



2008 Men's Retreat

March 7-9, 2008
Guthrie Grove Retreat Center

Guest Ministry: Tom Mountenay

(former Center Stake and Lamoni Stake President, and currently in charge of World Church "Co-Missioned Pastor Initiative" Program).

Each year, between 70 and 90 men of all ages say "yes" to God's invitation and make time to share in the fun, fellowship, and worship at Men's Retreat! This year—with your help—we'll break our attendance record and reach or surpass 100 in attendance! Bring your dad, son, brother, grandson, grandfather, nephew, father-in-law, son-in-law, uncle, friend neighbor, the new guy at church— and join us at Guthrie Grove on March 7-9!

The retreat begins with registration on Friday night between 6 - 8 PM, and ends after worship on Sunday at 10:30 AM.

The cost of the retreat is \$45 per person for the whole weekend or \$25 per person for Saturday only. Please send registration (with \$20 deposit or full payment) no later than Monday March 3.

2008 MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____ Congregation _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Housing Preference (circle one) Lodge Cabin

Rooming with: _____

Total cost is \$45.00 per person for the entire weekend or \$25.00 per person for Saturday only. Please send registration (with \$20.00 deposit) no later than **Monday, March 3** to:

Attn. Janie Summers
Prairie Bluffs Mission Center
116 W. Kanessville Blvd.
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-3047

NEWS FROM THE LAMONI HEARTLAND MISSION CENTER February 17, 2008



Mission Center Offices Closed

The Mission Center Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18th, in observance of President's Day.

Seventy, Evangelists, and High Priests

Mark your calendars for September 12-14, 2008 for a very special weekend in Nauvoo, Illinois. Guests will include David Brock, Jane Gardner and Mary Jacks Dynes. This will be a weekend of spiritually filling worship, rich fellowship, and discussion/training on how to help discern and realize God's mission in our congregations, and the important role each of us will play in that process. Please bring your spouse, if possible, to share in this with you. A tentative count is needed to determine the housing requirements, so please RSVP to Kevin Brunner at kbrunner@cofchristlhmc.org **today**.

Senior High Youth High Adventure Trip

The senior high youth will be taking a High Adventure Trip to Wheatland, Wyoming June 19-28. Registration cost is \$475.00 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is now due to reserve your spot. See your youth newsletter for details and registration form.

Aaronic Priesthood Cluster meeting – Lamoni Area Cluster

On Sunday, February 24th, at 3:00 p.m. Aaronic priesthood from the Southern Cluster of the Lamoni Heartland Mission Center will meet at the Lamoni Church to lay the foundation for when and where future meetings will be held and gain some insight into the needs of our Aaronic ministers. All Aaronic priesthood members are encouraged to attend.

Alive With Christ Workshop

Pastors, Elders, and Aaronic priesthood are invited to a workshop at the Lamoni Church on Saturday, March 29th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Watch for more information.

Heartland North Children's Group

The Heartland North Children's Group will meet at the West Des Moines Church on Saturday, March 1st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Please notice extended time.) We will then travel to the Science Center of Iowa. Lunch will be provided. Parents are welcome to attend with their children. Please bring \$1.00 to contribute to the cost of admission.

S.I.T. Training at Guthrie Grove

S. I. T. Training for the 2008 Camping Season will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 1-2, at Guthrie Grove. The Camp Leadership Workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday and conclude at noon on Sunday. All youth (ages 15-20 years) who want to be on staff at Guthrie Grove youth camps and retreats are required to complete this Staff-in Training Course. Cost of \$15 covers all food and training materials. For more information or to register, please contact Dee Jones (ph. 515/265-4244).

Summer Lifeguards/Assistant Caretakers

Two lifeguard/assistant caretakers are needed for the summer at Guthrie Grove Campgrounds. Position requires life-saving and CPR certifications. One or more years of college preferred. Duties include lifeguarding, lawn care, and other outdoor work. Employment is from May 27th - August 3rd. If interested please contact Scott Webb at 641-747-8290 or guthriegrove@netins.net for further information or for an application.

Reunion Help Needed

Needing a Life Changing Experience?? This is your opportunity! We are searching for teachers for classes for Reunion #2 (July 12-18). Please check your schedules -- plan to attend, volunteer, and expect something great to happen to you! Call Sandy Ranney, ph. 641/784-3840 or email sranney@lamoni.k12.ia.us; Chauntel Ranney, ph. 641/784-3533; or Skyla Mann, ph. 515/221-3333 or email skylamann@yahoo.com. We'll be waiting!

Graduate Intern for Graceland University

The World Church is looking for an interested person to apply for a position as a Graduate Intern for Graceland University and the Community of Christ. The Graduate Intern will be prepared for future employment as a minister in the Community of Christ through seminary and experiential involvement on Graceland University campus; active involvement in Graceland University campus life; assist the Graceland University Campus Ministers in their work to promote, recruit, and administer the Community of Christ Leadership Program "CCLP", oversee campus ministries, i.e., worship, spiritual formation, outreach, discipleship, outreach, marketing, peace and justice, priesthood, chaplains, ministry of presence and pastoral care, and other as-needed administrative and ministry functions; complete the MACM degree (approximately three years of Community of Christ Seminary); spend winter and summer breaks in ministerial assignments strategically representing the church and Graceland University. Position includes stipend, seminary costs, benefits, room and board (individual, during school year only), and office space. If you are interested, contact the Mission Center office for details.

Young Adult Leadership Seminar – REGISTER NOW!!!

The Young Adult Leadership Seminar is designed for young adults (ages 25-40) who have strong leadership potential and have an interest in exploration of scripture, theology and church ministry. Participants will meet three weekends a year for three years. The first weekend is February 29th – March 2nd. Weekends will begin at 9:00 p.m. on Friday night and end at 12:00 noon on Sunday. The seminars will be held at the home of Brad and Karen Mercer in Lamoni. If you have questions, please call Brad or Karen Mercer at 641/784-7227.

Congregational Missional Grants

To support and empower congregations in their efforts to be a living witness, the Missional Ministries Grant Program has been established to support congregational emphases directed toward missional ministries that will lead to growth (spiritual, increased discipleship, numerical) in the congregation. It is the vision of the mission center leadership that these funds will assist congregations to respond to how God is calling each congregation to live out and share the peace of Jesus Christ. Deadline for Missional Grant Applications is March 15th. See your pastor for details.

Mark Your Calendars:

Saturday, April 12 th	Mission Center Conference in Des Moines
Saturday, April 26 th	Hospitality Workshop at the Botanical Center
Saturday, May 3 rd	FOCCUS Workshop at Des Moines Central
Saturday, August 16 th	Extreme Makeover: Youth Ministry Workshop

Heart of America Rally Day

Spec 2008 is just around the corner, and it's time to get revved up and ready to go! Join the Heart of America Delegation for it's organizational rally on Saturday, March 8th, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., at the Iowa City Community of Christ. Meet all of the interesting people who make up the Heart of America delegation, including the coolest staff ever assembled! Compete, or cheer on your team, in our first annual Tournament of Extreme Sports, featuring all your favorites like Dodgeball, Wiffle Ball, Wall Ball, a Bible Bee, Guitar Hero and Dance Dance Revolution. While at the Rally, you can complete the Delegation Registration Form and submit your sports requests. You'll also have the privilege of voting to decide what our delegation shirts and team shirts will look like. If you would like to enter a design for consideration, either mail it with your registration or bring it with you.

The Heart of America Rally Day is open to all Senior Highs and costs \$10/person, which covers lunch, supper and transportation. Registration forms are in your Spring Youth Newsletter. Register by March 1st and receive a coupon good for \$15 off your 2008 Spec registration. Rides will depart from Lamoni Community of Christ at 8:00 a.m. on March 8th and from the Central Community of Christ at 9:00 a.m. We will return to Des Moines at 8:30 p.m. and to Lamoni at 9:30 p.m.