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February Newsletter  
at a Glance

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- Jubilee 2009, Valentine's Weekend with 3,000 students
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- Two Student Jubilee Testimonials
- OWU continues its twenty year legacy with CCO ministry
- Setting up interviews for CCO Candidates
- Prayer & Praises. Thank You for a great month of support!

## What we are Reading

**BETH**  
Discipleship Essentials

**MIKE**  
1 & 2 Peter

**TOGETHER**  
Harry Potter Book 5

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.*

Philippians 2:1-2

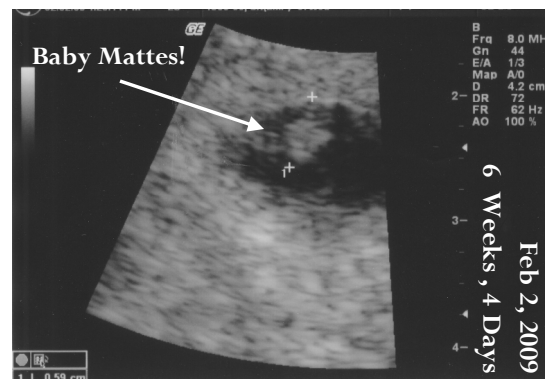


## We're Pregnant!!

Written By Mike & Beth

We are so excited to share with all of you an answer to much prayer, "We are pregnant!". We have had two miscarriages in the past year and a half followed by a season of just waiting upon God for the gift of pregnancy, and so we are all the more thankful for the little miracle growing inside Beth and continue to lift this child up in prayer. Over the past month we have had the opportunity to see the baby and a week ago we had the opportunity to hear the heartbeat! It was amazing to see the baby at just six and a half weeks when the baby was no bigger than a pea. Then having the joy of hearing our baby's heartbeat was an amazing blessing to let us know everything was progressing well.

Beth has been feeling okay these past couple of



weeks. She has been getting a little nausea and tired, but she has been able to put up with it all knowing that these symptoms are a good sign that the pregnancy is going well. In mid-March we will be finishing up our first trimester!

We know the two biggest questions are: What is the due date? Sept. 24th... Sometime around then hopefully. Will you find out the sex?

Nope, we are looking forward to the surprised!

## Jubilee 2009: Every Square Inch

Written By Mike & Beth

This year for Valentine's Day we got to celebrate God's love for us with about 3,000 college students at Jubilee. The Jubilee theme was "Every Square Inch" and the speakers talked

about how students can put Christ's lordship in the center of every area of life. We enjoyed hearing from a variety of authors, pastors, athletes, art-

ists, musicians, business entrepreneurs, as well as many ministry and service organization leaders. Jubilee serves as a catalyst for our CCO ministries and allowed for students to really dig deep and ask the harder questions which frame a Christian worldview. For many of the stu-

dents in the Ohio State group, this was their first Jubilee conference and it was a joy to go through the experience through their eyes. The group consisted of students that were freshmen

all the way to a few graduate students. Each student was able to walk away thinking differently about the world, and desiring to see Christ's redemptive work in their

life, their field of study, and in our world. It is our desire to see and develop within students the ideas and concepts of Jubilee in hope that they may live a life attentive to the Holy Spirit's promptings and proclaim Christ's sovereignty through cultivating His grace in all of life.

**"There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: 'Mine!'"**

**- Abraham Kuyper, 1880**

## Jubilee 2009: Student Testimonials

Written By OSU Students

Shawn Thompson | Senior

'One of the greatest challenges in life is recognizing your calling' ... This point from Jubilee had the greatest impact on my life. Many times in my life I have seen the great work of the Lord and it makes me think of the possibilities involved in a life devoted to Him. The unfortunate reality of my life lies in my own desires for fortune and excitement. I feel a calling toward a life in service ministry and Jubilee played a large role in making that calling blatantly obvious. God wants "Every Square Inch" of our lives and Jubilee has made this very clear to me and hopefully I will listen to my call this time and do as I am told by God.



Jubilee 2009: Ohio State Group Photo  
(Special Note: Not all of Ohio State group was present for this photo...)

Keri Yourick | Senior

This was my first year going to Jubilee, actually it was my first time ever going to a Christian conference. The weekend was so many amazing things to me. Never had I heard from such a wide array of speakers, and I certainly never expected the exponential growth I would go through in a few short days. I came that much closer to knowing God, to knowing my peers, and to knowing myself in Christ.



*"I think it is beginning to look like Spring is here!"*

## OWU, PPE & CCO

Written By Mike

Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU) was once again back at the CCO Placement Preview Event (PPE) meeting with CCO candidates interested in working in their Chaplains Office. OWU is the longest standing co-operative partner with the CCO in central Ohio. Our partnership has now span over twenty years! This year the OWU Chaplain position was one of the most sought after positions by CCO candidates at the Placement Preview Event. The Placement Preview Event, which happens the Friday of the Jubilee Conference, was a flurry of activity as position representatives got to meet CCO candidates for about a half hour at a time from 9am until 5pm (with a break for lunch). I, along with the other Area Directors were at the PPE to be available to answer any further questions candidates might have about position or the regions, as well as available to the position representa-

tives to help them process through their candidate choices. At the end of the PPE candidates gave their top choices and position representatives did the same. It is from this point that the recruiting department of the CCO works to match candidate and position top choices. This information has been passed along to myself and the other Area Directors and we are now in the midst of setting up the first round of on-site interviews. I am excited for the three exceptional CCO candidates that I have coming to visit OWU to have a more in-depth interview with the Chaplain's Office in the month of March. Please continue to keep our entire discernment process in prayer as God continue to build upon the legacy and ministry of the CCO at OWU.



OWU Position Representatives (right) meet with a CCO Candidate (Left) at PPE

## Prayer & Praises through Seasons

Written by Mike and Beth

We are thankful for the seasons; for the end of the cold winter and the hint of spring starting to make its appearance. We are also thankful for the seasons of life; for we know that in all of them God works for the greater good of those who find themselves in His perfect love. God is good (All the time).

There are many things we are thankful for this month, and we hope that you will lift the following up with us in praise to God:

- The gift of our baby, for Beth's feeling the symptoms of pregnancy and for Mike being able to handle Beth's mood swings with grace.
- The Jubilee conference, for the safety granted to the over 3,000 people in attendance, for the exhortations offered by the Jubilee speakers and the incredible follow-up conversations that we get to have with students!
- Your part in our ministry with the CCO and the ways in which you both give of your finances and time to help us transform college students to transform the world.

- For a house, family and church community that has offered both of us incredible comfort, support and encouragement during all the seasons.

There also are many things which we would ask that you keep in your prayers, most of which are related to our praises:

- Our pregnancy, that it will continue to go smoothly and that our baby will continue to develop beautifully. That all three of us may remain in good health.
- Pray that students might continue to find ways to engage those topics learned at Jubilee as some look forward to Spring Break and others look a little further down the road towards graduation!
- Our financial support and the economic needs of all our communities, especially our family and friends during this season of our countries economic instability.

Thank you for your prayers, let us know how we can pray for you over the coming month! Take Good Care & God Bless.

## Bounce Back & Jubilee - Thank You!

Written by Mike

This month we saw our support bounce back up after the January slump. We really appreciate those who gave a one time gift to help us get our financial support back up and to once again surpass our monthly goal! **Thank You!**

We also want to give a special note of thanks to those of you who even went so far as to offer scholarship funds to allow us to get more students to Jubilee for a reduced rate. The students continue to share with us stories of how they plan to live differently because of what they learned at Jubilee. **Thank You!**

As we look forward to Spring Break and the Spring Quarter at Ohio State and in Ohio, we are thankful that you make it possible for us to continue in our work here at Ohio State through your generous financial giving and your diligence in prayer.

**Thank You!** I know we say it often, but it is worth repeating: We are thankful for each one of you. You are a part of this ministry, our financial support team and our prayer team; you help make it possible for us to serve with the CCO and live into the joy of our calling to work with and serve college students at Ohio State and in Ohio! May God continue to bless us all...

If you are interested in financially supporting our work in ministry with the CCO and at Ohio State. Here is how:

### Give Online:

Visit: <https://secured.ccojubilee.org/gifts/>  
 Select: Mattes, Mike & Beth

### Write a Check:

Payable to: Coalition for Christian Outreach  
 Check Memo: Mattes, Mike & Beth  
 Address: Coalition for Christian Outreach  
 5912 Penn Avenue  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15206-3805

February	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$5,641 (107%)	\$5,250
Year-to-Date Support	\$28,451 (90%)	\$31,500

**Year (September 2008 - August 2009) goal is \$63,000**

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