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July 4th Pray for our country as we celebrate our Independence. Let us live to make others independent from the bondages of sin they face every day.



Questions & Answers

What does our name—"Rivers of Living Water Ministries International"—mean?

"...out of his belly shall flow Rivers of Living Water." -- John 7:38

You may have heard Apostle Robert L. Jones say that God reserved the name for this particular Body of Christ way before it was planted in our hearts to begin this work. Does it really mean anything? Yes, it does!

We are the "**rivers**" – the conduit – through which the Lord works. The scripture says in John 4:24 – "God is a Spirit." He needs someone He can work through to accomplish His Will in the earth. Each of us can be a conduit for Him; however, we must yield ourselves to Him in order for Him to work.

Jesus Christ, along with the Holy Ghost, is the "**living water**" needed to change hearts and lives. As we yield ourselves to God and allow (or permit) the Holy Ghost to flow through us, God's living water will meet the needs in those around us; and we will truly become the "salt of the earth" as Jesus said we are in Matthew 5:13.

Together with the Lord Jesus Christ, each of us is called as an integral part of the "**ministries**" God is leading in this end time to minister to the needs of His Body. Each of us is so important! "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body." – I Corinthians 12:18-20. We are all of the same body; each with a distinct purpose for God.

Since God's Body is throughout the world, our ministry is "**international**." In Mark 16:15 we are

commissioned by Jesus, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

What is the difference between "Tithes" and "Offerings"?

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." – Malachi 3:10

The word '**tithe**' means **tenth**. Tithing began with Abram (Gen. 14:19-20) when Abram decided to bless God and gave him a tenth of everything that he had! Remember it was through Abram that God started His 'called out' Nation. Abram gave in response to what God had already done for him. Jacob had a dream and made a vow to God where Jacob offered God a tithe in exchange for God's care and provision. (Gen. 28:20-22)

In Lev. 27:30-34 Moses stated that every tithe was the Lord's, and it was holy to the Lord. Tithing is an intentional practice through which God teaches us about his sovereign ownership of everything. Through the tithe, God took care of his people. God desperately wants us to respond to promises of blessing for our obedience instead of having to bring the hammer of judgement down upon us. If we would be compliant, there would not only be a full larder, but we would experience an overabundance of provision and freedom from want. This abundance would also be proof that God is in us making us the envy of the non-believer.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

God desires His people to freely give to Him out of their abundance. This is our **offering** unto Him. Out of the love we have for Him, we just want to give Him something He doesn't expect from us. He expects our tithe, but not our offering. Our offering is giving of our substance, not out of need or requirement, but **out of love**. That is why Paul said that God loves a cheerful giver. When we do something out of love we cheerfully do it.

SAFER STOPS

Submitted by Mother Rene Gilbert

An employee helped inspire a new statewide system that lets police officers who perform traffic stops know if a motorist has communication difficulties. Like many mothers, Jenny Hughes felt anxious when her son, Jay Castro, began driving to work last year.

Castro has autism and Hughes, a Toledo retail associate, didn't want the 24-year-old to raise concerns if stopped by police. "I went to police chiefs in the area to let them know he could become upset and start crying." She said. "I didn't want them to think he'd done something wrong."

Hughes, whose younger son, Gabe, also has autism, wondered if there was a way for officers to receive an alert about drivers with communication difficulties when entering license plate information into the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS). She proposed the alert system to a state lawmaker who liked the idea and co-sponsored a bill to allow people to voluntarily submit their information to a database that links to LEADS.

Hughes testified before Ohio House and Senate members who voted unanimously to support the bill, which was recently signed into law. "Law enforcement officers have a split second to make decisions," Rep. Theresa Gavarone, one of the bill's co-sponsors, told the Toledo Blade. "This will give them more information that may help the situation."

Hughes, whose work on the project took place on her own time, said she's receiving supportive messages from colleagues, customers, and community members. One woman wrote her to share a negative experience of a family member with Parkinson's disease who was pulled over. Hughes hopes other states will adopt similar policies. "I feel more confident that my kids are safer," she said. "Having a picture of what could be happening inside that car could help."

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Friday, Aug. 17, Licensed/Ordained Ministers

Potluck beginning at 6 p.m. at the church. Plan to bring a dish to share. More information in Aug.

Sunday, Aug. 26, Annual Church Picnic will be held on at **Conner Park**. We will be at the Eagle Shelter House.

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Godfather Fellowship Hall Hospitality
Beginning at 9:30 – Intercessory Prayer
10 a.m. – Morning Worship

Wednesday

11 a.m. – Breaking Point
6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation
6:30 p.m. – Youth Services

Thursday

6 to 7:30 p.m. – Recovery Outreach Ministry led by Rev. David Tucker to help overcome addictions.



Feed your Soul
every week.



MINISTERIAL

ASSIGNMENTS

for Sunday, July 22



Pastor David Rogers – Opening
Bishop Bruce Perry – Ministering
Pastor David Tucker – Closing



AWESOME CONVERSATION BETWEEN GOD and a MAN

Man: God, can I ask You a Question?

God: Sure

Man: Promise You won't get mad.

God: I promise.

Man: Why did You let so much stuff happen to me today?

God: What do you mean?

Man: Well, I woke up late.

God: Yes

Man: My car took forever to start.

God: Okay

Man: At lunch they made my sandwich wrong & I had to wait.

God: Hummmmmm

Man: On the way home, my phone went DEAD just as I picked up a call.

God: All right

Man: And to top of it all off, when I got home – I just wanted to soak my feet in my new foot massager & relax. BUT it wouldn't work!!! Nothing went right today! Why did You do that?

God: Let me see, the death angel was at your bed this morning & I had to send one of My Angels

to battle him for your life. I let you sleep through that.

Man (humbled): OH

God: I didn't let your car start because there was a drunk driver on your route that would have hit you if you were on the road.

Man: (ashamed)

God: The first person who made your sandwich **today** was sick & I didn't want you to catch what they have, I knew you couldn't afford to miss work.

Man (embarrassed): Okay

God: Your phone went dead because the person that was calling was going to give false witness about what you said on that call, I didn't even let you talk to them so you would be covered.

Man (softly): I see God.

God: Oh and that foot massager, it had a shortage that was going to throw out all of the power in your house **tonight**. I didn't think you wanted to be in the dark.

Man: I'm sorry God.

God: Don't be sorry, just learn to Trust Me . . . in ALL things the Good & the bad.

Man: I will trust You.

God: And don't doubt that My plan for your day is Always Better than your plan.

Man: I won't God. And let me just tell you God, Thank You for Everything **today**.

God: You're welcome child. It was just another day being your God and I Love looking after My Children . . .

Submitted by Deacon Mark Hamen



KIDS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, July 21 – Day trip to **Air Force Museum** in Dayton leaving at 9 a.m. Chaperons are needed; general admission is free.

Friday, July 27 – **Queen Esther & King David Night** from 5 to 9 p.m. **Volunteers** are needed to help cover the various activities: Nails (girls), Hair (girls), Hygiene (boys & girls), Neck ties (boys), Car Maintenance (boys), and Banquet Setting & Manners (boys & girls).

Donations are needed to we can provide our youth with toothpaste and brushes, combs, deodorant, hair ties (girls), smell goodies for all.

Sunday, July 29 – **Youth Sunday** will be a time when our Youth let their light shine at **10 a.m.**!

Tuesday, July 31 – **Toledo Zoo** day trip from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chaperons are needed for this trip.

If you would like to **be a blessing** to our Youth and **be a servant** of the Lord, **please step forward** and contact Sister Betty Jones, our Youth Director. Let's surprise her with too many cheerful volunteers! See her at church or call her home at 567-201-2001.



Are you part of the newer generation that does not write checks? Do you usually pay bills online? If that is the case and you would like to save money on stamps, checks, and envelopes, you may go to your personal bank website and add Rivers of Living Water, **PO Box 1323**, Fremont, OH 43420, as a bill you would like automatically deducted from your account. You can set it up as a one-time gift or an automatic deduction on certain day(s).

Your bank will mail a paper check to the church (Please use **post office box 1323**), and you will receive credit for your donation. If you would like more information about this, please see Rev. Julia Schwert.



DO HAVE A

REQUEST?

There is a **Prayer Cross** in our Sanctuary. We place Prayer Requests on the cross for our Intercessors to pray over. If you have a request, please mail it to us at PO Box 1323, Fremont, OH 43420; email us at rlwmi@sbcglobal.net; or call us at 419-334-7389. Your request will be added to our cross. Don't forget to tell us about the outcome of our prayers!



NOTICE

- Be sure any announcements for Sunday are given to the office by Friday morning.
- Give all information for the **August Channel** to Rev. Julia Schwert by **Wednesday, July 25**.