

AUGUST 7, 2011

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Our *Summer Series* speaker this Wednesday evening will be **Glenn Hawkins** from the church in Massillon, OH. His message is entitled: *Reasonable Faith*. **Glenn** was with us last year and did an excellent job!

A very special "thank you" to all of you who assisted with the services at the *Marietta Center* last month, and especially to those who led the singing.

Our thanks to **Harry Ogletree** and our young men for leading our worship last Sunday evening. As always, they did an excellent job.

The ***Annual Father-Son Campout*** at *Wolf Run State Park* was this weekend. Several of our folks were away this morning because of the campout, but they should all be back with us this evening.

I began a gospel meeting with the Bates Hill congregation this morning. My thanks to **Randy** for teaching a combined adult class this morning, and for preaching in my absence. I'll be driving to the meeting each day, so I'll be able to maintain my normal daily schedule here this week. The meeting runs through Thursday evening.

Don't forget our annual congregational picnic at the park in Devola will be this Saturday. *Service Areas 1* and *3* are hosting the picnic. Meat will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or two and join us for some good food and fellowship.

The *Ohio Valley Lectureship* is this week through Thursday evening. It is being hosted by the 36th Street congregation in Vienna. A complete schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

AUGUST 14, 2011

RAMBLINGS

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Our *Summer Series* speaker this Wednesday evening will be **Warren Kenney** from the church in Martinsburg, WV. His message is entitled: *Ultimate Victory in Jesus*. This will be **Warren's** first time to be with us for our *Summer Series*.

God willing, I'll be away again this Wednesday evening speaking at Pataskala for their *Summer Series*. **Randy** was with them the first Wednesday of this month. **Joanna Thomas** now worships there. Her son-in-law, **Roger Massey** is the preacher at Pataskala.

The **Annual Father-Son Campout** at *Wolf Run State Park* is now history. Our special thanks to **Craig Woods** for heading this up each year.

I enjoyed the meeting at Bates' Hill, but it is nice to be back home this morning. Again, my thanks to **Randy** for filling in for me last Sunday morning.

Special thanks to *Service Areas 1 & 3* for hosting our annual congregational picnic last evening. The food was delicious, and the fellowship was enjoyable. Everyone who attended had a great time.

I'm sure you were all saddened to learn of the passing of **Dhanaraju Bonthu** in India. Memorial services were held August 5 in Amalapuram. Our deepest sympathies to **Mary** and the entire family. This congregation has had a long history with the work in India. God willing, **John Tucker** and **Bonthu's** son-in-law, **Ratna Raju**, will be with us Wednesday evening October 19 to update us on the work.

AUGUST 21, 2011

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--By Roger

Our *Summer Series* speaker this Wednesday evening will be **Jeff Darby** from the Fishinger & Kenny congregation in Columbus. **Jeff**, as you know, is the campus minister at *The Ohio State University*. His message is entitled: *Why be a Christian?*

Our *2011 Summer Series* ends August 31 with a sing. **Rodney Bettinger**, from the Crum Ridge congregation will be here to lead our singing on the 31st. God willing, we will resume our mid-week schedule September 7. With the new quarter, our Wednesday evening auditorium class will begin a study of the gospels in chronological order, or if you prefer, a harmony of the four gospels.

The Wingett Run congregation will hold their annual gospel meeting August 28 thru the 31st with **Lloyd Westbrook** and **John Wells** preaching. **Dean Shepherd** will be the song leader for the meeting. In addition, please note that September 2 they will also host a *Friday Night Sing*. I would encourage you to attend as many nights as your schedule will allow. There is an announcement on the bulletin board in the foyer with directions to the Wingett Run meeting house included.

Stuart Anderson left for the *United States Air Force* August 8. As soon as we have an address for him we will make it available. Please keep him, and all our service men and women, in your daily prayers, as well as their families!

AUGUST 28, 2011

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Our *2011 Summer Series* ends this Wednesday evening with a sing. **Rodney Bettinger**, from the Crum Ridge congregation, will be here to lead our singing on the 31st.

God willing, we will resume our mid-week schedule September 7. With the new quarter, our Wednesday evening auditorium class will begin a study of the gospels in chronological order, or if you prefer, a harmony of the four gospels.

The Wingett Run congregation began their annual gospel meeting this morning. That meeting runs through Wednesday evening. **Lloyd Westbrook** and **John Wells** are doing the preaching. **Dean Shepherd** will be the song leader for the meeting. Also, please note that September 2 the congregation will host a *Friday Night Sing*. I would encourage you to attend as many nights as your schedule will allow. There is an announcement on the bulletin board in the foyer which includes directions to the Wingett Run meeting house.

The congregation in Pennsboro, WV will host the *West Virginia Christian Lectureship* September 25-28. A schedule of speakers and topics is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

We certainly want to welcome our *Marietta College* and *Ohio Valley University* students who are returning for the fall semester. Please make a special effort to meet them, and extend to them a warm welcome. Also, please keep our young people who are away from here attending college in your daily prayers.