

# From the Mountaintop



Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken. My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me. O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge. ~Psalm 62: 5-8

## February Gathering

Food is  
always  
Welcome!

FAIRGREEN  
3220 W. Laskey Rd  
Toledo, OH 43613

Sunday, February 15, 2015

6:00pm

Board of servants Meeting – 4:00pm

Please call ahead  
for childcare  
Crystal Cooper:  
419-855-4949

**Men's GB #61**  
**June 4 - 7, 2015**

Lay Director: Chris Lyons

Pray for the Lay  
Directors as  
they discern  
over the teams  
for the  
upcoming  
banquets.

Pray about  
who you  
can sponsor  
in June!

And begin  
praying  
about how  
you can  
serve!

**Women's GB #62**  
**June 11 - 14, 2015**

Lay Director: Summer Lehman



### TEAM MEETINGS:

April 11<sup>th</sup> -> 9am - 12:30pm  
April 18<sup>th</sup> -> 9am - 12:30pm  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> -> 9am - 12:30pm  
May 16<sup>th</sup> -> 9am - 12:30pm  
May 30<sup>th</sup> -> 9am - 12:30pm

*1<sup>st</sup> Timer/New Team Member  
Meeting: Sat. April 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm  
(Right after the 1st team meeting)*

## Fairgreen Women's Retreat

When: February 27-28, 2015

Where: Lial Retreat Center (Whitehouse, OH)

# Sealed in Christ

In Ephesians 1:13, the Apostle Paul is writing to the church in Ephesus. He says, "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a **seal**, the promised Holy Spirit..." NIV

In the Presbyterian hymnal, Glory to God, on page 698, there is a short hymn by John Bell which says:

"Take, O take me as I am.  
Summon out what I shall be.  
Set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me."

Even in our baptism liturgy it talks about "being sealed".  
As Christians, what does it mean to be sealed in Christ?

This is the theme for our Fairgreen Women's Retreat on February 27-February 28, 2015! This is an overnight retreat but it is possible to only come for part of it if that is what your schedule permits.

The retreat is held at the Lial Retreat Center on Davis Road, very close to the Butterfly House and Oak Opening Metro Park near Whitehouse, Ohio. Bed linens and towels are furnished. Along with the retreat fee, each woman will be asked to bring a food item which will be part of Saturday's breakfast or lunch or Friday evening's snack time!

- A room with your own restroom is \$50.00.
  - o If you are a Fairgreen member, the cost is \$40 (the church will pay the remaining \$10)
- A room with a bathroom/shower located at the end of the hall is \$30.00.

Registration will begin on Sunday, February 8 through Monday, February 23. For Great Banquet women who would like to attend, have question or need clarification, please contact Pat Gibson at 419-535-3199 or patmgibson@hotmail.com

**SEE THE LATEST MOUNTAINTOP GREAT  
BANQUET UPDATES AND INFORMATION  
ONLINE BY VISITING:**

[www.mountaintopgb.org](http://www.mountaintopgb.org)

Community member contact information is  
password protected.

**Password: decolores**

If you would like to submit an  
article for the next newsletter, the  
deadline is

**March 1, 2015.**

**Submit to email:**

**coopermtgtoledo@gmail.com**

## Important Information and Request


Included in this newsletter below is a short summary of operating expenses for 2014 and 2013. As you can see, operating expenses are exceeding operating income. One thing that affects our finances is that not all those who serve as team members or those who sponsor a guest are able to pay the suggested team fees or sponsor fees. In addition, contributions received at the Gatherings have declined substantially over the last few years. Obviously, we do not want anyone to not serve on a team or to not sponsor a guest due to finances. Consequently, we are making a request to the community to contribute to the Mountaintop Great Banquet scholarship fund. These contributions will be used to offset the cost of conducting the banquet weekends so that no one will be deprived of the opportunity to participate due to economic issues.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operating receipts	12,924.91	10,380.99
Operating expenses	<u>(14,423.48)</u>	<u>(12,200.93)</u>
Expenses exceeding receipts	( 1,498.57)	( 1,819.94)

Receipts come primarily from team fees, sponsor fees, & contributions received at Gatherings.

Expenses include the cost of food for each weekend (four weekends per year at about \$25/person which covers 8 meals). Other expenses include payments to Fairgreen for cost of utilities for the weekend, purchases for grazing table as needed, childcare services provided at gatherings and team meetings, postage for newsletters, and purchases of supplies such as worship booklets, neck crosses, poster board, reunion group cards, stationary supplies, etc. Note there have been no increases in requested team fees or sponsor fees since the Mountaintop Great Banquet began in June of 2000.

You can help by returning the attached form with your contribution to this very worthy endeavor.

Cut here 

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
**Fairgreen Presbyterian Church**

Write "Great Banquet"  
in the memo field of check

Mail to: Fairgreen Presbyterian Church  
3220 W. Laskey Rd  
Toledo, OH 43613



## Mountaintop Calendar of Events



February 15, 2015	4:00 PM	GB Board Meeting
February 15, 2015	6:00 PM	Gathering
March 15, 2015	4:00 PM	GB Board Meeting
March 15, 2015	6:00 PM	Gathering
April 11, 2015	9 AM - 12:30 PM	Team Meeting #1 for GB # 61 & 62
April 11, 2015	12:30 PM	1st Timers Meeting
April 18, 2015	9 AM - 12:30 PM	Team Meeting #2 for GB # 61 & 62
April 19, 2015	4:00 PM	GB Board Meeting
April 19, 2015	6:00 PM	Gathering
May 2, 2015	9 AM - 12:30 PM	Team Meeting #3 for GB # 61 & 62
May 16, 2015	9 AM - 12:30 PM	Team Meeting #4 for GB # 61 & 62
May 17, 2015	4:00 PM	GB Board Meeting
May 17, 2015	6:00 PM	Gathering
May 30, 2015	9 AM - 12:30 PM	Team Meeting #5 for GB # 61 & 62
June 3, 2015	3:00 PM - ??	Set-up for GB #61
June 4 - 7, 2015		Men's GB #61
June 11 - 14, 2015		Women's GB #62
June 18, 2015	6:00 PM	4th Day Gathering
July 19, 2015	4:00 PM	GB Board Meeting
July 19, 2015	6:00 PM	Gathering

### **BANQUET WEEKENDS**

#### Agape:

It's not too early to start making Agape for the next set of banquets. 60 pieces are needed for each banquet!

#### New Banners:

Banners are still needed for the MTGB weekends. Consider making a banner yourself or make it an event at a Share Group meeting!

#### Help Needed:

We need your support; lots of help is needed for the set-up & tear down of the banquet weekends. Please try to make time to come help out! Contact Jeff Cooper with questions.

To get something you never had, you have to do

something you never did."

When God takes something from your grasp, He's not

punishing you, but merely opening your hands to

receive something better.

Concentrate on this sentence: "The will of God

will never take you where the Grace of God will not

protect you."

## Laughs & Giggles:



## Mountaintop Great Banquet Board of Servants

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### **DISCERNMENT:**

2. Leadership position on the Mountaintop GB Board of Servants

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