



Out of My Mind...

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Remember: daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 2nd!

FROM THE FIELD... Pastor Greg O'Dell from Evangel Baptist, Boardman OH reports...

"Converge Mid Atlantic church youth groups from Old North, Evangel, Calvary, Avon Lake, Christ Community, Fredonia, and First Baptist, New Castle participated in the BGC national student service project, Project Forget Us Not, (PFUN) July 20-26 in the Mississippi Gulf Coast region. Our churches participated in the second week of the two week mission to bring the love of Christ to people who are still hurting from the hurricane Katrina and Rita disasters. Around 240 participated the first week and around 220 participated the second week, all from sister churches throughout our denomination. All said and done, PFUN participants contributed around 13,800 volunteer service hours at project sites from Biloxi to Gulfport. Many lives were touched and impacted by the love of Christ shared in word and deed. From our district, Pastor Greg O'Dell from Evangel served on the BGC national Youth Ministry Task Force Team meeting in Denver and Chicago to help put together the two week mission trip. Pastor Jon Pickens from First Baptist, New Castle put together a worship team of participants from his church, as well as musicians from Old North, Canfield and Calvary, Avon Lake to lead evening worship for the second week. In cooperation with Youth Works, local churches and various relief organizations, our people served well and with distinction."

In My Briefcase...

Money Matters in Church

by Aubrey Malphurs & Steve Stoope

A Failure of Nerve

by Edwin W. Friedman

Church Unique

by Will Mancini

Next Man Up

by John Feinstein

ON THE MOVE...

After decades of ministry in two of our PA churches, Don & Marianne Hazel have chosen to enter retirement. We applaud their commitment to Christ and the district and pray that God will guide their adjustment to the new lifestyle that lies ahead of them.

ON OUR PRAYER WATCH:

Jerry Sheveland
Alan Gross
Don & Marianne Hazel
Abigail Holloway
Military personnel in harms way

For Your Consideration...

"...in order to build a culture of peace, a church must... help its people put off worldly ways of resolving conflict and put on peacemaking attitudes and actions that mirror our reconciliation with God."

The Peacemaker by Ken Sande

With that premise in place, Converge MidAtlantic is able to provide your church with material to develop a culture of peacemaking. Working in conjunction with "Peacemaker Ministries" and its founder, Ken Sande, we have purchased a resource set that can be borrowed and implemented by any church in the district. The set includes material for the pastor to develop an eight week preaching series, small group leader's information as well as guidelines for setting up a peacemaking team in your congregation.

We can make these resources available to you, on a first come-first served basis, for only the cost of postage. All you need to purchase are the leader's guides and participant workbooks for your group/s. This can prove to be a great tool for the health and ministry of your congregation.

If you have any questions or desire to reserve this resource for your church, please call the Converge MidAtlantic office.

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Selah: "If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they perish, let them perish with our arms around their knees. Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon