Equinox Outreach

This is a group of volunteers posing for a picture during the Outreach in which we served over 300 meals with 30+ volunteers.

A Thought:
Reacting shows our ignorance while Responding shows our intelligence. Why not take the time to respond to circumstances and situations in your life versus reacting. God will reveal His wisdom. RESPOND don’t REACT!
Vernon is acting out a scene during Friday night REBEL.

Rebel

One Body in Christ Youth Ministry is back in action, and their intention to reach youth of all backgrounds is still strong. With an active and God-Loving youth leadership team in place honest efforts and prayer are being put forth along with prayer for the steady development of a community loving ministry. Sister Stephanie of the church is leading the children’s ministry (ages 8 and under) and her lessons for the children are focused around the central message of God’s love for us. Stephanie is dedicated to helping the kids understand what a relationship with God looks like, while at the same time teaching them God’s word. Brother Chris of the church is in charge of the youth ministry (ages 9 and up). Both ministries fall under the youth ministry umbrella and are truly dedicated to the great commission (make disciples of all nations). Let us pray- Lord we appreciate you for everything that you are. Lord you are who we glorify and nobody else will receive the glory that you deserve and have requested. Lord please continue to bless and encourage the youth ministry and every person and thing surrounding it. January 2012 was a month of fasting and praying for the entire One Body in Christ church family. The church family fasted and prayed on being consistent and effective in all ministries. The youth ministry vows to Love God, Love People, and Love Sharing. The ministry will be an effective outlet in the community for the expansion of God’s kingdom and the expansion of God’s kingdom only.

—By Chris Clarke

Global Impact Conference and Partner Fellowship

Pastor Randle had the opportunity to visit Kirby Woods Baptist Church, one of OBC’s partners at a Global Impact Conference in Memphis, TN. He was one of many speakers to present to over a thousand people about the importance of partnership with church plants and the work that OBC is doing in upstate N.Y. Pastor Randle also enjoyed hearing the testimonies of other local and global missionaries who have initiated their faith walk in missions. He says he enjoyed the southern hospitality along with some Memphis barbecue while he was there.

Also too, Pastor Randle and Tracy visited another partner in Kaufman, TX. Calvary Baptist Church came to do outreach work through a mission team during the summer of 2011 with OBC. They fell in love with the fertile soil and the members of OBC and have decided to partner with the church with mission teams, prayer, and financial support. Pastor Webb, his wife Deb and the entire Calvary Baptist family proved that family in Christ crosses all racial, gender, and distance boundaries. There was a great time had by all and a joyful goodbye as we look forward to seeing each other again in a few months when we are about God’s business together in the city of Albany.

—Tracy Randle
**Men’s Ministry**

The Men’s Ministry continues to move forward in our curriculum which is titled Quiet Strength and authored by Tony Dungy, former Indianapolis Colts coach. We are on lesson five as we continue to grow in numbers and the word. Our core members are asked to bring a guest each month so we can continue to grow God’s kingdom.

We also try different venues to give everyone an opportunity to get there and we have a good time serving and learning the word. One of our members used his talent the Lord gave him and prepared a beautiful full scale breakfast with all the fixings in the conference room, compliments of the Capital City Rescue Mission. Our regular meeting place is at the McDonald’s on Holland Ave. in Albany, the first Saturday of the month so stop cheating yourself out of opportunity to grow in the word and fellowship with fellow brothers in Christ. Be there at 9:00 a.m.

—By Joseph Chappell

**Women’s Ministry**

The Women of Faith Ministry at One Body in Christ has been an amazing experience for all women who attend. This is a time for women to come together and fellowship, learn from one another, help one another and grow with one another. Our discussions include many topics that affect women ranging from depression to having confidence in Christ. The Women of Faith Ministry has also included outings to our roster, which are always a good time. This March we will host our first Spring Fling Social Event. This event will be a sober environment that will include music, dancing and of course food. We meet at 6:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the Howe Library located on 105 Shuyler St. in Albany. Hope to see you there.

—By Chelsea Stewart

**Marriage Ministry**

The Marriage Enrichment group had a great time at our quarterly outing. The couples enjoyed a dinner at a local Hibachi grill in Clifton Park and then treated ourselves to dessert and coffee at a nearby diner. We played the Newly Wed game in which many of us decided we didn’t know our spouses as well as we thought and needed to spend more time getting to know one another! The group had a great time and showed God’s love through our marriages to a community who doesn’t always understand healthy marriages.

—Tracy Randle

Chris and Stephanie pose during a moment at the quarterly Marriage Enrichment outing.
**Weekly Activities**

**Sunday**
- Worship Service, New Converts Discipleship

**Monday**
- Women of Faith Ministry (first Monday of month)

**Wednesday**
- Through the Bible in a Year Bible Study

**Friday**
- Life Groups, REBEL Youth Group, Biblical finance

**Saturday**
- Experiencing God, Men’s Ministry (first Saturday of month)

**Upcoming Events**

- **1st Annual Spring Fling** - March 24th 6-10 PM, Schuyler Inn Banquet House
- **5 Love Languages Conference** - March 31st 9 AM, Grace Fellowship Church, Latham, NY
- **Easter Service and Community Partnership** - April 8th, Lincoln Park 12 PM
- **Men’s Conference, April 27th-28th** - Northside Baptist Church, Liverpool, NY

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**Pastor’s Corner**

*Happy New Year!* I just want to give God all the glory and all the praise for allowing us this year of 2012. I am grateful and am ready for new blessings and new challenges as well. The past year has been a time of learning and growing for me. The more I live under God’s authority in all aspects of my life, the more I want to be in His presence.

My prayer and hope for 2012 is that as the OBC family we give more of ourselves to Christ. Our core values are: Love God, Love People, and Love Sharing. As we embark on 2012 let us carry these values in all that we do and in all of who we are. We will come to a greater understanding of who God is, and a deeper love and connection to Him. I assure you that as we carry these values, we can expect the flood to come: A flood of new believers, workman for the kingdom, financial stability, and most of all a closer relationship with Christ.

Our giving has increased this past year and although we still have not reached the goals financially that our church needs to reach to be independent, I am excited that we are on our way. I am happy that we are giving more and pray that we begin to give sacrificially. We have begun the year well with a month of fasting and prayer through January. What a glorious time it has been! Growth and conviction has been a recurring theme already this year. Our focus as a body of Christ last year was Effective Discipleship. We have seen the fruits of putting that into action. There are more members joining and growing in their walks with the Lord. This year, we connect with that Effective Stewardship. This is stewardship of our homes, workplace, community and finances. If we worship God and commit to Him in each of these areas, it will be an exciting time in the lives of the members of One Body in Christ. I look forward to embarking on this journey with each of you and I pray that you are anticipating all that God is doing in 2012.

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**New Addition**

OBC’s own sister Tiesha White welcomed a new baby boy in December 2011. His name, Tyrell White. He weighed in at over 8 lbs. and 21 inches long! This is Tiesha’s first child and she plans to dedicate him to God. Join us in welcoming little Tyrell and embracing Tiesha as she embarks on the journey of being a new parent in Christ.

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