

# The GAZETTE.

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## A Restless Evil



by Craig Twining

When I was younger, my tongue used to get me into a lot of trouble. If I was arguing, I had to get the last word; if I had been hurt in any way, I made sure that my words hurt back just as badly; if I didn't agree with something someone said, my reply typically contained a dose of sarcasm. My dad would often warn me in situations like these not to say another word because he knew of my propensity to sin in this manner. And the trouble didn't stop there, I cursed and swore and told filthy jokes as well.

In my mid-twenties, the Holy Spirit began a radical transformation in my life, and I knew one of the areas that most needed His transforming power was the control of my tongue. Many people have what they call a "life verse"—a Bible verse or passage they've consistently leaned on for guidance and applied to their lives. One verse that I have often applied is Proverbs 17:28 which

says, "Even a fool when he keeps silent is considered wise." This is because I knew all too well the truth of Proverbs 10:19, "When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable."

Speech is mankind's main form of communication; it is part of being created in the image of God. God speaks, therefore He created us to speak and the tongue is what makes our speech intelligible. You can have a perfect mouth, a perfect larynx, and perfect lungs but without a tongue, speech is impossible. In the Fall, every part of our body, including our tongue became corrupt.

When asked for Scripture references about the tongue, most will refer to the book of James. James says more about it than any other book in the Bible except Proverbs. The first twelve verses of James 3 give us numerous descriptions about the tongue—none of them good. One particularly vivid description is in James 3:5, "...and the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles our entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell."

Do you struggle with the use of your tongue? How hard is it to control our tongues? James 3:2 says, "If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well." Farther down James 3:8 states "No one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison." Does this mean that there is no hope for our tongues? Are they beyond the sanctifying work of the Spirit? By no means, but let us come back and answer this question in more detail shortly.

What does God tell us in His Word are sinful uses of our tongues? Arguing, bearing false witness, blasphemy,

boasting, coarse joking, complaining, cursing, disputing, gossip, grumbling, quarreling, slander and the use of unwholesome words.

In contrast, what does Scripture say our tongues should be used for? Confession of sin, edification of others, exhorting, encouraging, rejoicing, thanksgiving, praising God, prayer, proclaiming the gospel, preaching, teaching and reciting the Word, speaking the truth in love, and singing of hymns and praises to God.

While these two lists are not exhaustive, which list do you find your tongue engaged in more often? Is it engaged in both of them? If so, consider James 3:9-11 which says, "...with it we bless our Lord and Father and with it we curse men who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh."

Jesus tells us something very important in regard to our tongues in Matthew 15. After being questioned by the Pharisees as to why He and the disciples didn't wash their hands when they ate, Jesus confronted them for the hypocrisy of placing man-made traditions over the word of God. He then said to the crowd around Him, "Hear and understand. It is not what enters into the mouth of a man that defiles the man but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man."

A little later, when explaining this further to His disciples, Jesus said, "But the things which proceed out of the

mouth come from the heart and those defile the man." So what comes forth from our mouths, what is spoken by our tongues, is a direct reflection of the condition of our hearts. If our tongues speak in a sinful way, it is because there is sin in our hearts. One of our desires and goals as Christians should be to put the sin in our lives to death through the Spirit; and as this happens it will show in our speech. We need to be diligent: praying and confessing sins daily to God and asking His Holy Spirit to fill us.

God has also given us His Word, the daily reading and memorization of which is a powerful antidote to the "deadly poison" of our tongues. Psalm 119:20 says, "Your Word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You." In 1st Thessalonians 5:16-18 we are told, "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." If we heed this command of Scripture, we will not have an opportunity to

use our tongues sinfully.

So going back to the question I asked earlier; is there no hope for our tongues? The answer is, yes, there is hope. We are never beyond the sanctifying work of the Spirit. I know of no one who has never sinned with his tongue, but I know of many who, through the Spirit, have tamed theirs. If you recall, the verse in James says that no man can tame the tongue. But the Holy Spirit is not a man, He is God; and by His omnipotent transforming power, our tongues can be tamed to be used for God's glory. But where does the true work lie; within our physical tongues? No, the work begins in our hearts.

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*Maundy Thursday 2011*

April 21st, Nazareth Hall,  
6:30 p.m.

Register online by clicking on the banner on the homepage at [www.christtheword.com](http://www.christtheword.com)

Hurry! Seats are limited.

## Getting to Know... Doris German by Erika Simpson

Doris German is a natural caregiver. If you talk to her for any length of time you'll soon realize she thrives in showing practical means of Christ's love.

Doris has lived in Toledo nearly her whole life. Aside from a brief time living in Maryland and Pittsburgh, her family held their roots in Toledo. Her father worked as a design draftsman for the Ford Motor Co. Her mother was a registered nurse. She has one sister and one brother who both remain in Toledo as well.

Doris attended high school at Notre Dame Academy and, upon graduation, began a pursuit of nursing. People in her life steered her toward it, but she soon realized she was being driven by an empty desire to please man. Very difficult struggles ensued and, she dropped the nursing program.

Once that ended, she began a career in food service which would last 22 years. The heft of those years was spent cooking in a nursing home facility. The rest of those years were spent at Gladieux Catering and miscellaneous other kitchens.

After cooking up a storm all those years, she moved on to become a Home Health Aid for three years. People in her life continued to tell her she ought to become a nurse. This time, rather than pursuing it to please man, she pursued it to the glory of God. Doris got her LPN, and made the career change to the role in which she currently serves: caring for bodies and souls as a traveling nurse. By God's grace, at 21 years of age, Doris became a believer at a Catholic retreat she attended. Once saved, she became hungry to know about God. She started reading her Bible to know more and, her love for the Word was born. For many years her growth was fed through a Bible Study she attended in the basement

at that Catholic church. That fellowship soon outgrew the church, in more ways than one. At that time she found a church where—though she was fed the Word—she remained hungry for nearly eight years. She desired to be at a church where the Word was central. Doris is firmly convinced that "the Word applied, is life." She attended Berean Fellowship for many years where she grew to know many of the families she

two or for 100 easily, but anything in between is a challenge. She looks forward to when Christ the Word has her own kitchen where she anticipates being able to serve and help to feed the multitudes.

Doris lives with her sister Marianne, in a house they bought together. Both their mother and father came to live in their home during their final years of illness and life. Doris is comforted to know



fellowships with today at Christ the Word. Doris sees how God puts great importance on families—both in the culture and in the church.

One of the greatest joys of her heart is seeing fathers playing with and leading their children. She has been encouraged by the fathers and families at Christ the Word and says she is "glad to be part of something healthy—not dying".

In her free time, Doris enjoys crocheting and sewing. She has been known to gift her mending skills to large families in the church and has taught some of the young girls to sew. As a result of her years spent in industrial kitchens, Doris loves to make huge pots of anything. She jokes that she can either cook for

that though she was not raised in a Christian home, both of her parents knew the Lord in their final years. She looks forward to meeting them again in heaven.

Last summer she and her sister employed Tim Speweik's landscaping business to spruce up their yard. She is excited to enjoy that this spring—in particular, digging in the raised garden box he custom-built for them.

If you haven't met Doris, introduce yourself and you will be blessed by her passion to follow Christ and his Word. You can encourage her through your prayers that she would be a loving example of Christ to her family and that she will consistently "speak the truth in love."

# Pathway Update: Abortion Protest Ministry

by Jason Wiltse

The purpose of this article is to keep everyone informed of a major change to Christ the Word's abortion protest ministry and the process that led to it.

Many of you are aware that there was some friction at the prospect of our protesting at the 22nd St. abortion clinic with graphic signs. The resistance came from long-time abortion protesters at the sight. One man sent several emails stating that the signs would destroy the silent prayer ministry that has been going on at the 22nd street clinic for years.

pastor. She has been protesting for years. She advised us to use graphic signs in order to be more effective. She also related the following story to Rhonda...

On June 12, 2001 Carol made an offer to a girl going into the local abortion clinic that if she would choose not to go through with the abortion, she would find an adoptive home for her baby. Carol gave the girl her number. Some time passed and she had assumed that the young girl had the abortion. Amazingly, three months later (on September 11th) as Carol was watching the towers fall, she received a call from the girl. She had a change of heart and decided to take her up on the offer. The child, Eric, was adopted by a family in Bloomington who attends ClearNote Church, formerly Church of the Good Shepherd.

Taking into consideration the

clinic. There were three women who prayed silently and waved at people as they came and went. One of them had brochures.

The following day, I went to the clinic at Sylvania Avenue to count cars and watch the activity outside. Later, Jay and Carol Hites came and parked next to me as they were also keeping an eye on the activity. While I was there on Friday from 8:30 am to 9:20 am, I saw roughly ten to twelve cars pull up. The Hites stayed longer and said the total was at least fifteen. On the next day, the Hites went again and said that the activity on Saturday made Friday look like a slow day. There is an incredible ministry opportunity at Sylvania Avenue.

Considering the initial resistance, along with the amount of activity going on at the Sylvania clinic, we believe that the Lord is pointing us in a different direction for now.

Instead of protesting at the clinic on 22nd St. on Thursday evenings, we will be moving our efforts to the abortion clinic located at 1160 W. Sylvania Ave.

They are open on Friday and Saturday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. We have asked each group to commit to at least two hours, from 8:30 to 10:30 am, but any group desiring to stay longer is encouraged to do so. Rhonda has adjusted the schedule so that Pathways, Living Word Youth and SemperRef are now on

a rotation for Saturday mornings instead of Thursday evenings. We realize this may present a scheduling issue for some, but our hope is that we will have enough representatives from each group to speak God's truth regarding the sin of abortion and of the mercy that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

The purpose of the abortion protest ministry is to save lives by proclaiming God's Word against the murder of innocents and to call all persons connected with the abortion

sensitivity of those already protesting at 22nd St., our desire to be effective, and the encouraging account given by Carol, we felt convicted to practice due diligence. The West Toledo Pathway went down to the abortion clinic on 22nd St. as previously scheduled only to observe the activity of the clinic and take note of those who were silently praying. We were there from about 4 - 6:00 pm. When we arrived, the parking lot was full and in those two hours we saw about fifteen cars come to the



The clinic located at 1160 W. Sylvania Ave.

Ann Barrick, the woman who leads the 40 Days for Life campaign, and the group protesting downtown were also deeply concerned.

We are convicted that graphic signs help people realize that abortion is murder. They are offensive, gruesome, haunting and unrelenting in their testimony of the truth about abortion. Rhonda Heyerly recently spoke with Carol Canfield, the woman who leads the abortion protest ministry at ClearNote Church where Tim Bayly serves as senior

clinic to repentance in Jesus Christ. The success of this ministry is in God's hand.

Please pray:

- for our continued conviction to confess the sins of our nation, especially abortion, and ask God to forgive us and heal our land
- for our legislators... Ask God to give them the conviction and courage to pass laws that would protect the lives of the unborn. Pray God would remove those who reject His ways and would replace them with righteous leaders
- for our court system, that it will uphold justice and righteousness and

not wickedness

- for God to convict the staff inside the clinic of this sin and grant them repentance
- for women who have scheduled an abortion. Ask God to convict them and give them the strength to not go through with it
- for our sidewalk counselors, Ask the Lord to give them the right words to say to the clients going into the clinic
- that families from Christ the Word will be able to save and adopt children
- that God would raise up others to take a stand for the unborn and give

them the wisdom and courage to join us in the battle

- for the women who go through with the abortion. Ask God to direct them to others who will be able to speak the Truth of God's Word, that they will repent, and seek forgiveness and healing through Christ
- that some CTWC families would be willing to open their home to girls who decide not to abort, but need a place to stay
- that God would be glorified in all our work

## Music Review: *LeCrae: Rebel* by Nathan Bayly

Soon into my Freshman year at BGSU, I realized that I wanted to spend my Spring semester living on campus in the dorms. I made this desire a reality by handing over a chunky amount of cash to the university, and in January I found myself moving into Kreisler, room 309 (I thought that Kreisler, closet 309 would be more accurate). Across the hall lived two of the BG football players, and they liked listening to their hip-hop—loudly. I didn't care too much for that specific genre, but Paul's words about being all things to all people started ringing in my ears, so I started looking for hip-hop I could use as a tool for witnessing to those guys. I found what I was looking for in Lecrae.

Lecrae is one of the artists signed to Reach Records, a Reformed Christian label that views the artists signed to it as teachers of the Word of God, and expects that all the truths of the Bible be broadcasted through the artist's CDs and their lives. On Lecrae's Rebel CD, biblical truths are what you are going to hear. Whether

he is spittin' about the importance of being a member of a Church body and not simply a para-church organization, or whether he is drop-pin' residual truths about the Devil's ways of tempting us, or whether he is sharing his testimony, God's truths are going forth, and they are challenging. His music stands out

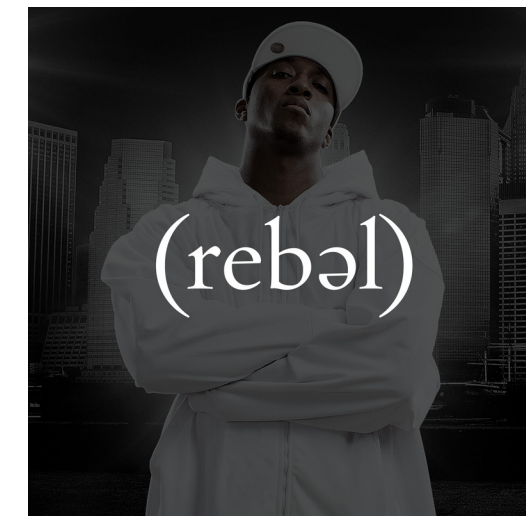
that it would be better that the Lord put him to death than let him live in sin. I was walking past the BGSU hockey stadium the first time that I realized what I was actually singing. This song challenged me to consider how I was living my life.

Hip-hop may be a style that rates low on your preference list, but

praise God, He is using it to grow His kingdom and to bring glory to Himself. You may not be aware, but Tim Barton is with us at CTW because the Lord used Reformed hip-hop to change his life. Through it, he got turned on to preachers like John Piper and CJ Mahaney and started reading the Bible along with other books by reformed pastors. God used Reformed hip-hop to flip his life.

The bottom line on Lecrae is, his message is solid and his music is challenging as well as uplifting. Give Rebel a listen.

*\*Other Reformed artists you may enjoy are: Flame, Stephen the Levite, Sho Baraka, Trip Lee, Shai Linne and Tedashii.*



from most of the other musical mush played on Christian radio stations these days.

Rebel was the first Christian CD that truly challenged me in my Christian walk. One of Lecrae's songs on Rebel (Go Hard) starts by saying

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*Women of the Word*

## Future-Focused by Jennifer Turner

Ladies, as we looked at Philippians 3:12 a few months ago, we noticed that Paul continually pressed on in his pursuit of conformity to Christ, the process of his sanctification. Paul's ability to do so came from his being chosen by God to belong to Christ and from being "laid hold of" by Christ. This month, we continue our look at this passage with verses 13 and 14: "Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul opens our passage by freely acknowledging that his sanctification is something he has not yet obtained. In our eyes, Paul is a very godly man, used by God to start many churches and to write one-third of the New Testament. And yet, Paul was still yearning for progress and growth in his conformity to Christ! How encouraging to us, to know that this godly example to us in so many ways still desired to grow in knowledge of and intimacy with God through Christ Jesus!

As we consider our own sanctification, we can tend to let pride over past spiritual accomplishments or guilt and shame over past sins and wasted opportunities impede our current growth in godliness. In the movie Chariots of Fire, Eric Liddell's opponent, Harold Abrahams, often lost races because he turned his head back to look at the other runners. We too can become preoccupied with our own accomplishment and failures, which cause us to turn to look behind us while running the race of the Christian life. We lose focus. We take our eyes off of the

goal before us of obtaining Christ. Like Abrahams, this distractedness causes us to stumble towards our goal and threatens to rob us of victory.

But, as we have already noticed, this is not the case for Paul. Not only does he not dwell on the past, he forgets it. He knows that any accomplishment of his past is a gift of God and is rubbish compared to knowing Christ (3:8). He knows that Christ has dealt with not just his present sins, but those in the past also. The freedom that comes from this knowledge enables Paul to press on. His pursuit of Christ is not lazy or ambivalent; rather, in humility and thankfulness he strains forward in his Christian life. Just as an athlete would to run to win a race, Paul resolutely exerts his energy towards sanctification. He perseveres. He is focused and determined. He is single-minded and not distracted. He presses on. And so must we.

But why? Why does Paul act this way? What motivates him to be so focused? What is the end result that he desires to obtain? As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:25-26a: "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly...." Paul is pursuing Christ so fervently to receive this imperishable wreath, or as our verses in Philippians say, the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Paul cherishes Christ; his love for Christ with which he was first loved by Him is what compels Paul to pursue his sanctification so earnestly. As Matthew Henry writes, "The fitter we grow for heaven the faster we must press towards it." So ladies, may we also, chosen of God and loved by Him, follow the example of Paul in running well this race set before us. By God's grace, may we also be found fit to receive the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## Scavenger Hunt

Which lady in our church only dated men named John? (Oddly enough, she did not end up marrying a "John.")

Please email your guess/answer to Erin Hoot at [erink106@gmail.com](mailto:erink106@gmail.com) to claim your potential prize....three hours of free babysitting!

## Author Review: Carine MacKenzie By Tai French

As godly women, one of our many joys is to instruct children, both our own and the children God brings into our lives, about God's Word. Since children naturally love storybooks with pictures and simpler language, Christian storybooks seem like a natural choice for story times. Today, though, it seems there aren't many Christian storybooks that don't feature vegetables or sheep or promote a gospel of self-esteem. Carine MacKenzie is a Scottish author who has, since 1969, been retelling Bible stories for younger audiences with a focus on theological accuracy and Biblical truth.

Carine's books range in style from simple board books to study guides for tweens. She has retold familiar Bible stories, like the Parables and Bible heroes, and addressed Biblical topics such as in Little Hands Learning to Pray and My First Book of Christian Virtues. She has many books about the attributes of God, like God Knows Everything, God is Kind, and God is Faithful. She has written biographies of Christian heroes like John Calvin and Helen Roseveare. She has coloring books through teen advice books, and many of her books also include scripture memorization work. In fact, with 150 titles in print, there are very few topics Carine hasn't covered! Additionally, since many parents strive to avoid pictorial representations of God, her books contain no pictures of Jesus or artistic renderings of God.

Her books are available through retailers like Amazon.com and Chris-

tian Book Distributors. Since her books are written for a broad range of ages, the websites will give the intended reading level. These resources would make excellent additions to any family bookshelf and great gifts to families with children.

Because they encourage turning to the Scriptures when children have questions, these books are a great way to consistently point children back to God's wisdom in all areas of life!

## Do One Thing

Catching up over a quick lunch during the Bowling Green State University homecoming weekend gave Wendy Foulke an opportunity to "do one thing." It had been over twenty years since she saw this college friend, so Wendy was concerned about how to share her changed life during the lunch. So much was different in her because of our amazing God, but where to begin? When it came time to sit down and eat, Wendy felt an overwhelming urge from the Holy Spirit to pray. This was routine for her family to pray before eating, whether in public or at home, but what would her unbelieving friend think? After attempting to suppress the Holy Spirit's urging, Wendy finally surrendered and asked her friend, "Do you mind if I pray before we begin eating?" Her friend was eager to have Wendy pray, and even commented several times throughout the conversation about church. Just a simple request to pray before a meal opened up some doors to share what Christ has been doing in Wendy's life since 1991!

The WOW Committee has been urging you to "do one thing" this year; it does not have to be some-

thing big, but could be just as simple as praying over a meal with a friend who doesn't know the Lord. We are praying for you as you step out of your comfort zones in faith.

## Announcements

### WOW Night at Meant to Bead

6536 W Central Ave., Toledo  
Thursday, March 24, 7-9 p.m.

Join us for a night of fellowship and creativity at Meant to Bead. With spring just around the corner, it is a good time to make a new piece of jewelry for a gift or for yourself. The fun begins as you browse through a wide array of beads from around the world. After making your selections, a staff member will assist you in assembling your bracelet, necklace, or earrings. Even the most inexperienced jewelry maker will have fun at Meant to Bead! Each person pays for her own materials, and the cost depends on which beads and other materials you select.

This event is planned for women who are in SemperRef or older. It is a great opportunity to bring a friend, but space is limited to 15 people. To reserve a spot, contact Cindy Skaff soon by email ([cynsk@aol.com](mailto:cynsk@aol.com)) or phone (419-535-1842).

Women of Christ the Word, we would love to have you join us in showering blessings on Keren ten Haaf as she and Ben await the birth of their baby. The shower will be held Saturday, March 26th from 10am-noon at the home of Renee Drees, 429 Canal Court, Waterville. The ten Haafs are registered at Babies R Us and Target. Please contact Connie Dawley at 419-346-6310 is you have questions.

## March quote:

"Pray till you pray; pray till you are conscious of being heard; pray till you receive an answer."

*The Hidden Life of Prayer, David Macintyre*

## Getting to Know... The Duchenes

by Renee Brunner

Children have been a part of their lives together from the very beginning. Becky and Cary Duchene were engaged with the help of the twelfth and youngest sibling in Becky's family. Cary, Becky, and Becky's college roommate went to visit Becky's family one weekend. Cary took Becky's father aside to ask for his daughter's hand in marriage. Upon getting the go-ahead, Cary could not wait for a private moment, but instead had Becky's three-year-old sister take her the ring box in front of the entire family. Becky never thought a three-year-old would be trusted with a real ring, so she did not take the moment seriously until she saw her roommate videotaping the whole event. Cary then proposed in front of all who were present.

Cary grew up an hour south of Chicago in the town of Bourbonnais, Illinois. He is the oldest of three children; he has a brother and a sister. He grew up in the Lutheran Church and became serious about his Christianity during high school when he became involved in Youth for Christ. During high school Cary wrestled and played football. He continued playing football while attending Illinois Wesleyan University, where he also ran the decathlon. Cary received his first bachelors degree in physics, but then went on to earn another bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering at Washington University in Saint Louis, Missouri. Having not yet tired of school, he went on to get a Master's degree in engineering management from the University of Missouri, Rolla. Cary is putting his engineering skills to work with the company, Black & Veatch. He is in charge of the TWI (Toledo Waterways Initiative) project where he is working on keeping raw sewage

out of the local waterways.

Becky was born in Chicago and is the oldest of twelve children. Her parents did not stay in Chicago long, as they did not think it would be the easiest place to raise a large family. They settled in Oglesby, Illinois. Becky has five brothers and six sisters, all born within nineteen years. Her family consistently went to church but tried many denominations before her parents settled into the Roman Catholic Church. She also attended Illinois Wesleyan where she received a degree in elementary education. She started out there, however, as a music education major



with the French horn as her primary instrument. She and Cary met and began dating in college. They dated their junior year, were engaged in their senior year, and married after graduation. While Cary was continuing his education in St. Louis, Becky taught at their church's grade school until their first child, Ryan, was born.

Ryan is 14 years old and actually likes school. He has always been home schooled and is now involved with the Classical Conversations program. He enjoys reading. While he likes a variety of books, he is particularly fond of C.S. Lewis. He also enjoys playing board games like *The Settlers of Catan* with his siblings and father (for those of you not in the know, "Catan" is big with semperRef).

Caroline is the oldest daughter and is 13 years old. She also is attending Classical Conversations and enjoys her school work. She likes horseback riding and craft projects such as

making jewelry, knitting and sewing.

Serena is 11 years old and is home-schooling. She and her brother Nathan are currently doing a unit study on American History. She has lots of energy, loves being outside and going horseback riding.

Nathan is 10 and his birthday will be on Easter this year. He loves history and reading books on wars and weapons. He likes being outside so much that his parents think that he could live outside.

Samuel is 2 and 1/2 and loves to talk. He may become a lawyer as he already pleads his own case in full, very articulate sentences. He loves music, books and pushing his Tonka truck up and down the driveway. Noah is the youngest at 1 and 1/2. He is very busy trying to keep up with Samuel.

Becky and Cary feel very blessed to have found Christ the Word. When first coming to the Toledo area, their realtor, who happened to be a friend

of Judi Bellas, recommended CTW to Becky. Cary also independently looked for a church online, where he happened to settle on CTW without knowing the realtor's recommendation. It was doubly ordained by God that they would attend CTW.

The Duchene Family is very grateful for their church family. Over a year ago, when Noah was only 8 weeks old, Becky was diagnosed with breast cancer. It has been a long difficult time that has been made easier by all of the support they have received from CTW. Becky still marvels that people not only provided meals for over 8 months, but several actually came to clean house and even scrubbed the toilets.

While the Duchenes were originally only to be in the Toledo area until the end of this summer, it looks like their stay may be extended for another year. So while you still have time, get to know the Duchenes.

### Important Camping Trip Update

If you have registered for the CTW Camping Trip scheduled for June 29-July 2, Jeff and Shelley Schriener need your payment to secure your reservation. That payment is needed by Tuesday, March 1. Everyone that has signed-up should have received an e-mail with the amount due.

Also, if you have not yet registered, you can still do so following March 1, but are encouraged to register sooner rather than later as spots are filling quickly. Please contact Jeff or Shelley at 734-856-4660 or [schrienerfam@metalink.com](mailto:schrienerfam@metalink.com) if you would like to register, or if you have further questions.

### Summer Backyard Bible Club Volunteers Needed

It might seem crazy, but before we know it, June will be upon us and Backyard Bible Clubs (BYBCs) will be in full swing. In an effort to plan ahead we are looking for volunteers willing to assist with BYBCs this summer. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Shelley Schriener.

### CTW's Annual Skate Night: Wednesday, March 16

Come join the fun as we gather at Swanton Coliseum on Wednesday, March 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is FREE! You can bring your own rollerblades or skates, or if you need to rent skates, there is a \$3 fee. Swanton Coliseum is located at 12725 Airport Highway in Swanton, Ohio. It will be a great time for all!

### Baby Shower for Keren ten Haaf Saturday, March 26

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### Still Looking for Building Pictures

We are still looking for pictures of our new church building taken during any of the construction or times when you have gone to the site of our future church home. We are hoping to create a record of the construction and would be especially grateful for your pictures. If you would be willing to put them on a disk or get them to Scott Killy in some other format this would be very helpful. If you have questions please contact Scott.

### LWY: Sr. High Lord of the Rings Movie Night

All Sr. High are invited to the Forney home (8825 W. Bancroft) on Saturday, March 12 from 3:30 to 8 p.m. for pizza and a *Lord of the Rings* movie night. We will only watch the first Lord of the Rings film, and it will start at 4:00 p.m. We'll pause near the middle of the film to eat pizza. Please RSVP to Hunter Turner. We are asking everyone to bring \$2-\$3 for pizza and guys to bring a 2-liter to share and gals to bring one snack item (chips, cookies, etc...) to share.

### Maundy Thursday Registration

Maundy Thursday is on April 21st this year, and the time to sign up to be part of Christ the Word's annual celebration at Nazareth Hall is now! Click the banner found on the website to reserve your seats and type in your praises to God.

Due to the limited number of seats, this event is only open to those who attend Christ the Word. Registration will cease when the seats are filled or by April 7th. If you have questions please contact Jason Wiltse at 419-578-0732 or [jason@christtheword.com](mailto:jason@christtheword.com).

Prayer requests are now available online! Just go to:

[www.christtheword.com](http://www.christtheword.com)  
->community links  
->prayer list

Then sign in with your password. It's just that easy!

# 2011 LWY Retreat Recap

by Jonny Zellers  
and Stephen Olson

## The Teaching:

Whether it's Kevin Simpson speaking on hell, or Jake Mentzel and Jody Killingsworth speaking on leading counter-cultural lives, every year on the LWY Winter Retreat you can bet there is going to be a great teacher and great topic. This year we had the privilege of having Pastor Gary Knapp come out from Delaware to teach the topic of "Knowing God." But every year, the part where I learn the most, and that I look back with the fondest memories is not actually during any of the session times, but after them, when we separate the guys and girls for cabin discussions.

This is one of those times that are truly unique in many ways. You will never find a group of guys who either look as strange, smell as bad, or are more tired or hyped up with Mountain Dew than the guys in that room. Although this may look a bit like a circus, this atmosphere seems to make it more memorable. When and where else can you sit down in a circle with youth such as Jordan Ahrendt, Ben Bayly, Daniel Forney, and Kyle Gerkin, and yet have intermingled with them great leaders like Pastor David, Pastor Gary, and Pastor Andrew, having both groups, leaders and youth, talking as equals, and discussing the topics in a sort of tag team fashion, jumping off in different directions when someone has a question. The topic that Gary spoke on, Knowing God, was broken into five different sessions, God's Holiness, Love, Wrath Fatherhood, and Sovereignty. These sessions gave us fuel for our cabin discussion times.

We wrestled with questions such as how does the realization of God's wrath, and also His love play out in our lives? How do we reconcile the two? What does it mean for us that God is our Father? These questions

prompted us to think deeper about God and what it really means to know Him. This time of discussion is at the heart of the winter retreat, and this year helped our group of crazy-looking guys to grow in the knowledge of our great Father.

## The Games:

The LWY retreat has always been known for its creative and crazy games and activities, and this year was no exception. Among them were *The Minute to Win It* Games, Geo-caching, Skits, Broomball, and Barbarians. Although all of them were a lot of fun, and planned very well (thanks to Kevin Clark, Jeremy Heyerly, Hunter Turner, Ryan Brown, Mrs. Bayly, and the Youth Council), undoubtedly the overall favorite was the skits.

There were two main differences that separated these skits from skits of years past:

1. Five props were assigned to each team of eight, such as a three-foot wrench, a dirty floppy hat, a moped helmet, a foot cast, and a Vikings jersey.
2. Each team was also assigned a youth leader to impersonate, such as Kevin Clark or Tim Spewiek.

In all of the skits, the youth group's camaraderie and friendship showed through, from Matt Oram and Ben Bayly singing "A Whole New World" while riding a magic sleeping bag, to Stephen Olson, the muscular football player, carrying Nathan Powazki, the motorcycle rider with a broken tooth, to the Spewiek dental office.

Our church's past joys in work and fun showed up in the skits also, from Pastor David going crazy on the church roof and going on a killing spree with the assistance of Scott Killy, to Ben Bayly once again having problems with keeping the chainsaw going on the Mission Trip, to Jeremy Heyerly snorting owl eggs...

Critically analyzing these skits were the judges David Bayly, Jennifer Clark, and Gary "Simon" Knapp, and rushing, hurtling, and stomping their way over the competition to the win, was the Dionne skit, with Mr.

Spewiek portraying Andrew Dionne with a bad hair day, and Eric Beerbower acting as Sarah Dionne. They and the rest of their team (acting as the Dionne children) carried out a parody of the Dionne family Sunday morning, from waking up late, to the hectic drive to church, to their experience during the church service (complete with a wonderful falsetto rendition of "We Will Dance" by Eric). These skits made this year's retreat one of the most memorable and exciting ones in recent memory.

## The Most Memorable Moments and Accomplishments of The 2011 Winter Retreat:

### Greatest Accomplishment:

quaffing 216 cans of Mountain Dew in two days.

### Worst Performance:

Tessa Bayly being put in the penalty box twice during broomball, once for slashing and once for high-sticking.

### Best Display of Endurance, or Worst Directions:

One geo-caching team floundering for an hour through a swamp.

### Most Disturbing Experience:

Finding a geo-cache in the eye socket of a decaying deer.

### Worst Injury:

Quinn Schriener getting nailed in the head with a hockey stick, and having a huge egg-sized bump on her forehead after five minutes.

### Most Frustrating Event:

Playing an hour-long game of capture the flag, while neither team could find the other's flag.

### Most Beautiful Sight:

Getting three inches of snow in an hour.

### Safest Leader:

Andrew Dionne driving 30 mph on the highway through the snow and ice.

# Missions Update: The Hillmans

by Elizabeth Bayly

Many of you may have heard of Pat and Lanette Hillman; their family is on our prayer list, our church supports them, but ask yourself: how much do you actually know about this great man and woman of God?

Pat first felt God's call to the mission field during an all-night prayer vigil that was being held at his university. Pat spent time praying that God would send laborers to

term to the mission field.

The Middle East is an area of the globe closed to the Gospel. As they shared their faith in Jesus, the Hillmans had to trust God that the person hearing the message was not a government spy. After more than ten years in the Middle East, on a typical trip out of their country to pick up their mail, Lanette was detained at the airport by the state police and thrown in jail. Pat and their four sons were told that Lanette was missing. After a full week, Pat received some information as to his wife's whereabouts. In the end, the family was kicked out of the country and told they never could return. These



the Middle East to speak truth to His people there. Pat would be the answer to his own prayer.

Although Lanette's heart was softened toward the lost after hearing the testimony of a former cannibal from Papua New Guinea when she was only seven years old, it wasn't until she was a senior in college that she felt compelled toward the lost in the world.

In the summer of '86, Pat and Lanette met at the training center of their sending mission. Four weeks of training followed by a few visits to see each other through the fall (the sum of days together being less than two weeks), led to their marriage in December. Shortly thereafter, Pat and Lanette left on their first

providential events brought the Hillman family to relocate to another country.

When Pat and Lanette return to the Middle East in mid-July, they will be going with only one son, instead of the three who returned with them to the United States.

Mitchell (22) was already in the States studying advertising at Liberty University. He will be graduating in the spring. Marshall (20) decided shortly after their return to join the Navy working in language-decoding, and Major (18) is about to graduate from high school and will attend Liberty in the fall. Miles (15) will be the only son returning to Jordan with his parents, finishing high school there.

Pat and Lanette have missed their foreign friends, the Arab culture, food and language while on furlough in the states, but they know that once they return, they will miss the family and friends they have in the States, the freedom Christians have in their faith, and all the good sales and coupons!

Why would someone leave the comforts and freedoms we know in America? They desire to see the lost come to Christ and for Him to gather together His body of believers from all nations. To attain this goal, they try to be in contact with as many people as possible through avenues such as English classes,

aerobics, baseball, scouts and following up any open door. Then they form relationships with the people they meet, giving them opportunities to share their faith and start Bible studies. Pat is an English teacher and spends most of his time teaching the Bible. Lanette seeks to develop relationships with women and to share with them as they visit with one another.

In the next term, the Hillmans hope to "See the veil removed from many of the lost's eyes so they would know our precious Savior." They hope to see national believers to be engaged in outreach to the lost. Finally, they desire to train more Western young people for the ministry, because they are the future.

So as you think about the Hillmans, they ask that you would pray for spiritual fruit. They desire to be obedient to the Lord in every way. Pray for the boldness of new believers and that the lost would ask questions and seek truth. They ask that we would pray for more laborers to be sent forth to the Middle East, and finally, that all believers would be willing to be persecuted for the cause of Christ. Praise the Lord for godly examples like the Hillmans!

# calendar of events

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## March Calendar

- Mar. 9-12**    **semperRef Spring Break  
in the U.P.**
- Mar. 16**     **CTW Skate Night**
- Mar. 24**     **WOW Fellowship Bead Night**
- Mar. 26**     **Keren ten Haaf Baby Shower**
- Mar. 26**     **semperRef Cops &  
Robbers Game @ U.T.**

## Mark Your Calendar

- April 21**     **Maundy Thursday Celebration  
@Nazareth Hall**
- May 7**        **Presbytery**
- May 14**     **Sarah Frank Bridal Shower**
- June 29**     **CTW Camping Trip**  
-July 2