

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 1 New Birth Ministries
- 3 New Connections Church & Athens Vineyard
- 8 Women's Support Group Meeting
- 10 Grove City Church of God
- 15-17 Encounter
- 17 Bainbridge Light-house Youth Center
- 24 Owl Creek Menonite Church

March

- 14 Night of Champions
- 14-16 Encounter
- 16 Bainbridge Light-house Youth Center
- 21 Headquarters Closed
- 11 Women's Support Group
- 18-20 Encounter
- 20 Bainbridge Light-house Youth Center

April

- 30 2nd Qtr Newsletter & CD Released
- Looking Ahead....

May

- 9 Women's Support Group
- 15 BD's Mongolian Grill, Beavercreek—Guest Grillers
- 16-18 Encounter
- 18 Bainbridge Light-house Youth Center

Information Sessions

Every Tuesday, 10 am at Refuge Headquarters, 75 North Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio.

This session is mandatory for every man entering the ministry but also open to the public for anyone who wants more information about the Refuge.

Call 740-772-2202 for additional information.

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Special Points of Interest:

- *Homeless Vietnam Vet Gets a New Beginning*
- *Support the Refuge Just by Searching the Web or Shopping Online*
- *Former OSU Defensive Tackle to Speak at Refuge Event*



NEW YEAR—NEW BEGINNINGS BY PASTOR BRIAN MCKINLEY, SR.

2007 was truly a year of completion for the Induction Center in Cincinnati. As of December 27, 2007, the Induction Center completed its first full year of Kingdom service.

Continuing a Thanksgiving Day tradition of service which my (then fiancé, now wife, Connie) began in 2006, the men of the Induction Center, served the homeless in Cincinnati. The men traveled highways and byways, beneath bridges, in abandoned buildings, doorways, railways, etc. searching for those less fortunate to offer a prayer, blessings and dinner.

This bone-chilling Thanksgiving night we encountered an encampment of men huddled around a campfire. One of those men was Terry Hughes, a Vietnam veteran, whose life choices had led him to cocaine addiction and homelessness.

Terry asked for prayer for safety and restoration for his family. He listened intently as God's word was ministered to him and also learned information about the Refuge.

Terry rededicated his life to Christ and entered the Refuge Induction Center that following Tuesday.

Terry has completed Induction and is now in Step 2 at the farms where he is showing positive transformation and the love of God at work.

Terry celebrated his first New Year's in a very long time, sober and in his right mind, praising and worshiping God and praying in the New Year with the body of Christ at Union Hill Church in Peebles, OH.

2008 is truly a year of New Beginnings for Terry Hughes—with all thanks to God in Jesus' name.



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SUPPORT THE REFUGE BY SEARCHING THE WEB OR SHOPPING ONLINE

What if the Refuge earned a penny every time you searched the internet? Or what if a percentage of every purchase you make online would go to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a

penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your

favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting the Refuge.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and enter the Refuge as the charity you want to support. And help spread the word!



THANK YOU! GRACIAS! MERCI! DANKE!

A great big thank you to all of you who gave of your time, talent and earthly treasures to support the Refuge in 2007!

A special thanks to those who played a special part in the expansion so more men can



Expansion for the Kingdom!

be served! Though we know you didn't help to be recognized—allow us the privilege of acknowledging you!

A heartfelt thanks to all of you!



AND WHILE WE'RE SAYING THANK YOU...

A big thank you to Harvest Christian Community Church in Pickerington who sponsored our 2007 Holiday Party for the men of the Refuge & their families!

HCC supplied gifts for the children, ham, turkey & numerous other food items for the party!

Thank you also to Open Door Ministries in Chillicothe hosted the party.

What an awesome time of fellowship and seeing the blessing of restored families!



RETURNING BLESSING FOR BLESSING

Did you know that God is using the Refuge to not only bless the men who come to be discipled, but to serve as a beacon to a dark world?

Community organizations and government agencies are taking notice of the Refuge and the work that is being done through it in the lives of men. They are saying "we are losing a generation of men"—teach us—show us what you're doing that is

effecting change!

What an incredible opportunity to share the gospel and the one true answer!

You can help us spread the word about God's grace and restoration. Invite us to share in your church, group or organization.

Call us today at 740.772.2202



OSU DEFENSIVE TACKLE TO SPEAK AT NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS



Joel Penton is a graduate of The Ohio State University and a former defensive tackle of the Ohio State football team. He was a member of 3 Big Ten Championship teams and one National Championship team. Joel played in 38 straight games for the Buckeyes. In his senior year he recorded a sack in the 2006 victory over Michigan which gave Ohio State their first outright Big Ten Championship since 1984.

As guest champion, Joel will share his message during the next Night of Champions—Stand your ground! Don't back down!

In a world where broken commitments are commonplace, Joel will share what it means to be a responsible man of God and stand your ground!

Other events of the evening include recognition of previous Refuge champions, celebration of our newest

champion, an update on the Refuge and a delicious dinner! Come celebrate with us! Call to reserve your tickets today!

Night of Champions

Friday March 14, 6:30 pm

Harvest Christian Community

Pickerington, OH

Tickets are \$20 per person (reserve a table for 8 for \$150!) and can be reserved by calling 740.772.2202

7 PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Men's Lives Changed! That is the purpose.

So what does a changed life "look like" as a disciple learns to be like Jesus? What kind of behaviors will be exhibited?

At the Refuge, a changed life is evidenced by following the 7 Practices of Discipleship. What better resource in the guidance of a disciple than the word of God?

7 Practices of Discipleship

1. Commitment to God—Matthew 22:37
2. Relationship with Others—Matthew 22:39
3. Honesty & Authenticity—James 5:16
4. Willingness to be Taught—2 Timothy 2:2
5. Gratitude & Thankfulness—Phillipians 4:6

6. Displaying Courage & Faith—Hebrews 11:6
7. Work Ethic & Stewardship—I Thessalonians 4:11-12

The end result—a responsible man of God!



2007 IN REVIEW-BLESSINGS, RESTORATION, CHANGED LIVES

