

# HORIZONS

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# The Quest For Christ

*Take up  
your CROSS,  
daily...*

“A Christian camp where Jesus Christ is central and the Word of God is foundational!”

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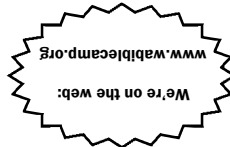
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## “The Quest For Christ” - Take up your cross daily

What does it mean to “take up your cross daily”? It means to submit to Christ for love to Christ. Christ follows the reference of His cross with this to be carried by His followers. This cross was not a literal atoning as Christ’s was and is real. He would soon carry the cross down the street to the hill for all to see, to be spat upon, to take up the cross and to live as Christ—to die is gain!!

And He said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

### Luke 9:23

## Prayer Requests

**Jo Anne:** Mom has late stage cancer, financial support, and for the summer programs

**Larry:** Continued health, Spanish ministry, more evangelistic opportunities

**Scott:** Beth is expecting their 4th child—Oct. 23, for great summer staff, Scott’s lower back problems

## Special Needs

◇ Do you have a travel trailer that we could use for the summer? We are in need of some extra space for our summer staff. If you have one to loan, please contact us.

◇ Looking for a missions project, close to home, for your men’s ministry, missions committee, or church group? Please contact us as we have various building projects going on this year. We need rough-in and finish carpentry work, plus a variety of other work needs.

## 2006 Camp Schedule

**June 9-11** - Spanish ministry church group

**June 12-16** - Harris Baptist Youth Camp

**June 26–30** - North AR Nazarene Camp

**July 3-8** - WABC Family Camp

Speaker: Dr. Leonard Hale

**July 10-15** - WABC Junior Camp

Speaker: Pastor Ken Miller

**July 17-22** - WABC Junior High Camp

Speaker: Pastor Josh Timlick

**July 24-29** - WABC Senior High Camp

Speaker: Pastor Ron Leonard

**July 27** - *The Young Continentals* Concert

**August 4-5** - Red Oak Baptist Church

**August 11-13** - 1st Baptist of Valley Springs  
“Back to School Retreat”

**August 18-20** - 1st Lutheran Church—Branson Family Camp

**September 11-12**—Ozark IFCA Regional Pastor’s Conference

**September 22-24** - WABC Men’s Retreat

Speaker: Mr. Don Weaver—AVANT Ministries

**September 25-30** - WABC Senior Saints Week

Speaker: Mr. Frank Baur—Missionary

**October 20-21** - WABC Couple’s Retreat

Speaker: Dr. Chipchase—Calvary Bible College

**October 25-Nov 1** - Humphrey Family Reunion



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## Getting The Big Picture—Dr. Leonard Hale

It is difficult for Americans to get the big picture. We are so driven by pragmatism that we end up focusing on measurable tangible results. Add to the “meism” and we end up with ‘what will it do for me today.’ This is a formula for disaster in the long haul. Our culture continues to attempt to shorten the distance between the initiating act and the results. More and more we grow impatient with the time factor that is necessary to produce results. We strive harder and harder to have instant results. What a contrast Abraham is to this mind set. God spent years developing the right mind set in Abraham. He gave him the big picture in Genesis 12:1-3 and spent the next 40 to 50 years working out the details through his servant.

It isn't a profound conclusion to realize the present American life style works counter to this principle in Scripture. After the resurrection the disciples wanted to know if the Kingdom would be set up now. Jesus told them its timing was in the hands of God. Amazingly, 2000 years later we are still anticipating its establishment. God has been working through His servant, the church. He continues to work circumstances moving the world in a direction for that climactic day when His feet shall be planted on the Mt. of Olives and the millennial reign of Christ begins. As evil progresses we wonder ‘how long.’

Abraham looked for the city which has foundation whose architect and builder is God (Heb. 11:10). We look for the time when the trump shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and thus we shall always be with the Lord (1 Thess. 4:16b-17). In the meantime we occupy until He comes.

This principle means the Board of Directors of MAM have the responsibility to seek the bigger picture. We need to wait on the Lord so that we will be doing His will and not our own. We must not allow the demand for results to dictate decision of direction. We need to seek His will through prayer and the Word of God. This is where you can help us by praying we will be sensitive to His leading and Direction. Pray that we might be able to grasp the bigger picture, God's will for MAM.

## Celebrating 20 Years!!



In a community south of Kansas City, Missouri, there was a vision at Mid-America Mission to plant a church in Stillwell, Kansas. This Sunday, May 21st, **GRACE BIBLE CHURCH**, will be celebrating 20 years. Former General Director of MAM Rev. Ed Smith and first pastor of GBC, current MAM board member, Mr. Gus Kuhn, and others saw a need in this small community for an IFCA church. Beginning with a vision, they saw the church grow from meeting in a home, to a school, to a “church” building, and now their own building!!

Congratulations—Grace Bible Church!! May the Lord continue to bless your faith in a growing community.

## We Need Your Help!!!

We are in need of a few more counselors for our youth camps. If you are 18 years and older, well grounded in the Word of God, have a love for youth, and a willingness to serve, visit our website and download an application and mail it in. Let us know if you can volunteer for all three camps or just one.

The dates are:

Junior Camp—July 10-15  
Junior High—July 17-22  
Senior High—July 24-29

## Meet our speakers for summer camp

**Family Camp:** **Dr. Leonard Hale** is Senior Pastor of Sherwood Bible Church in Kansas City, MO. Dr. Hale grew up in Wisconsin. After experience in business, he enrolled at [Moody Bible Institute](#). He later received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern College. He received his Masters and Doctorate from [Dallas Theological Seminary](#). He and his wife, Shirley, have five children and Dr. Hale has over 35 years pastoral experience.

**Junior Camp:** **Pastor Ken Miller** is a Bible teacher for the adult and youth at East Tulsa Bible Chapel. He has been teaching youth using chalk-talk illustrations for over 25 years at churches, camps, conferences and schools. Ken and His wife Martha have a love for youth.

**Jr. High Camp:** **Pastor Joshua Timlick** grew up in Kansas City, MO and at age 7, trusted in Jesus as his Saviour. Josh graduated from Moody Bible Institute and while at Moody, he met a godly lady named Erin who would become his wife. He began youth pastoring at Sherwood Bible Church in 2005. On Feb 2, 2006, Josh and Erin introduced their daughter Anna Rae Timlick into the world. Josh enjoys being with his family and friends, playing sports (basketball, volleyball), and soccer are some of his favorites), making movies, and laughing and smiling.

**Sr. High Camp:** **Pastor Ron Leonard**, at the age of 10 received Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour through the influence of Child Evangelism Fellowship. Years later, Ron happened to picked up the book "Revolution In World Missions" by KP Yohannan, and it was destined to changed his life! Since that time Ron has had a burden for Indian sub-continent people and has been ministering with Gospel For Asia, going to churches, mission conferences, school, camps, etc.

## Reviews

**W**ilderness Camp—March 20-25:

What a week!! It would be great to say that we dodged bears, chased off raccoons, enjoyed warm mornings but we can't. What we can say that despite the rain, snow, and an 18 degree morning, we had a great time! What a way to spend a week with fellow Christian young men under the canopy of stars and admiring God's awesome creation. Thanks to Ron Furhman for the Bible studies and Scott Naas for the devotional. Also a great thanks goes to Paul Hatton for his rapping expertise! If you missed this year's Wilderness Camp start planning now—it will be during 2007's spring break!!!

"Coming back home was a bit of a shock—the electric lights bothered me a little at first, but I had no objections to my bed, however!! - Matt S.



**Y**outh Retreat—April 7-8:

Cheese beards, clothespin relay, strobe light dodge ball, an impacting movie, good food, and great Bible lessons sums up a great retreat. Thanks to Ken Miller for his practical life lessons. What a great wacky weekend!! We look forward to seeing you at next years Youth Retreat!

"Thanks for a great retreat!"

"I wasn't quite sure about the games—but great imagination and they were fun!"

"The Bible lessons were very helpful on understanding "The Quest for Christ"!"



## A New Look

**Y**ou will notice a new fresh change of the Mid-America Mission, Inc. (MAM) logo. As we will be celebrating 50 years of God's service in 2008, we still strive to follow God's will. Church plant, camp ministry, and a mailbox ministry still follows this principle to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, to teach the Word of God, and to minister to the spiritual needs of those whom God, in His providence, may send us.



## Meet the Riddles



### J. C., Cynthia, Justin, & Jessica

When we prayed and asked the Lord to provide WABC with a Maintenance Supervisor, the Lord answered our prayers by laying on the heart of a family who has been in construction service for a number of years a desire to serve Him in full time ministry!! Not only did the Lord answer, He also graciously granted us a Medical Supervisor also. Our Lord saw a need in both areas!!

J.C. and Cynthia Riddle are currently on deputation raising their support. They are projected to be here in 2008 after Cynthia finishes her nursing degree. During this transition, J.C. will come down to the camp, as time permits from his construction company, to help out with the various projects that we have going on.

Join us and praise our Heavenly Father for this answer to prayer. Pray for the Riddles as they raise their financial support, a prayer warrior team, and for the family. Cynthia will be working on her nursing degree while homeschooling their two children.

## Men's Retreat — Sept. 22 - 24

**Y**ou will enjoy this weekend fellowship, feasting on great food, delving in the Word of God, practicing your sharp shooting both in archery and in shotgun, and more. This is a good opportunity to get involved with other men of God. Also, bring an unsaved neighbour, co-worker, or relative. Mr. Don Weaver, from AVANT ministries, will be taking us on a journey of manhood on "The Quest for Christ. Don and his wife Dorcas, live in Kansas City and have been faithful teachers in various capacities in their church. Dorcas was our Ladies' Retreat speaker the past two years (back by popular demand). They love the Lord, His people and desire to see each one walk closer with the Lord on a daily basis.

Mark your calendars now and get a group of men from your church and work on bringing an unsaved person.

Cost: \$45.00—Meetings and meals only (if staying at home or hotel)

\$60.00—Linens and bedding will be provided. Guest Cabins A—G sleep 3-4,

Bunk Cabins sleep up to 16. Cabins are on a first registered basis.

## Couple's Retreat — October 20 - 21

**T**he leaves will be changing colour and falling. There will be a crispness in the air. But what a beautiful way to spend a weekend with your spouse—"retreat"ing from the home, work, children, the phone, etc.

Come Friday night for a lovely romantic candlelight dinner. Then, be challenged by the Word, get a good nights sleep, and wake up refreshed and ready for all day events on Saturday until around 4:30pm. There will be a special session for just the gentlemen and for just the ladies with our guest speakers.

Have family or friends watching the kids?—stay Saturday night, visit a church Sunday morning, and then stop by Eureka Springs or Branson. Take this opportunity to refresh your friendship with your spouse.

Speakers: Dr. Chipchase—President of Calvary Bible College, Kansas City, MO  
Mrs. Joy Chipchase—a special "Ladies' Tea" session

Cost: \$60 per couple—Linens and bedding will be provided.  
\$15 extra night stay (no meals provided) - Optional

## Reviews (cont')

**L**adies Retreat—April 20-22: (by Beth Naas)

"This was so much fun." "What a blessing to have a refreshing weekend like this!" "The speaker was so practical and encouraging, and it was so refreshing to have enough time during the weekend to meditate on all she said without becoming overwhelmed!"

These were the comments I heard repeated to me from lady after lady on the last morning of our Ladies' Retreat last month. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, food and fun. Dorcas Weaver returned to speak again this year and really blessed our hearts with her encouraging, mentoring spirit while inspiring us to reach for new depth in our relationship with our Lord. Our new two-night schedule allowed us to begin with an evening of special music featuring Little Promises, an inspiring team of young singing sisters, and Heather McNece, of Kansas City, who also provided specials for us throughout our weekend together. The ladies also enjoyed several hilarious games together and an afternoon of crafting during which several ladies designed their own bracelets and earrings and made miniature scrapbooks in which to journal their own special treasures. Plan now to join us next year!



## New for 2006!



**H**ow many of you go to the mailbox looking for something that is meaningful and uplifting? Do you have children asking "is there any mail for me"? Woodland Acres Bible Camp is starting a new Bible lesson ministry for children and adults via the mailbox. Each camper that comes to camp this summer will work on the first lesson with their counselor. Then they will leave with the next lesson, work on it, send it back, and wait for the next lesson to come. On our end, we will grade them and send out the next lesson with an encouraging note.

Bible lessons will be available for those who were not able to make it to camp and for those who want to expand their knowledge of the Word of God. Know someone who is a new believer, in a retirement home, prison, etc? Send us their name, and we will start them on their own Bible lesson free of charge!

