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Summer Conference 2010 at National Christian Conference Center

Our summer conference was a great time as leaders throughout the Network came together at the National Christian Conference Center in Valley Forge, PA. Each year seems to get better as God imparts more of himself to us.

This year we had Apostle Alan Vincent as our guest speaker. Alan is an anointed apostle and spiritual father from Texas who travels internationally. He teaches with God-given revelation, imparting faith to the body of Christ and helping leaders and churches step into the full measure of God's calling for them. His dynamic teachings on faith and kingdom living stirred our faith to new levels of expectancy and action.

Lester Zimmerman and Anita Malizzi each led an afternoon workshop that encouraged us with

some fresh ideas and vision. The elders from the Network churches joined us for the Tuesday evening session. This is always a highlight of our time together.

We were again blessed to have our international apostles join us: Apostle Patrick Thuo from Kenya, Apostle Lesly Bertrand from Haiti, and Apostle Gerardo Bravo and his wife from Mexico. Scott Miller from Kingdom Life in Kansas also was able to join us. It is always great to reconnect at our conference and hear what God is doing beyond our region. The churches are healthy and growing, even in the midst of difficult situations at times.

By Pastor Lester Zimmerman
Hopewell Network Apostolic Leader



Hopewell Christian Fellowship, Telford—25th Anniversary

On August 28 and 29, Hopewell Christian Fellowship, located near Telford, PA, rejoiced in celebrating 25 years of God's blessings. We had a large Community Outreach on Saturday and a fun Ice Cream Social and Night of Worship on Sunday evening. Hopewell Telford was planted from the Hopewell Elverson congregation in 1985, when many people started coming to Elverson during the charismatic renewal years. Many families would drive from Telford—Souderton-Harleysville to experience at Elverson the power and moving of the Holy Spirit and wonderful worship.

The church appreciates all the pastors who have contributed to its spiritual growth. The congregation first formed in the house of Glenn and Mim Hunsberger, led by Pastors Jon and Laura Landis. It moved to a Boy Scout cabin and then a Tupperware building under the leadership of John and Lilly Stoltzfus. The church then met at Penn View Christian School, setting up every Sunday for 13 years until building in 2001. Additional pastors who

served were Vince and Marcella Frey, Ron and Ruthanne McKinley, and Curt and Anita Malizzi. Currently Pastor Joel Kolb serves as Associate Pastor with his wife Heidi as Administrator.

By God's grace the congregation has grown from 55 in May, 2000, when Curt and Anita were first asked to lead the congregation, to now having two services with approximately 230 in attendance. In May of this year, a word from the Lord was given to Pastor Curt in which God challenged, "Would you believe me for 100 new salvations in the next six months?" Pastor Curt said "Yes Lord," and the congregation has picked up the vision. Since May 2010, the congregation has together led 66 people to salvation in Christ and has been sharing the love of Jesus with hundreds. God is faithful to his commission and his calling.

The Outreach Celebration was accompanied by a great day of blessing, with about 400 people coming, many from the community.

By Pastor Curt Malizzi
Hopewell Christian Fellowship, Telford

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The Hopewell Christian Fellowship, Telford congregation seeks to welcome and make a resting place for the Holy Spirit and to glorify and lift up Jesus Christ.

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Regional Night of Worship (NOW)

As a young child I remember attending worship nights at Hopewell Elverson. People came from all over the region to experience God's presence by lifting up unified voices to our Savior and God. Now, decades later, I felt God was asking us to return to the heart of what was a cornerstone for the Network. A year ago we at Petra Christian Fellowship began having "Night of Worship" on Friday nights. These events occur every three months. The focus has become regional, creating a place where worship leaders and teams from other churches can come and worship God without always having to serve.



God has been meeting us and honoring us with his powerful presence. People from all over - Allentown, Delaware, Philadelphia - are joining us in praising our Father. Each night we center our songs, scriptures and videos around a specific theme.

We would love to have you join us at our next Night of Worship on January 28 at 7:00. Our café will be open afterward with food and free coffee, as well as live music, so you can really make a fun evening of it. For updates and more information, please join our Facebook page (search Petra Christian Fellowship Night of Worship) or e-mail me at garyb@petrafel.org to be placed on the mailing list.

By Gary Buck
Worship Pastor, Petra Christian Fellowship

Hopewell Network Summer Camp



The kids were open to God and poured their hearts out to Him in worship and in prayer.

"Stirred" 2010. "The Spirit of the Lord began to stir him while he was in the camp." Judges 13:25

A week before camp I was excited, scared, humbled, and honored all at once. I didn't know what to expect as I was preparing to go to camp, so I asked my twelve-year-old daughter what it would be like and she told me, "It will be like a really, really long Sunday mom and you love Sundays so you will love camp!" Wow, was she right! God met us there in a

special way each and every day. It was amazing to see how he moved in our times together. The kids were open to God and poured their hearts out to him in worship and in prayer. I never imagined how much of an impact it would have on the kids' lives, as well as my own. God really put all the pieces together that week and "Stirred" many hearts for him! To God be the glory!

By Anne-Marie Yocom, Director of Family & Kids Ministry, Hopewell Christian Fellowship

Why Jesus Campaign

Churches in Northern Lancaster County celebrated "Salvation Sunday" on September 12 in which every pastor preached a salvation message. The churches all used the same signs that said "Why Jesus" and had an insert in the local Shopping News as well.

The initial response was varied. Some signs were cursed. Other signs were stolen and destroyed. Some people were troubled! What was going on? What did it mean?

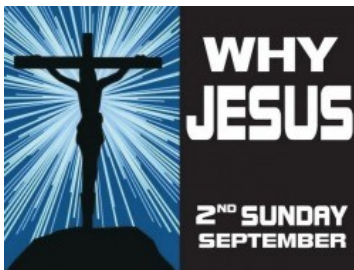
Those who were part of the churches that participated felt a greater connection to the body of Jesus! As we drove down different streets, we all saw "our signs" in front of homes

of people we had never met. They were one of us!

The churches that participated represented various theological streams with very different worship styles. However, we all proclaimed the same message: the message that unifies us, which is Jesus!

All of the churches who participated in the Why Jesus focus had first-time visitors, even churches that don't normally have visitors! In most of the churches there were first-time commitments to the Lord, including one 80-year-old woman.

By Pastor Allan Yoder
Good Shepherd Community Church



Hopewell Network Women's Ministries

God is doing wonderful things in the women of the Hopewell Network. There is a great level of excitement as the women press into God, grow closer together in relationship with one another, and boldly use their gifts! We received great reports from a number of the Network churches.

The women of **ACTS Fellowship** are currently experiencing life in their small groups and get together regularly for Bible study and prayer. They try to mix ages and stages in life so that a natural mentoring can happen.

Hopewell Christian Fellowship in Elverson currently has three women's studies going and will soon be meeting every other month for informal gatherings to connect with other women for a time of praise and worship and the sharing of life stories. They have found these in the past to be very encouraging in the women's faith walks.

At **Living Hope Fellowship** the women are excited about what God is doing in two very different groups. One focuses on mentoring and prayer. The other group focuses on exercise. After the session they have a prayer time where more women join them.

Petra Christian Fellowship has weekly Bible studies. They are also organizing a women's mission trip to Guatemala to work in the orphanages. The group is called "Girlfriends on Assignment." Another group, "Girlfriends in Stitches", is a sewing group focusing on making

crib sheets to send to Guatemala.

"Titus Women" is a home group at **Hopewell Community Church**. Another women's group is called "Training Faithful Women." The goal of their ministries is to raise up women to serve in the areas in which they are gifted.

Spring City Fellowship has a women's ministry gathering where each month a different woman shares. One of the goals is to see the women begin to exercise the gifts and talents that God has given them. The women have been getting to know one another on a deeper level while sharing their hearts and testimonies.

"Praying Moms" meets once a month at **Good Shepherd Community Church** to pray for their children who may be facing challenges. They also have a Bible study and special events for fellowship and fun and building relationships in Christ.

The women at **Hopewell Christian Fellowship in Telford** recently had a dessert night with worship, an anointed message, and ministry where they were wonderfully impacted by the Holy Spirit. They run a weekly study and prayer groups and are planning a special holiday dinner and spring retreat.

A full report with details on women's ministries is available from darleneb@petrafel.org.

By Anita Malizzi
Hopewell Christian Fellowship, Telford

Hopewell Men Unite

What would bring nearly 100 men together for a night in the cool outdoors or a sleeping bag on the hard floor? Ask any of the guys who attended the first Hopewell Men's Retreat and you'll discover what a memorable weekend they enjoyed.

The retreat was held at Petra Christian Fellowship on September 17 and 18 with guys from many of our Hopewell Network Churches in attendance. The worship, led by "Waterfront," a male band from Living Truth Fellowship, prepared men's hearts to hear from God. The teaching by Pastor Bruce Lengeman, ACTS Fellowship, was fresh and life-altering

for many men. Inspiring testimonies of God's transforming power confirmed the work of the Holy Spirit. Prayer and ministry times were highlights for the men renewing their commitments to God and their families. The late-night, fireside chats enriched new and old relationships, creating a memorable retreat.

Plans are underway for a second Hopewell Men's Conference on September 16 and 17, 2011. Men, you won't want to miss it; mark your calendars now!

By Ken Reinford
Administrative Pastor, Petra Christian Fellowship

There is a longing in the hearts of Hopewell women for deeper relationship with the Lord and with one another, and there is a desire to be used by him for his honor and glory. In an age where the world's influence is tending to pull people apart, God is drawing us closer together ~ to learn from one another, to lift our voices together in prayer, to encourage one another in active ministry, and to share life in meaningful ways as his women of faith.

By Anita Malizzi



Pastor Bruce Lengeman taught at the Hopewell Men's Retreat

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| Good Shepherd Community Church | 1360 Ridge Ave. | Reamstown, PA | 717-335-7393 |
| Grace Christian Fellowship | 76 Belvidere Ave. | Oxford, NJ | 908-453-3394 |
| Hope of the Nations Christian Center | 134 N. Fifth St. | Reading, PA | 610-736-9255 |
| Hopewell Christian Fellowship | 2286 Hopewell Rd. | Elverson, PA | 610-286-6308 |
| Hopewell Christian Fellowship | 601 Hunsicker Rd. | Telford, PA | 215-721-0834 |
| Hopewell Community Church | 1130 Commerce Dr. | Pottstown, PA | 610-326-8450 |
| Immanuel Christian Fellowship | 1050 Mount Joy Rd. | Manheim, PA | 717-665-6225 |
| Kingdom Life Ministries | 505 Ridge Road | Hesston, KS | 620-327-2101 |
| Living Hope Fellowship | 3299 Rt. 4008 | Forksville, PA | 570-924-3600 |
| Living Truth Fellowship | One Penn Ave. | Christiana, PA | 610-593-2212 |
| LOVE Christian Fellowship | 321 N Furnace St. | Birdsboro, PA | 610-582-5051 |
| Petra Christian Fellowship | 565 Airport Rd. | New Holland, PA | 717-354-5394 |
| Rockville Fellowship | 319 Rockville Road | Belleville, PA | 717-935-2796 |
| Spring City Fellowship | PO Box 172 | Spring City, PA | 610-948-5250 |
| Tierra Prometida | 18229 Lost Knife Circle | Gaithersburg, MD | 301-355-3406 |

International Ministries:

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| Lord's Sanctuary Ministries | Nakuru | Kenya, East Africa |
| Grace Assembly Fellowship of Churches | Port-au-Prince | Haiti |
| Agrupacion Familiar Cristiana | Nezahualcoyotl | Mexico |

One-Year Engagement:

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| Living Hope Community Church | #2 Riverside Drive | Spring City, PA | 610-948-4849 |
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The Hopewell Network of Churches extends greetings to every individual and ministry. May our Lord and Savior bless you with his Presence this Christmas Season!

Hopewell Happenings

- Hopewell Network Spring Breakfast for will be held on May 14, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at Shady Maple Smorgasbord in East Earl.
- Hopewell Network Summer Camps 2011 dates are:
Teen Camp—June 26-July 1
Jr. Camp—August 14-19
If you would like more information or forms, go to www.hopewellsummercamps.org.