

# Evangelical Congregational Church

## E.C. National News

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### Great Lakes Elects New Conference Minister

Rev. Charles (Chuck) Campbell, pastor of Emlenton, PA New Zion, was elected to serve as the next Great Lakes Region Conference Minister in a special January 11 meeting. Delegates gathering at Transfer, PA Lakeside and Dixon, IL Bethel were joined by internet connection.

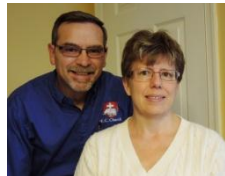


Bishop Bruce Hill, present at Lakeside, conducted a worship service and presided over the election. National Conference Secretary, Rev. Kirk Marks, assisted.

Chuck will be installed at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 27 at New Zion and will take office on July 1. He is engaged to Annette Wells of Youngstown, OH, Wedgewood Park.

### Sizemores Move to Illinois

Director of Global Ministries, Rev. Randall Sizemore and wife, Carla, moved from Myerstown, PA to Dixon, IL in December. Randy now divides his time between pasturing Bethel Church and continuing to direct the Global Ministries Commission.



We are grateful to Bethel for their willingness to share their pastor. They also welcomed the Sizemores by making major renovations to the parsonage.

### Families Are Invited to Missions Event

A Family Missions Festival will be held at Boyertown, PA Trinity from 8:00 to 3:00 on Saturday, March 1. Programming is being planned for adults, teens, and children. In addition, pastors are invited to a luncheon from 11:30 to 3:00 on Friday, February 28.

For more information, contact the Global Ministries office at [pstrain@eccenter.com](mailto:pstrain@eccenter.com) or 717-866-7584.

### Fresh Expressions Conference Set



Fresh Expressions' second national conference, "Rooted in the Spirit", will take place in Alexandria, VA Friday and Saturday, March 28 & 29. The organization encourages innovative methods for reaching our communities for Christ. Bishop Bruce Hill is planning to attend and hopes that others will join him.

Our affiliation gives attendees a discount of nearly 25%. Go to [www.freshexpressionsus.org/nationalgathering](http://www.freshexpressionsus.org/nationalgathering) and enter code PITECC. In addition, Church Planting is offering scholarships up to \$400 to pastors. Contact Les Cool at 717-951-8433 or [revcool@ptd.net](mailto:revcool@ptd.net). Les also has information about hotel discounts.

### "Connect" to be Conference Theme

The twelfth National Conference of the E.C. Church will be held Wednesday through Friday, May 28-30 at Messiah College, Grantham, PA. "Connect" has been chosen as the theme. Details and registration forms will be released soon.



"We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too."  
— 1 Thessalonians 2:8

## Stupor Bowl Team Wins Third



A team representing Rock River Bible Camp won third place in the Dixon, IL annual Stupor Bowl on February 1 at Reagan Middle School. They ranked among 20 teams. The day of quizzing is a fundraiser for city schools.

Team members were Nikki Graff, Mark Kromeke, Christopher Padgett, and Jon Wadsworth, Dixon area; Gary and Ann Brown, Akron, OH; and Rachel Reinders, Ambridge, PA.

## Prayer Summits Announced



The Prayer Mobilization Team is announcing two early spring Prayer Summits. Eastern regions will gather at Camp Swatara, Bethel, PA Friday & Saturday, March 28-29. Topics will be “Seeking and Finding God’s Will” and “Power in Group Prayer.”

Those from the Great Lakes Region churches will meet at Delightful Church, Southington, OH on Saturday, March 29. Theme will be “In God’s Presence.”

To register, contact Church Center, or go to the website [www.eccenter.com](http://www.eccenter.com) by March 10.

## CE Groups to Aid East Coast

Life Builders – C.E. Work Camps, a ministry of Christian Endeavor Mid-Atlantic, is inviting youth groups to come to the aid of victims of 2012’s Hurricane Sandy. Focus will be the southern coastal region of New Jersey, an area which has received less funding and media attention than some others. Many residents are



low-income and find it difficult to rebuild their lives.

Available weeks are June 29-July 5; July 6-12; July 13-19; and July 20-26. For more

information, go to [www.theworkcamppeople.org](http://www.theworkcamppeople.org) or call Ministries Director, Sam Yeager at 610-369-0207.

## Talent Night Planned

The annual “ECCO’s Got Talent” event will take place Saturday, March 22 at Wedgewood Park Church, Youngstown, OH. A 5:30 p.m. dinner at \$5.00 per person will be served.

Talent acts and auctions will raise funds for new bunks at Camp ECCO, Carrollton, OH. If you have a talent to share or are planning to attend, contact [julieb51@ssnet.com](mailto:julieb51@ssnet.com) or [nettiewells@gmail.com](mailto:nettiewells@gmail.com) or call 330-799-1114.

## Women Plan Retreat

“Journey to Freedom” is the theme for the annual Allegheny-Buckeye women’s retreat to be held at Life Ministries (“The Castle”), Franklin, PA. Dates are Friday-Sunday, April 4-6. Details and registrations will be available soon. Questions may be directed to Karen Howell, 724-253-2483 or [gmahowell@yahoo.com](mailto:gmahowell@yahoo.com).



## RHMA Conference Slated

“Significance in Unlikely Places” is the theme for the Rural Home Missionary Association’s Small Town Pastor’s Conference, Monday-Wednesday, April 28-30. Location is Grace Evangelical Church in RHMA’s hometown, Morton, IL.

Rural and small town pastors will receive encouragement and how-to’s. Cost is \$130 per couple or \$100 per individual plus lodging. To register go to [www.rhma.org](http://www.rhma.org) or call 1-866-263-2350. Continuing education Credit may be earned.

## FAMILY NEWS

### Weddings

*Rebekah Ream*, daughter of Pastor Tim and Pam Ream, Tallmadge, OH New Direction, married *Eric DeFelice* on June 15. The wedding took place in Estes Park, Colorado, with the father of the bride officiating.

*Adam Al-khal*, son of Pastor Ghosoub and Michelle Al-khal, Allentown New Bethany and Bethlehem Arabic Living, married



*Ellie Passman* on November 30. The wedding took place at New Bethany, with the father of the groom officiating.

### Anniversary

*Pastor Ralph Owens and wife, Connie*, of Royersford, PA Trinity celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on December 29.

### Ordination

Missionary *Kenneth Sears*, who teaches at Zaporozhye Bible College in Ukraine, was ordained an elder on February 2. The service took place in the local church of the Zaporozhye Association of Baptist Churches, where Ken's friend and Bible college associate, Vladimir Gorbenko, is pastor. Bishop Bruce Hill and Global Ministries Director, Randy Sizemore, were on hand to do the honors.



Jan; daughter, Sarah; and sons, Jonathan and Benjamin.

Former E.C. pastor, *Rev. Harry Faust*, passed away on January 22 in Albany, NY. He served five of our Pennsylvania churches. He is survived by wife, Kyungui; daughter, Ruth; and son, Joshua.

*Faye Jones*, wife of retired pastor, Rev. Russel Jones of Muir, PA, passed away on February 8. She was a seamstress and a member of Williamstown, PA Ebenezer. She is survived by daughters, Sandra and Brenda, and son, Russel, Jr.

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### Remembering loved ones....

*Roy "Bud" Luckenbill, Jr.*, son of retired pastor Roy Luckenbill and wife, Joan, passed away on November 18. He lived in Catasauqua, PA and was a member of an Evangelical Lutheran church. He was a painter and a volunteer with youth sports. In addition to his parents, he is survived by wife, Judith; sons, Justin and Kenneth; and sisters, Joy and Barbara.

*Donna Baldt*, who was recently ordained a Deaconess in Women's Ministry, passed away on December 1. She was a member of Akron, OH First. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, and step-daughters, Dawn, Melissa and Jennifer.



### Called Home to Heaven

Retired missionary, *Carolyn Saltenberger*, who served as a nurse in Zaire, passed away on December 7. She had been living at the Africa Inland Mission Retirement Center in Minneola, FL.

*Dr. David Dorsey*, Distinguished Professor of Old Testament at Evangelical Seminary, passed away on January 2. He taught from 1979 until his retirement last September. He contributed to The New Living Translation of the Bible and developed Evangelical's archaeological museum. He is survived by wife,



**The LORD  
is my  
strength  
and my  
song;  
he has  
become  
my  
salvation.**

Exodus 15:2, NIV