

# Our Church in Study

Lesson Study

9:30-10:30 am

## Sabbath School Classes

Adult Classes	Sanctuary
Peden	Fellowship Hall
Kirschbaum	East Hallway
Hispanic	Classroom #3
Myers	Classroom #2
20's & 30's	Pastor's Office
Prophecy Class	Classroom #1
Youth (High School)	North Hallway
Junior/Earliten (Ages 10-14)	West Hallway
Primary (Ages 7-9)	West Hallway
Kindergarten (Age 4-6)	West Hallway
Beginners (Birth-Age 3)	West Hallway

### Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!  
 Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!  
 Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me!  
 Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!

### As We Come to You in Prayer

Now, Dear Lord, as we pray,  
 Take our hearts and minds far away  
 From the press of the world all around  
 To Your throne where grace does abound.  
 May our lives be transformed by Your love,  
 May our souls be refreshed from above.  
 At this moment, let people everywhere  
 Join us now as we come to You in prayer.

### Church Mission Statement

“To bring the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ to life in the church and surrounding communities by nurturing our church families and youth to become active participants in spreading the Word of God.”

**Bulletin Announcement Deadline:** Please have all information and announcements turned in by *Thursday morning* to Akron1st bulletin@yahoo.com or call Marge Benson at 330-753-9866.

# Our Church Informed

**CHURCH BUDGET 2009:** *We met our budget! Praise God from whom all blessings flow.* In this time of financial uncertainty our congregation rallied around our financial needs and with God’s help fully funded the entire budget. This will put us in a strong position as we begin the new year. **Thank you** for your faithful part in meeting the needs of our local ministry.

**PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting is a significant barometer of the congregation. Ellen White noted, “A prayer meeting will always tell the true interest of the church members in spiritual and eternal things. The prayer meeting is as the pulse to the body; it denotes the true spiritual condition of the church.” (PaM p. 183) Give your spiritual life a boost this new year by joining others in prayer and Bible study on Wednesday evenings. This week we continue our studies in the Gospel of Mark.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- We are still looking for people who will take turns driving for our Van Ministry. Contact Greg Powers or the Pastor to learn about the particulars.
- The Pastor is looking to develop an active Worship Team that helps plan and lead worship. Do you have a special interest in worship? Would you like to offer your assistance in some way to help prepare and lead worship? Then please contact the Pastor.

**CHURCH DECORATIONS:** A special thanks to those who came forward to offer their help with decorations in the sanctuary. Please plan to meet tomorrow at 3:00 pm to take the decorations down. We often forget that the visual is important in worship. Research shows that 20% of people are primarily auditory learners, but a full 70% learn visually. What about the other 10%? They are kinesthetic, meaning they learn by being physically active. Some important food for thought as we consider worship and the life of the church!

**2010 DEVOTIONAL BOOKS:** Special prices end January 31 for the 2010 devotional books. There are devotions for adults, women, young adults, teens, juniors, primaries, and preschoolers. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**COMMUNION:** Plan to participate in our communion services (God’s Banquet of Grace) next Sabbath.

**ARE YOU A CONTAGIOUS ADVENTIST?** Join us for an extraordinary journey where you will hear the call of Christ to share the passion of His heart - to reach a world that desperately needs to have a fuller knowledge of His love and character. Learn how YOU can impact the kingdom of God for eternity. We will begin the journey on January 30. Watch your bulletin for further information.

### From the Pastor

What do you think God’s view of New Year’s Day is? I don’t mean all the partying that takes place before 12:00 midnight. No, I mean the opportunity for a fresh start at the beginning of the new year. From today’s story of Peter and Jesus I pray that we will be encouraged by a message about a God who delights in new beginnings and loves to give people second chances.

# Mayfair Christian School Announcements

### CALENDAR:

- January 4 School Resumes
- January 15 End of Second Grade Period
- January 18 No School - Martin Luther King Day
- January 25 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- January 30 Church Service at Bethel

### OUR CHURCH LEADERS AT YOUR SERVICE

Church	Office	330-773-7757
Pastor	Jerry Chase	330-563-4275
	(local mobile cell)	234-738-3858
Head Elder	Lee Kirschbaum	330-628-2043
Church Clerk	Ruth Voytko	330-784-2772
Church Treasurer	Greg Powers	330-212-6491
Head Deacon	Matt Woods	785-477-0665
Head Deaconess	Sue Kirschbaum	330-628-2043
School Principal	Bryant Herbert	330-896-3184
	<a href="http://www.mayfairchristianschool.org">www.mayfairchristianschool.org</a>	
Prayer Chain	330-945-8301	330-784-7785

# Our Church In Praise & Worship

	10:40 am	
Congregational Praise		Akron First Choristers
	10:50 am	
Welcome & Announcements		Venice Wilson
*Call to Worship: <i>Spirit of the Living God</i>		Congregation
	11:00 am	
*Invocation		Dan McCullaugh
*Hymn of Praise: <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>		#547
Worship in Giving: Local Church Budget		Dan McCullaugh
Offertory		Robert and Sharon Chu
Children's Story/School Offering		Brenda Chase
Prayer Song: <i>As We Come to You in Prayer</i>		Congregation
Worship in Prayer		Lela Brown
Scripture Reading: John 21:15-17		Marge Benson
Special Music		Andrea Crane
Sermon		Pastor Jerry Chase
	"New Beginnings"	
*Closing Hymn: <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>		#334
*Benediction		Pastor Jerry Chase
*Congregation Stands		
Pianist: Sharon Chu		Organist: Robert Chu
Deacons: Matt Woods, George Schueller, Mark Sarokas, Bob Potts		

# Our Church In Service

## TODAY

- Sunshine Band: We will worship with our friends at Pebble Creek (670 Jarvis Road, Akron) at 2:30 pm. Why not join us? Contact Robert or Sharon Chu at SunshineBandNHM@hotmail.com or 330-289-1210 for more information.
- Bible Study: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

## NEXT WEEK

- Wednesday: Adventurers/Pathfinders, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday: Prayer Meeting, 7:00 pm

## NEXT SABBATH

- Breakfast: 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Offering: Local Church Budget
- Communion Service
- Bible Study: 3:00 - 5:00 pm

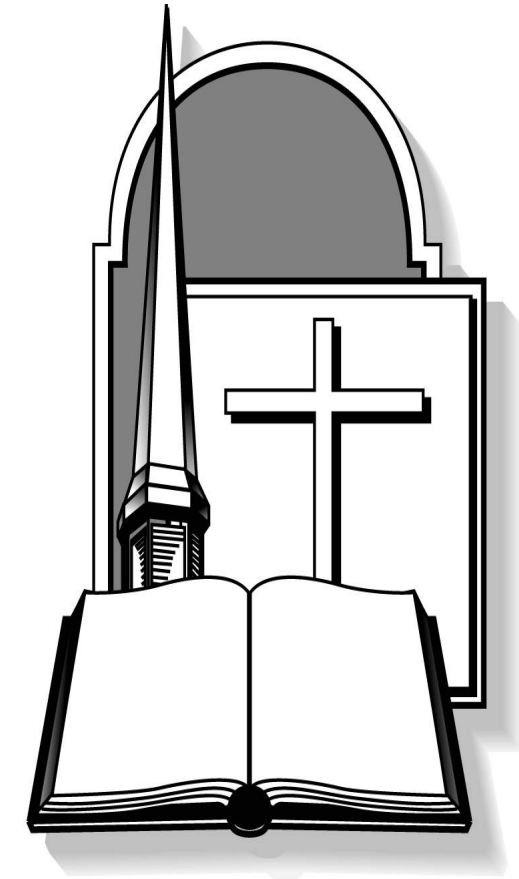
## LOOKING AHEAD

- January 10: CPR Training, 2:00 pm
- January 12: Church Board, 7:00 pm
- January 16: His Hands Puppets and Friends, Wilbeth-Arlington Homes, 2:30 pm
- January 19-26: Pastor's Study Leave
- January 27: Goldenaires Lunch, Noon

Closing of God's Sabbath today – 5:08 pm  
 Beginning of God's Sabbath next Friday – 5:15 pm

Our Church in Giving			
January 3 - December 31, 2009			
Year-to-date Church Budget		Weekly Church Budget	
Needed to date	\$96,450.00	Needed per week	\$1,855.30
Received to date	<u>-97,224.07</u>	Received last week	<u>\$8,053.07</u>
	\$ 774.07		+\$6,197.77

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