

**Upcoming This Week . . .**

**MONDAY, March 8**

"The Bible in 90 Days" Scripture Reading, Noon, Room 201  
 Boy Scout Troup #178 – 6:30 p.m., Room 101  
 Administrative Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
 "The Bible in 90 Days" – 7:00 p.m., Room 201

**TUESDAY, March 9**

Ladies' Intercessory Prayer - 6:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
 Sr Citizens Wt Training - 8:30 a.m., Family Life Center  
 Ladies Open Bible Study – 10:45 a.m., Room 202, 207, 208  
 "The Bible in 90 Days" Scripture Reading, Noon, Room 201  
 Ladies Open Bible Study & Prayer - 2:15 – 4:00 p.m., Room 208  
 Men's Open Basketball – 5:30 p.m., Family Life Center  
 "The Bible in 90 Days" – 7:00 p.m., Room 201  
 Men's 40 & Over Basketball – 8:00 p.m., Family Life Center

**WEDNESDAY, March 10**

"The Bible in 90 Days" Scripture Reading, Noon, Room 201  
 Women's "Branches" Bible Study - 3:00 p.m., Room 205  
 Family Supper – 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
 F.R.O.G., *Fully Relying On God* (age 4-grd 6) - 6:15 p.m., starting in the Sanctuary  
 "Softrock"–Jr High Youth Group (grades 7-8)–6:15 – 8:00 p.m., FLC & Youth Room  
 Math Tutor – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Room 204 (Call Nancy at 330-428-4700 to sign up)  
 SPA (*Special Personal Attention*) – 6:30 p.m., Room 203 for F.R.O.G. Moms  
 "Special Needs" Support Group – 6:30 p.m., Room 202 for anyone caring for someone with special needs  
**📖 6:30 p.m. –INTERCESSORY PRAYER/PRAISE-** Room 201 led by Lydia Hart  
 "The Bible in 90 Days" – 7:00 p.m., Room 107 (the Castle Room downstairs)  
 Bible Quiz Practice (grades 4-12) – 7:00 p.m., downstairs classrooms

**THURSDAY, March 11**

Sr. Citizens Wt Training - 8:30 a.m., Family Life Center  
 Sixty Plus or Minus – 11:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
 "The Bible in 90 Days" Scripture Reading, Noon, Room 201  
 Half Court Open Basketball (grds 9-adult) – 4:30 p.m., Family Life Center  
 Celebrate Recovery for those with hurts, habits & hang-ups  
 • 6:00 p.m. - Pizza Parlor, Room 206 (Pizza & Pop)  
 • 6:45 p.m. - Worship & Teaching, Room 205  
 • 7:45 p.m. - Small Group talk time (men's & women's groups)  
 • 8:45 p.m. – Coffee/Treats Rm 206 - Preschool & Elementary childcare provided  
 Celebration Station (Children's Celebrate Recovery - K-grd 6) – 6:30 p.m., Rm 104  
 Marriage Seminar with Julianna Slattery – 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
 "The Bible in 90 Days" – 7:00 p.m., Room 201

**FRIDAY, March 12**

Men's Open Bible Study - 6:30 a.m., Church Office  
 "The Bible in 90 Days" Scripture Reading, Noon, Room 201  
 Adult Co-ed Power Volleyball League – beginning at 6:00 p.m., Family Life Center  
 6:00 – Open Play      7:45 – 4 vs 3      9:15 – 7 vs 8  
 7:00 – 2 vs 1      8:30 – 6 vs 5      10:00 – Open Play

**SATURDAY, March 13** – *Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed!*

Boys Basketball League Evaluation (grds 6-8) – noon, Family Life Center  
 "The Bible in 90 Days" Scripture Reading, Noon, Room 204

**SUNDAY, March 14** – *Daylight Savings Time begins*

A.M. – Pastor Rick will speak in all three morning services.  
 P.M. – Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a reading "The Bible in 90 Days" message.



March 7, 2010

**"DISTORTED LENSES"  
(EZEKIEL)**

*BIG IDEA: One of the prophet's main roles was to help people see reality clearly. That leads to healthy, holy, happy, and living.*

**STUDY OUTLINE**

- One of the biggest tasks of a leader is to accurately define reality (Isaiah 5:20; Ezekiel 44:23; Malachi 2:17, 3:18). Why do you think this is true?

- Who helps you see what's real, true, and good vs. what's false and wrong? When's the last time you listened to them? Times you didn't listen?

- John Piper says: "God is most glorified when we are most satisfied." Do you agree? In what areas are you satisfied with God (rate 1-10 with 10 being most)

- \_\_\_\_\_ your body/looks
- \_\_\_\_\_ your health
- \_\_\_\_\_ your finances
- \_\_\_\_\_ your "heart" condition (the state of your soul)
- \_\_\_\_\_ your mental and emotional health
- \_\_\_\_\_ your relationships

- \_\_\_\_\_ How would you rate yourself on how you are glorifying God through your body and life? (use 1-10) What one thing could you do to glorify Him more?

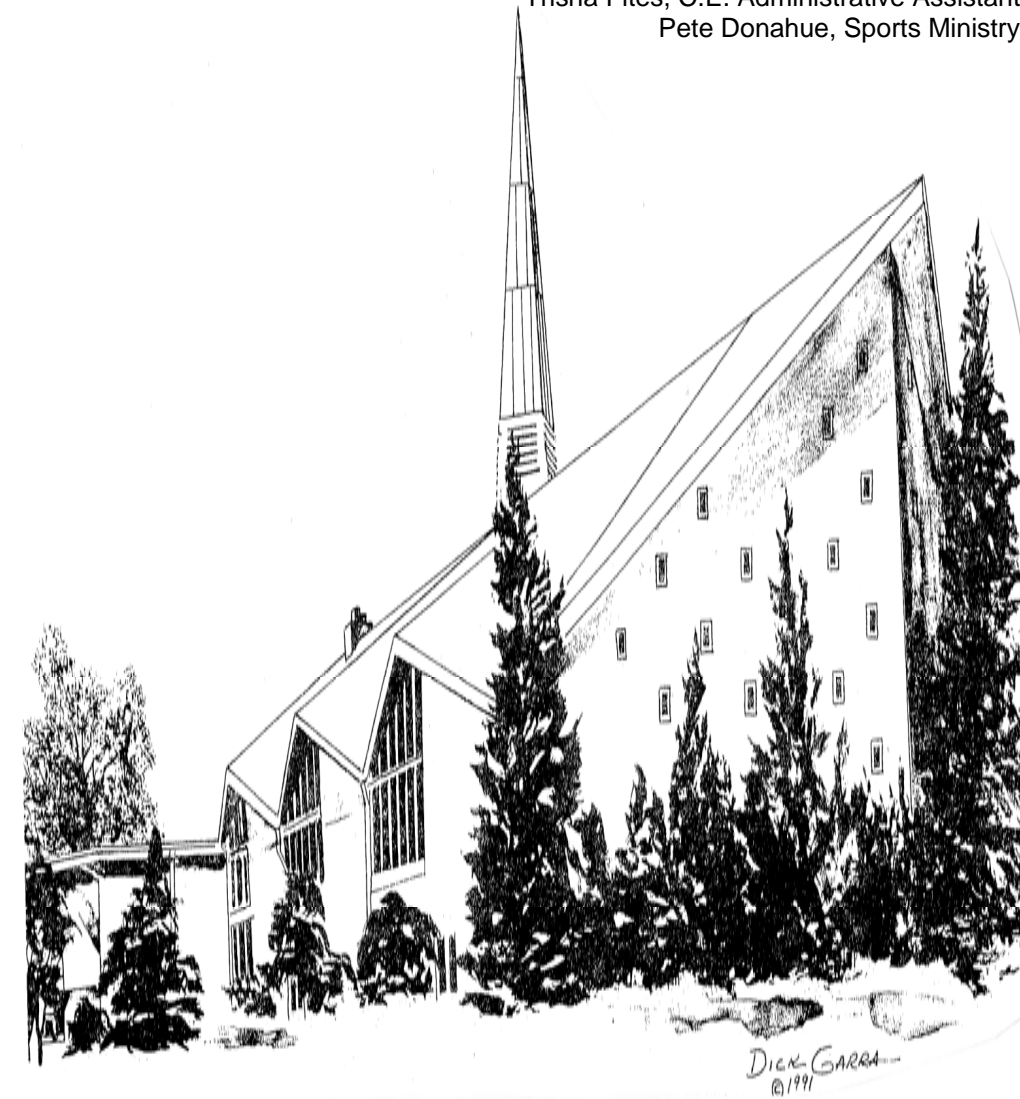
- Why does God want us to glorify His name throughout the earth? (clue — the answer is found 60x in Ezekiel)

# Alliance Friends Church

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 Pete Donahue, Sports Ministry



**📖 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 📖**

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
 8:15 a.m. Modern Contemporary, Youth Room, (New service beginning March 14!)  
 9:15 a.m. Blended Service, Sanctuary  
 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service, Sanctuary  
 6:30 p.m. Evening Service, Fellowship Hall

**📖 TUESDAY WORSHIP 📖**

*Inner-City Fellowship*  
 Watch the monthly memo for times and locations.

**📖 WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 📖**

6:30 p.m. – *Intercessory Prayer & Praise* in Room 201

## SUNDAY, March 7

Men's Open Intercessory Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Devotional & Intercessory Prayer – 8:30 a.m., Gil Goodwin's Office to pray for issues facing our nation and the church at-large. Youth & adults alike are invited.

A "Cry Room" (non-staffed nursery; parents stay with their babies) is available anytime in Room 306 and is equipped with a speaker for listening to the sermon.

Cornerstone Cafe – between worship services in the Welcome Center Foyer

**8:00 a.m. – INSPIRATIONAL HYMNS & CHORUSES**, Sanctuary

**8:15 a.m. – MODERN CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**, Youth Room (March 14)  
*No Sunday School or child care offered this hour*

**9:15 a.m. – TRADITIONAL & CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**, Sanctuary  
*Sunday School:*

- Preschool, Children, and Youth classes are offered this hour
- Children's Choir (grades 1-6) meets at 10:20 a.m., Room 107
- Adults, pick up a Sunday School brochure from the Welcome Center brochure rack to choose from our many classes

**10:45 a.m. – CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**, Sanctuary  
*Sunday School:*

- Preschool (birth-k) is offered this hour
- Children's Church (grades 1-5) is offered this hour except for the first Sunday of each month (**Today is Family Worship Sunday** – All children, grades 1-5, sit with their families for worship service)
- Adults, pick up a Sunday School brochure to choose a class

**Call to Worship**  
Ezekiel 44:23

**Worship through the Proclamation of the Word of God**

- DVD Presentation – Upcoming Marriage Retreat March 19-21

**THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS**  
"Distorted Lenses"  
(Ezekiel)  
Pastor Rick Sams

Everyone, please fill out a Friendship Slip found in the pew rack & put it in the offering plate.

### THIS EVENING

Adult Choir Practice – at 5:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE, 6:30 p.m.** – Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a reading "The Bible in 90 Days" message.

**NO Kingdom Kids (Grades 2-6)** at Alliance Friends Church - 6:30 p.m., Room 107

"Cornerstone" – Sr High Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

- 5:00 p.m. Worship practice, Youth Room
- 6:00–6:30 p.m. Open Gym, Family Life Center
- 6:30–8:00 p.m. Small Group Activity, Worship, and Message, Youth Room
- 8:00-8:30 p.m. Basketball, Family Life Center

## YOUTH NEWS

**MARCH 14 – New "Modern Contemporary" Worship Service** at 8:15 a.m. in the Youth Room with Maurice Hatcher as worship leader and Chris Woolf exhorting. This service is for any age but is geared towards a younger crowd and/or those who are young at heart! The music will be a variety of new worship songs, "Contemporary Classics" and some original gospel arrangements but will be louder with more audiovisuals. We are working on childcare for children in grade 4 and younger. Come check it out . . .

**MARCH 20** – The youth are going to Appalachia for Easter. The cost is \$10 per person due by March 14 to reserve a spot. It is just a one day trip. Contact Debbie Noble at 823-4210 if you have questions.

## Outreach



**DR. JULIANNA SLATTERY, FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'S** well known Christian psychologist, speaker, and author will be addressing issues facing the marriages of today in the Sanctuary on Thursday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. **FREE** tickets are available by calling the church office at 823-4210. A love offering will be taken. Titles to some of her books are

Beyond the Masquerade, Guilt-Free Motherhood, Finding the Hero in Your Husband, and No More Headaches. **Please note:** There will be NO childcare available for this event.



**SPRING MARRIAGE RETREAT**  
March 19-21  
*Is your marriage a priority?*

Our speakers this year will be Dr John & Carol Williams. Dr John is the General Superintendent of Evangelical Friends Church/Eastern Region and also serves as Regional Director of Evangelical Friends International/North America. Topics to be discussed will be: Comedy, Conflict, and Communication.

We will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn, 8971 Wilcox Dr. in Twinsburg, Ohio. Brochures are available on the Sanctuary Foyer table. Cost per couple is \$240 for early registration. After March 7, you pay \$260. Make your reservations **today** to take advantage of the savings. If you want to go but cannot afford it, scholarships are available by calling Kathy Meir at 330-823-4210 or 330-584-5633.

**SIGN UP TODAY!** There will be a registration table in the Welcome Center foyer between worship services.

**FOOD PANTRY** – Our church has a wonderful opportunity to help fight hunger in the greater Alliance area by joining with our Social Action Group and Alliance of Churches to support a food drive that will continue in our Welcome Center Foyer from March 1 - April 30. For every food item we collect, the Feinstein Foundation will match that item with \$1.00 in grant money to the Alliance of Churches Food Pantry. We can also accept monetary donations by marking your check out to Alliance Friends Church with Food Pantry in the memo.

## OUR FAMILY

**THANK YOU** for your kindness to us and to all who sent cards, visited, and prayed with our son Tim during his lengthy illness. We were overwhelmed with your thoughtfulness. – The Murphy and Soltis families

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS** to Curtis and Carrie Bungard on the birth of their son, Oliver Donald, on March 2.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES** go to Kim & Mark Eells and family on the death of Kim's father, Hal Blake.

**EASTER TULIPS** – Watch the Sanctuary Foyer table on Sundays, March 14 & 21 for envelopes for those who wish to purchase Easter Tulips or Daffodils in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. The cost will be \$8.50 each. Please print your information on the form enclosed in the envelope and leave it in the box provided. DO NOT put your envelope in the offering plate.



**HELP US WISH OUR MILITARY MEN A HAPPY EASTER** The military support group will be collecting Easter basket goodies on March 7 and 14 in the sanctuary foyer. Suggested items are: any kind of wrapped Easter candy, jelly beans, plastic eggs (to fill), Easter basket grass, and cash donations for postage costs are always appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Connie Houk.

**COME PAINT WITH US!** If you are interested in being part of a painting class, please come to our organizational meeting on Sunday, March 14 immediately following third service in Room 201. Contact Willie Diehl at 330-823-1815 or Dwight Kommel at 330-525-5408 if you have any questions or would like more information.

**THE BIBLE QUIZZERS** will quiz at Akron-Riverside CMA on Saturday, March 13.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**NICK AVERY ROLE MODEL SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT CONCERT** presented by Heartland Christian School will be March 4, 6 p.m., at Main Street Theater (5 North Main St., Columbiana, OH). Featured artists will be Remedy Drive with Jay Michael. Tickets are available at Lion & Lamb Bookstore, by calling 330-482-2331, or log on to [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com). To learn more about Nick Avery, see the poster on the bulletin board in the Adult Sunday School wing.

**THE ALLIANCE PREGNANCY CENTER'S FUNDRAISING BANQUET** and Silent Auction will take place Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at Robertson's Heating and Cooling First Floor Conference Center, **2155 W. Main St.** (not W. State St. as was previously announced). Tickets are \$10.00 and are available through March 8<sup>th</sup> by calling the Pregnancy Center at 330-821-7283. Donations for the Silent Auction and those interested in hosting a table are still being sought. This is the Alliance Pregnancy Center's primary fundraiser.

**ALLIANCE AREA ULSTER PROJECT BENEFIT AUCTION** will take place March 13 at American Legion Post #76 (395 W California Ave., Sebring) to raise money to bring Northern Ireland teens to the U.S.

**2010 SEMINAR SERIES:** Jerry and Carla Hart of *Harts Desire Herb Alliance* will hold their next monthly seminar on Monday, March 15, from 7 - 9 p.m. here at Alliance Friends Church (Room 208). Topic: "Allergies" with guest speaker Dr. Nick Simionides with practical teaching and discussion. Cost \$8.

**MEN IN MISSIONS** – Coming up April 30 - May 2 is the 2010 Men In Missions Retreat at Heartland Conference and Retreat Center. Gary Wright with World Renewal will be the featured guest speaker. Watch for more details by logging on to [www.efcer.org](http://www.efcer.org) under *calendar*.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**OCEA CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES WORKSHOP** March 18, 19, & 20 at The Chapel in Akron. Check the information on the internet ([www.ocea.org](http://www.ocea.org)) or in any Sunday School wing of our church. Look for the prominent poster and list of workshops. Contact Lisbeth Stanford if you have questions 823-4210. Anyone who volunteers in any ministry position in our church is eligible for reimbursement of one half of the registration fee.

**Family Supper Reservations are a must!**  
**Reservation Slip for March 10, 2010**

\*The entrée this week is: Chicken Tetrizzini, salad, dessert. Always: bread/ butter, peanut butter/jelly, orange drink, (decaf) coffee, water, dessert (cook's choice)

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_ Ages 7-9 \_\_\_\_ Ages 4-6 \_\_\_\_ Ages 0-3 \_\_\_\_

Number of Carry outs \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost:** ages 0-3 free; ages 4-10 \$1.50; ages 10-96 \$2.50 per person. Family maximum - \$9 ("Family" means parents and their own children.) *Please tear off and put in the offering plate or sign up at the desk outside the Library. Pay at the door.*