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President's Corner, Pastor Gordy Harmon

"Earnestly Contend"

"Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ."

Jude 3-4 ESV

Praise the Lord for our time together at Gibsonburg!! I heard time after time, "What a joy and blessing this week has been!" Thank you, Pastor Jonathan Edwards for the theme: "Making Disciples", and Thank you, to the church at Gibsonburg for hosting our conference. May you all reap a glorious eternal harvest!!

As of the writing of this article we still do not have a conference location to report to you, nor do we have dates. But please be advised the Executive Panel is working feverishly to seek a location so that we can publish that information to you as soon as possible. It is my personal goal to able to have that information for you by the time we publish the next VOICE. Please pray for us as we labor and work together to find a location that would be suitable for our conference.

One thing I can report to you is that we have a theme: "EARNESTLY CONTEND!" The God of heaven, and Jesus – the Head of His Church, through the beauty and power of His Living Word, has moved me to exhort our churches to dig in and hold the line of truth. I believe that "EARNESTLY CONTEND" is a tremendous and fitting follow-up to "MAKING DISCIPLES". "For it is written: And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen" (Matthew 28:18-20).

The Scriptures exhort every disciple of Jesus to teach and observe all things that He has commanded. It is the Church of the Living God who is the pillar and ground (foundation) of THE Truth. The Church of the Living God is NOT so recognized because of their sign or denomination, she is distinguished by (and one day rewarded for) EARNESTLY CONTENDING for THE FAITH once for all delivered to the saints, holding fast to the words and nourishing doctrines of the Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!!

Something has become very clear to me as I continue to work through the words of our brother Jude. If we lower the bar of truth, we open the door to the apostates. One little crack of compromise here, another little crack there, and before you know it, the whole foundation of Truth is without strength. We are warned, by the power of the Spirit, that we will be pressed to lower the bar: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-5).

It is our time, our turn to hold fast to what we have been given: The Faith, once for all ENTRUSTED to us. The voice of compromise is loud and, at times, it enters the ears and the hearts of the church. How are we to survive the challenges to lower the bar? "Preach the Word, be diligent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2)

The time is now...EARNESTLY CONTEND!!

CORNERSTONE GBC, PASTORS LES VNASDALE & PHILIP MOELLER

We are excited to announce that Bible quizzing will be returning to the CGBCI this year! We are looking for other churches to join as we memorize the books of James and Jude. All the material needed will be provided to any church wanting to participate. If interested, please contact Pastor Philip Moeller (419.631.9720 cell) (419.747.5012, church).

PASTOR RON & DONNA WELSH

We are now living at: 204 Washington Park Blvd. Apt. A, Michigan City, In 46360. We have the same cell phone numbers: (269) 262-2263 (Ron) and (269) 262-2449 (Donna). We are presently involved with an afterschool program for the local school.

HOME MISSIONS

NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM, PASTOR DEL MILLER

It is hard to believe that NET '21 was the 15TH trip for this ministry. Here is a quick review of each year and the locations. After NET 08 every trip had at least two main locations as the team prepared for a week and then focused on outreach for another week.

NET 07 Denver, Colorado

NET 08 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

NET 09 Orrville, OH and South Whitley, IN

NET 10 Irasburg, Morrisville and Burlington Vermont

NET 11 Alto, Moran, and New Troy, MI
NET 12 Kittanning and Washington, PA
NET 13 Conference (Antiochian Village) and Findlay, OH
NET 14 Conference (Antiochian Village), Niles and New Troy, MI
NET 15 Peru, IN and Alto, MI
NET 16 Peru, IN and Mt. Vernon, OH
NET 17 Orrville, OH and Listie, PA
NET 18 Kitanning, PA followed by Irasburg and Morrisville, VT
NET 19 Camp ALBRYOCA and Limestone, TN
NET 20 Mansfield, Galion, Gibsonburg, Westerville and Orrville, OH
NET 21 Peru, IN; Limestone, TN; Mt. Vernon, OH

The above list does not cover all the individual presentations and details of towns that were included each year. It is just an overview of the main locations. Our daughter put together the idea to have a 15 year NET reunion this summer at our place near Orrville. There is a very spacious back yard and some other options for gathering places. The reunion took place on August 6-7 and spilled over into the 8th as well. We had enough members stay for Sunday morning that we were able to share one of our favorite songs with the Orrville congregation, "Your Grace Still Amazes Me." Some of the other enjoyable parts of the event were, morning devotions under the big oak tree, volleyball and other games, singing together for a couple hours on Saturday, and enjoying meals together. Of course, the opportunities to visit and share prayer requests were very significant as well. We are delighted to hear about the ways God is using past NET members in His work. Thanks for your interest and your prayers.

Please be praying about the details of next year's trip. We are already talking about it!

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