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## Mike's Moments

### A NEW NEWSLETTER...

Things are looking a little different. We are beginning a new era of contact and information. With this news letter we will began to be in "constant contact." Well, it will not be constant as in everyday, every moment. No, the new program we are using with this newsletter is called Constant Contact. They will help us, keep in touch with you, and along the way protect us as we do this through the web.

We will start sending out 'shorter' newsletters more often. We will be putting more pictures in the letters, and hopefully you will be sending more to us to share. There are many wonderful events and activities happening in our congregations. It is time for us to share more with each other.

But one of the main reasons we are changing the process is the protection we will be afforded through this special e-mailing process. Jeni and I hope you will enjoy the newsletter. We ask that you continue to print out copies for those who do not have e-mail. We hope you will continue to forward this "safer" newsletter to your memberships' email list. That way we are able to keep in touch with each other.

### REGIONAL LISTENING CONFERENCE

We have concluded our listening conferences across the MidAmerica Region. I want to thank each of you who shared your time and thoughts with us. It was most interesting to hear your dreams and visions as we continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was heartening to hear at each stop a desire that the work of the Area, its close relationship with congregations, continue into our future. Yes, there are areas of ministry which might "look" different and surely many will be different. But as scripture notes... 'is it not the same Spirit' that calls us into the good new future which God has planned and prepared?

Hopefully during the summer as the work continues we will be giving you updates about the discussion and the process which has begun. Again, thank you for your help and prayers for this process.

## Fan the Flame

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## Stewardship Report

(as of May 31, 2009)

### OLA Income

Actual: \$53,420.52  
Budget: \$68,291.76

### OLA Expense

Actual: \$65,064.23  
Budget: \$68,094.30

### NCTF Income

\$15,160.65





## Ozark Lakes Area Assembly



**November 7, 2009  
Clinton Christian Church  
9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

### Where Are They Now?



### **New Disciple Churches Birthed in Southwest Missouri during the Last 25-30 Years**

In Chronological order:

1. Ozark Highlands, Rolla, MO - Rev. David Roush
2. Ozark Mountain, Merriam Woods, MO - Rev. Howard Hensley
3. West Lake Christian, Laurie, MO - Rev. Jim Stovall, interim
4. Gateway Christian, Springfield, MO - Rev. Bill Nichols
5. Disciples Christian Church, Nevada, MO - Rev. Thomas Minton, summer interim

#### Facts about These Five Churches ---

1. One of them was in the top ten financial contributions on a per capita basis for Ozark Lakes Area in 2007.
2. One has birthed two lay persons into licensed ministry.
3. One of these in the 2008 yearbook had the highest worship attendance average of any Disciple Church in OLA (226 per Sunday).
4. One has nurtured two minister's sons into ministry.
5. One of the above was for seven years in the top 20 Disciple Churches in the United States and Canada for growth rate in their size category.
6. One of the above was birthed by a Branson singing celebrity
7. One of the churches was one of the top ten financial contributors in 2007 to the ministries of the Ozark Lakes Area.
8. Two of the above churches was served by a female clergy person.
9. In approximate figures, we have 430 more folks at the communion table on Sunday due to these congregations and about 600 more participants in some fashion in church life.

Rev. Jack Daniel  
New Church Start Task Force Chairperson

### Heartland Cluster Congregational Transformation

March, 2009  
St. Joseph, Missouri

The DVD's of Sally Morgenthaler's presentations are now available Five sessions on three DVD's for the cost of \$10 includes postage.



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## Upcoming Events

### July 29 - August 2

- General Assembly, Indianapolis IN

### August

- 9 - Executive Committee Meeting at Area office - 3:30
- 17 - Cluster 5 at Ozark - 11 am
- 23 - Area Board Meeting at FCC Lebanon - 3:30
- 26 - Department of Ministry at Area Office - 10 am

### September

- 11 - Cluster 2 at Smith's Restaurant in Bolivar - 6 pm
- 25 - Boundaries Training at Clinton Christian Church 10am - 4 pm
- 28 - Disciples Women's Fall Assembly at Camdenton

### October

- 26 - Disciples Women's Cabinet meeting - Neosho

### November

- 7 - Area Assembly at Clinton - 9:30am to 3:30pm

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