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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR GORDY HARMON**

Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.  
JUDE 1-2

I often say that “This world is NOT a playground, it is a battleground, it is a proving ground!” The battleground mentality is scattered throughout the Scriptures, being a good soldier, fighting the good fight! And here in Jude we find the message...Earnestly Contend! That is to strive for, to fight for, with agony and sacrifice. It is our turn to hold the line without compromise, holding for the Word of Truth entrusted to and passed down to us! While God has graciously enlisted us into this most worthy battle, He wonderfully reminds us that we are not without Him. For it says in Jude 1-2 that the Christian is THE CALLED; that they are BELOVED in God the Father; and KEPT for Jesus Christ. Divinely Called – Greatly Loved - Protected / Guarded!! God has enlisted us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. To proclaim the Good News! The life changing message that saved you and me. To make disciples, the bring them into the church through water baptism, and teach them to observe all things whatsoever He commanded, and to remember Jesus’ promise, that He would be with us even unto the end of the age. I have noticed in my time as president that the battle seems to be ramping up. That the enemy continues to press hard to discourage the local church. The church, pastors, deacons and saints alike. Our adversary is walking about seeking to intimidate the church with his load roar, seeking to move us to fear and terror. To make us run for our lives and right into the snare, so that he can devour at will. These are the days to be focused, to stand firm on the Cornerstone! Not forsaking the assembly of ourselves TOGETHER, as the manner of most!! But rather come to the house of God, which is the church of the Living God, the pillar and ground (foundation) of The Truth! To me, this is what conference is for dear brethren. My hope encourage you in your walk of faith. That you might be challenged to Earnestly Contend for the Faith where you live, in your church, in your house, As you GO!! God has given us the gift of each other, there is something about conference. A gathering of a people of LIKE PRECIOUS FAITH!! Coming together as “...His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”

Come and hear the preaching of the Word, Come hear what is going on first hand in missions. Come and lay your eyes on the church of the future...Yes, YCON is back!! Be blessed by the Children in Children’s Conference. There are things for the ladies, for the men!! We get breakfast included in our room rate!! Our hotel has spaces to sit and visit and fellowship!! You’ll fully enjoy that!! We are going to meet and walk around the Columbus Zoo on Sunday together. We are planning to meet at the beautiful Scioto Park on Monday evening. Pickup a portable dinner and bring it to the park next to the calm and serene river. Our children can run and romp on the swings and monkey bars as we stop and catch our

breath, together. As a bonus at the park an ice cream truck will come and deliver scoops of joy in various flavors. Look for a schedule to come your way very soon. It will come right to your email if you send a request for conference information to [CGBCIConference@gmail.com](mailto:CGBCIConference@gmail.com). You will receive the latest news, bulletin inserts, updates schedules, YCON news, all things pertaining to conference. May God be Glorified as we Earnestly Contend – Pastor Gordy Harmon

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## **“EARNESTLY CONTEND”**

**June 17-21, 2022**

**Marriott NW, Dublin, OH**

### **NATIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS AND UPDATES – PASTOR GORDY HARMON**

Please check the CGBCI Website for two easy-to-use links to properly register for conference. One link is strictly for the hotel. It will walk you through the process of making your room reservation.

If you do not want to reserve your room online, please call the hotel’s reservation hotline at: 888-801-7133. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE – MAY 25, 2022**

When making your reservation, the Executive Panel strongly recommends that you do not use your debit card. The hotel has a **DEBIT / CHECK CARD NOTICE** posted which says the following:

**“Use of a debit / check card as security or payment for your room immediately places a hold on the funds in your checking account. The amount of the authorization / hold requested will be for up to seven days room and tax plus an estimate for incidentals. Your financial institution may continue to hold these funds for 3-5 business days after you checkout. The hotel cannot accept responsibility for holds placed on debit / check card account.”**

There is second link that is equally important for you to use, it is the Eventbrite link. It is very similar to the one we used last year. This link registers you for conference and helps the Executive Panel make sufficient plans for your arrival and participation. It is here that you can register your children for Children’s Conference. Ladies can sign up for The Ladies Luncheon (deadline for registration is May 25<sup>th</sup>). How many Zoo Tickets do we need? How much ice cream to buy? How many are coming for YCON? How many for the Golf Outing? It is so important for you to fill out the Eventbrite Registration Form so that we can be ready! The hotel is offering a **Complimentary Breakfast Buffet** included with your room reservation. The staff and management at the Marriott NW in Dublin have worked tirelessly with great enthusiasm and ideas to help make our stay with them as enjoyable as possible.

## **YCON 2022 – PASTORS KEVIN YODER AND ROB COVER**

Greetings brethren,

YCON is planning for an action packed week. Much of what the youth will be studying is our identity in Christ and that He has a greater plan than just surviving the difficulties. His disclosed purpose and plan gives us a different perspective with perseverance and tremendous joy even in times of stress. The last couple years have proven that we need to be connected and rooted with good friends to share life together. The last two years have been very difficult on the youth and we want to encourage them in the Lord and make lasting friendships. I am looking forward to spending time with you all!

***Please see your pastor for the YCON youth application, they need to be sent in by May 15<sup>th</sup>!***

Pricing for the week is \$295 with room, food and activities.

Or \$195.00 if staying with your parents.

Family discount is \$25.00 off for each additional sibling.

If you have not received an application form or if you have questions, please email [yoderk1974@gmail.com](mailto:yoderk1974@gmail.com).

## **CORNERSTONE GBC (MANSFIELD) – PASTOR PHILIP MOELLER**

On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, a 3rd quiz rally was held at Orrville GBC. The quiz match covered James 5 and Jude. Congratulations to Orrville for winning the quiz match. Special recognition goes to Obie Geiser for quizzing out 3 times and Nathaniel Studer for quizzing out once. A final quiz rally will be held at Cornerstone GBC (Mansfield) on May 21<sup>ST</sup>.

## **NEW TROY GBC – PASTOR ROBERT MENSINGER**

God is continuing to bless here at New Troy despite the challenges of health issues with some of our members and attendees. Sister Carroll Stuckey and Pastor Ron Welsh recently had hernia surgeries and have recovered well. Brother Jon White is now under Home Hospice Care. Please pray for him and his wife Mitzy as she is working a full-time job. Sister America Schmaltz had a stroke and is in the rehab center in South Haven. She also has a problem with one of the valves in her heart.

My wife and I were blessed at the Mid-Year Meetings in Galion, OH. A big “thank you” to Pastor Jeff Pennington and the Galion church for hosting the

event. I am teaching through 2 Timothy in the Sunday School hour and preaching through 1 John for the morning Bible hour. We have continued to put the a.m. messages on Facebook and You Tube. Praise God our attendances and offerings continue to stay consistent.

## NORTH BUFFALO GBC (KITTANNING) – PASTOR JIM ROSE

We are praising God for all the great things that are happening here at North Buffalo GBC. We have had five adults added to the congregation through the online ministry. They also knew Pastor Matt Foreman. They have been with us for a year. We prayed for years for a piano player and one of them plays beautifully and another leads the singing. Both are positions we have prayed for and God heard and answered!

We have been able, through love gifts from past members (now with Jesus), to purchase carpet, tile, and rubber steps in the vestibule.

Bro. Mike Wingfield came and hosted a prophecy conference. One lady and her daughter have continued to come to church after the meetings. We are looking forward to his next visit with us. We thoroughly enjoyed hearing Mike proclaim God's word. The church seems to be seeing a revival. We have new visitors almost weekly and several have come back since Covid. Many of them have brought friends who are still with us.

Our Awana Club is growing once again and just this month, we have had five new children and five past students have returned.

On April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, Bro. Grady S. McMurty from CREATION WORLDVIEW MINISTRIES was here. His messages were a great boost to the church especially surrounding God's wonderful creation!

We are also praising God for saving Pastor Jim from his fall this past Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. We could have lost him. We thank each of you for all of your prayers. Jim is doing well.

### **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY.... *The biography of Dr. John Whitcomb***

The biography of Dr. John Whitcomb will be released in May! Pastor Harmon has agreed to allow Whitcomb Ministries to hold a special Book Event on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the CGBCI Conference! You will find this book fascinating as you learn how God used an ordinary man to change the course of history. "A Good and Faithful Servant" tells of Dr. John Whitcomb's family life, military service in WWII, and personal heartache and enduring faith as he sought to defend the accuracy of God's Word and the long battle of origins vs evolution. Written by Dr. David Whitcomb, this book will inspire the reader to a deeper love for God and greater fervency for living one's life for God's glory!



Please stop by our table on June 18<sup>th</sup> to purchase your copy of "A Good & Faithful Servant"! We will be selling the book at a very special price only for the conference as Dr. Whitcomb loved the CGBC's, Pastors, families and friends so very much. He would be greatly humbled to know his influence on lives continues on to this day. May God be pleased to use the ministry and the story of his life to draw people to the Savior!

**NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM (NET) – PASTOR DEL MILLER**

Below are listed the NET 22 team members. Please be praying for the team as they begin to prepare for their time of ministry June 25-July 10, 2022. The team will gather in Orrville, Ohio on the 25th and will immediately travel to Listie, PA to begin their week of training. Following that they will be in the Mansfield, OH area at the Cornerstone GBC. They will likely have opportunities to share with other churches in the Ohio area as well.

**Men:**

- Reuben Auten-Galion, Ohio
- Jethro Geiser-Dalton, Ohio
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- Isaac Hodgdon-Orrville, Ohio
- Jeremiah Hodgdon-Orrville, Ohio
- Benjamin Miller-Morrisville, Vermont
- Travis Pardue-Limestone, Tennessee

**Ladies:**

- Ruth Anna Miller-Albany, Oregon
- Sophia Pearson-Denver, Indiana
- Amy Vanderpool-Winona Lake, Indiana
- Pastor Del and Grace Miller, Leaders-Wooster, Ohio
- Pastor Josh and Autumn Miller, Leaders-Wooster, Ohio

Thank you for your interest and help with this ministry in the past years. Next month we will have more information about which team members have been adopted and which ones are still available. As of right now it appears that about 4 or 5 of them still need to be adopted. In the meantime, if you need more information please contact us.

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