 7:30. Each ceremony will be followed by a brief reception. Come with your cameras ready to capture the memories. Kindergarten graduates are: Morgan Amick, Ayzlei

Edgecombe, Jessyka Harris, Madison Kucway, Emma Landeros, Morgan MacDonald, Mackenzie Mann, Colton Martin and Michael McKay.

Eighth grade graduates are: K'Lynn Beal, Emily Bills, Nikyta Cantwell, Taylor Lonas, Christina McKay.

We congratulate all of our graduates! — Dana Holland, Principal ##



## We invite you to join us

Sabbath, May 21, Pastor Anna will be our speaker at worship. It will also be her last day with us. Nine months have flown by!!

We're having a potluck on that Sabbath and we will have a short farewell program during lunch. We hope you will join us for this special Sabbath. We want to let Pastor Anna know how much we have appreciated her ministry here among not only our young people but all age groups. *Thank you, Pastor Anna!* — De-Laura Caulder ##



## Motorcyclists Camp Meeting

Ride your motorcycle and join others at Rev It Up Revival in Mount Vernon, Ohio, June 2 - 5. Enjoy an extra long weekend of biker games and a 100-mile ride into the beautiful Amish countryside surrounding Mount Vernon. Lodging arrangements are available through MVA by contacting Sheila Shafer at [sshafer@mvacademy.org](mailto:sshafer@mvacademy.org) or 740.397.5411, ext 228. Register at [www.ohioadventist.org](http://www.ohioadventist.org) to reserve Sabbath & Sunday meal tickets. ##

## Mohaven Summer Camps begin June 12

Information about summer camps is available at the church office or online at [summeratmohaven.org](http://summeratmohaven.org). Youth ages 6 - 17 are invited to attend. Don't miss the fun! ##



# Calendar Events

# May & June 2011

## May



### Birthdays

May 1 Austin Jessop  
May 3 Gary Gooden  
May 8 Lori Marsh  
May 11 Wanda Graham  
May 12 Linda Ostrander  
May 14 Tina Polzin  
May 18 Linda Bilby  
May 19 Rachel Davies  
May 22 Sue Burrow  
May 23 Ted Nonoy  
May 25 Raymond Kawakami  
May 26 Janell Ashley  
May 27 Cindy Leibengood  
May 30 Sharon Crosby; Julie Larimore

### Sabbath Events

Sabbath School @ 9:30 & Worship @ 11 AM each week  
Kid Connect @ 11 AM each week

**May 7** Pastor Mike "Living the Resurrection with Certainty"  
Mother's Day Lunch follows (men preparing)  
**May 14** Pastor Mike "Living the Resurrection with Loss"; No dinner  
**May 21** Pastor Anna speaks. Farewell potluck for Pastor Anna.  
**May 28** Pastor Mike "Living the Resurrection with Forgiveness";  
Eat 'n Greet 'n Art

### Sundays

Christ the Word Church rents our church morning & evening on the 1st & 4th Sundays this month; Morning only 2nd, 3rd, 5th  
**May 15** Spring Cleanup outside, 1:30 - 4:30 PM  
**May 22** Toledo Junior Academy OPEN HOUSE

### Mondays

**May 2** Church Business Meeting, 7 PM

**Tuesdays** - Church office is open 9 AM - 4 PM

**May 17** Recital

**May 31** James Meade Learning Center Graduation

### Wednesdays

Soup for You @ 6 PM each week  
Adventurers & Pathfinders @ 6:30 PM each week  
Revelation discussion @ 6:30 PM each week

**Thursdays** - Church office is open 9 AM - 4 PM

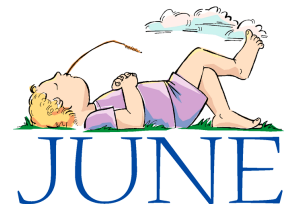
### Fridays

Worship Practice @ 5:30 PM

## June

### Birthdays

June 1 Troy Brion  
June 2 Cindy Naus  
June 4 Harold Rumsey; Angela Eschmann  
June 5 Brad Marsh  
June 10 Gerald Marsa  
June 14 Rachel Hall  
June 15 Melissa Bilby Hare; Helen Szana  
June 16 Mary Ann Hess; Jack Herman  
June 19 Mike Heiney  
June 21 Dan Frey  
June 25 Judy Riley; Cheryl Malosh  
June 26 Karen Sandy  
June 29 Meghan Makley  
June 30 Sandy Gorsuch



### Sabbath Events

Sabbath School @ 9:30 & Worship @ 11 AM each week  
Kid Connect @ 11 AM each week

**June 4** Pastor Mike "Living the Resurrection with Doubt";  
Fellowship Potluck; Wedding rehearsal & dinner (community wedding)  
**June 11** Pastor Mike "Living the Resurrection with Hope"; No Dinner; Amber Hass baby shower in afternoon  
**June 18** TBA; Camp Meeting Sabbath!  
**June 25** TBA; Eat 'n Greet 'n Art.

### Sundays

Christ the Word Church rents our church morning & evening on the 1st & 3rd Sundays; Morning only the other Sundays  
**June 5** Wedding, 3 PM  
**June 12** OHIO CAMP MEETING BEGINS (June 12 - 18)

**Tuesdays** - Church office is open 9 AM - 4 PM

### Wednesdays

Soup for You @ 6 PM each week  
Adventurers & Pathfinders @ 6:30 PM each week  
Revelation discussion @ 6:30 PM each week EXCEPT June 15 (Camp Meeting week)  
**June 1** Ohio Biker Camp Meeting begins (June 1 - 5)

**Thursdays** - Church office is open 9 AM - 4 PM

**June 2** - Toledo Junior Academy Graduations — K & 8th

### Fridays

**June 3** TJA Last Day of School  
Worship Practice @ 5:30 PM

# IN THE SPAN OF NINE MONTHS



When I discovered God's call for me to take this school year off to serve the Toledo First church and community, I knew I was in trouble. I knew God would put me in a position where I would feel incapable, unworthy, and ineffectual much of the time. I knew God would challenge me, stretch me, and move me outside of my comfort zone. And I knew my time here wouldn't be long enough, that there would be so much more I would want to do, and so many people I wouldn't want to move away from just yet. But I don't think I could have anticipated just how much God would use this church family to help empty me of everything - every preconceived idea of what this

experience would be like, every piece of baggage I came to town with, every bit of training or education my schooling has taught me - emptied me of it all in order to learn how to totally and completely depend on the awesome and mighty power of God. He has used *you* to

teach me to love without condition - outside the boundaries of age, background, status, or compatibility. He has used *you* to teach me what a vibrancy for life looks like, what ordinary outreach can do to practically reach out to people, and how to prize the time that we do have. I will cherish each relationship and friendship I have found here long after I leave. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and to learn from you.

How could I repay such a gift God has given me in these nine months except with my life? How could I give anything in return except my sacrifice of praise! My praise will go on and on through the

different avenues God opens for me to serve Him more. This summer I'll be working as Assistant Director of North Star Camp in MN working to create an atmosphere where kids can meet the Savior and make the decision to spend their lives following Him. In the fall I'll be going back to school to Union College in Lincoln, NE to complete my Theology degree with an emphasis in Youth Ministry, and during that time I have the opportunity to serve my campus as Student Chaplain working with a team of students to create opportunities for people to experience Christ, to worship Him, and to minister to others in response to what He has done for us. Beyond that, the future is not something I know, but I am confident that our God, who holds the world in the palm of His hands, will continue to guide and direct each of our paths. May He pour abundant blessings out upon you as you faithfully serve Him, and step out in boldness because of His strength and grace to share His unconditional, unending love with the world.

With Love,

*Pastor Anna Romuald*



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