

Operation Rebirth, Inc.

Insight



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You are cordially invited to attend
Operation Rebirth Christian Boarding Academy
and Family Ministries'

27th Annual Sharing Banquet

Monday, October 27, 2008, 6:45 p.m.

with guest speaker

Dr. William Brown, president of

Cedarville University

at Troy Christian High School

700 S. Dorset Road

Troy, Ohio

RSVP to Susan at 937-773-6503

Special points of interest:

- ✓ President of Cedarville College to speak at 26th Annual Sharing Banquet.
- ✓ Recommended reading: One Nation Not Under God.
- ✓ We are seeing a great harvest at OR.
- ✓ Faithful volunteer, Wayne Price, retires.
- ✓ Students share prayer requests.

From the Director's Desk: Jim Brian

I have just finished reading an amazing book that I believe everyone should read. One Nation Not Under God—the End of the American Dream was written by my dear friend, Dr. Phil Captain, who spent 30 years teaching Christian psychology, most of it at Liberty University. Dr. Captain wrote the book two years ago, but it reads like it was written yesterday it so pertinent to what is happening in our nation today.

We are spoiled people, willing to keep the American dream alive at any cost. The narcissistic tendencies of our sin nature are being kindled and reinforced both inside and outside the church. We believe we are entitled to a pleasurable life, and we are angry when it doesn't materialize. We become restless and blame others rather than admit we are wrong and surrender our hearts to the Savior.

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The Bible warns us that in good times we soon forget Who gave us life and all the blessings we enjoy. We soon think what we have, we obtained on our own, putting ourselves in the place of God. This reminds me of the great warnings in Deuteronomy 6 and 11 where God



Potlucks at Family Camp are enjoyed by everyone.

says that it is the responsibility of parents to teach their children, lest they forget the Lord and go after other gods.

We have certainly failed to follow the Lord's commands

and now we have angry parents and angry children. Frustration is high and I see the staff, including myself, and my family and my church struggling to make sense of the chaos that surrounds us. Maybe you see it in your own life and in the lives of those around you.

The only answer is for us and our families to be restored to a growing relationship with Jesus

Christ and the Word of God. This is our mission at Operation Rebirth—to encourage families and struggling young men to turn to Jesus Christ and to His Word. There are so many enticing voices seeking to lure us away from God's plan. We must commit ourselves, once again, to God's plan for the family as described in Deuteronomy 6 and 11.

Please pray that the staff at Operation Rebirth will continue to grow in God's plan. We so appreciate your giving, praying, working, and meeting the other needs of this ministry. Without your faithful support, we could not continue to encourage and strengthen families and struggling young men.

From Our Teacher: Roger Phipps

Wayne Price, who taught Mechanical Drawing here, has retired. We will miss him very much.

During his ministry here he has touched the lives of his many students, the lives of the staff, the board members with whom he served,

and many volunteers who have been privileged to hear his testimony and observe him.

Having retired from teaching in the public schools, Wayne served on Operation Rebirth's board of directors.



Glenn works with the lathe in woodshop.

He served some of that time as chairman. Wayne approached our director, Jim, with the proposition that the students at Operation Rebirth should learn mechanical drawing. He offered to teach the class as a volunteer. He has been faithful at that ministry here for twenty years.

Beside teaching and serving on the board, Wayne also has given us much help on several projects. We are very thankful for the gracious ministry that Wayne has done here these past years. We pray that God will bless

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him.

Pray for us as we minister to the families of Operation Rebirth.



Steven really enjoys archery with Pastor Don Wells.

From Our House Parents: Sam and Teresa Ronicker

In the book of John, Chapter 4, Jesus asks his disciples, "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest?' Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together."

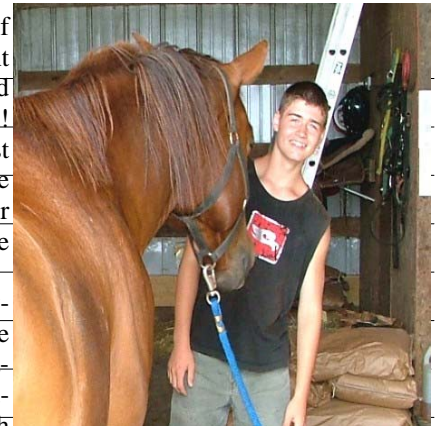
Fall is harvest time here at Operation Rebirth. The boys are finishing up the garden: digging potatoes and carrots, picking the last tomatoes and peppers, gathering up the apples for apple butter later this month. The farmers are harvesting the fields around us. It's time to enjoy the fruits of all our labor.

The seeds of our current harvest were planted earlier this year. The garden was planted by our boys and the surrounding fields by the neighboring farmers. But the seed

from the harvest of the ministry of Operation Rebirth, the investment in the lives of our young men and their families, was made by you! Together we can rejoice in the most important part of our harvest—the changed lives that we see in our boys and in the families that we walk with every day.

This past summer we had several young men graduate from the program and return home permanently. And, all of our present students are making progress each day. That's the real harvest we can both rejoice in!

But, fall is also a time of planting and preparation. The field across the road from Operation Rebirth is newly planted with wheat. It's time to put in the flower bulbs for next spring, and it's time to prepare the dorm for winter. Later on this month, the Operation Rebirth Sharing Banquet



Ian enjoys working with the horses at OR.

will invite more folks to share in the next harvest by investing in the ministry and helping us gather that 'fruit for eternal life'.

Thank you for sharing with us this past year and "planting" the seeds of the harvest we now gather.

From Our Students

Hi, my name is Steven and I am 13 years old. I have been at OR for 6 months. I am here because of anger problems and because I hit my parents. Please pray for me.

My name is Ian and I am 15 years old. I've been at OR for 7 months. I need prayer for my laziness, lying, and anger. I also don't get along with my family,

especially my step-mom.

My name is Patrick and I am 13 years old. I have been at OR for about a month and a half. I would like you to pray for me because I have a lazy attitude toward my school work and I have a problem with stealing. I also have been very disrespectful toward my parents.

My name is Glenn and I am 14 years old. I've been at OR for 15 months. Please pray for me to be more patient with my peers.

Hey, my name is Jeremiah. I am 17 years old and I have been at OR for 4 years. Please pray for me as I will be going home soon.

My family has moved and I will be attending a new school and trying to make new friends. Since I came to OR, my sister has gone away to college and my brother

has joined the army. I will miss them a lot.

My name is Erik and I am 13 years old. I have been at OR for about a year and a half. I need you to pray for me to be more respectful toward my parents. I also need to be more responsible and to have a better relationship with my sister.

My name is Alex and I am 14. I have been at OR for about 4 months. I was lazy and inattentive in school and I got bad grades. I have a problem with staying focused and I'm easily distracted.



Glenn enjoyed working with the horses at the Miltons'.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

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Needs List:

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| Lawn mowers | Treated fence boards | Work groups |
| Yard benches | White exterior paint | Used cars in good condition to sell |
| Fishing equipment | Upright freezers | |
| Wheelbarrows | Corn to put on storage | |
| Hay & straw | Propane heater | |
| Gas grill | Extension ladder | |



Chris & Denny have "graduated" and are home to stay. Congratulations!

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Assistant Director: Roger Phipps
Dorm Parents: Sam & Teresa Ronicker
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