

# THIS WEEK...

## NEW YOUTH MADE IN CHRIST NEWSLETTER



## GOD AND THE MOUNTAIN

### BREAKING THE HABIT CONCERT

### YOU WANT ME TO CLIMB THAT?!?



Saturday, March 15, 2008, we are "Breaking the Habit". As Jesus broke the bread as part of the New Covenant, we want to break those habits that keep us in the mentality and subjugation of the rules and regulations under which we live. Jesus' body was broken and HIS blood poured out for us. Let us remember this act and this holy institution in our lives and daily habits. For when we seek the Lord, HE answers and we are able to break the habits that keep us down.

*"The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him— may your hearts live forever!"* Psalm 22:26 (NIV)

Mountains are awe inspiring and beautiful parts of the creation of GOD. Over the course of human history, mountains have been idolized, feared, revered, seen as obstacles and confronted as challenges. However, we are not to worship the mountain no matter how great it may seem. As Christians, we are confronted with many mountains. When we back away from them, we worship them and fear them as greater than the Lord. When we revere them, we stand in place and at times become paralyzed by their size and beauty. When we see them as obstacles and challenges, we realize that they present a difficulty that we alone cannot overcome. This is where we surrender to GOD and realize that the mountain can be conquered. We can move mountains. Jesus put the mountain in perspective when teaching the Samaritan woman at the well. (John 4: 21 -26) We will worship GOD in spirit and in truth not at a mountain. GOD is great and everywhere. Forget climbing the mountain. Worship GOD the creator of the mountain and soar above it. (Exodus 19:4)

# NYMC

## THIS CHURCH WAS MADE FOR **YOUTH!**

*“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*

*2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)*



### NEW BEGINNING

Acts 5:20 (NIV) “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people the full message of this **new life**.”

Romans 6:4 (NIV) We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a **new life**.

2 Corinthians 3:6 (NIV) He has made us competent as ministers of a **new covenant**—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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### EDIFICATION



Ezra 9:9 (NIV) Though we are slaves, our God has not deserted us in our bondage. He has shown us kindness in the sight of the kings of Persia: He has granted us **new life to rebuild** the house of our God and **repair its ruins**, and he has given us a wall of protection in Judah and Jerusalem.

Romans 14:19 (NIV) Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to **mutual edification**.

Romans 15:2 (KJV) Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to **edification**.

1 Corinthians 14:3 (KJV) But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to **edification**, and exhortation, and comfort.

2 Corinthians 10:8 (KJV) For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for **edification**, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:



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### DESIRE FOR THE LORD

Psalms 27:4 (KJV) One thing have I **desired of the LORD**, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Psalms 40:8 (NIV) **I desire to do your will**, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

Isaiah 26:8 (NIV) Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, [ Or judgments ] we wait for you; your name and renown are **the desire of our hearts**.

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### PERSEVERANCE

1 Corinthians 13:7 (NIV) It (LOVE) always protects, always trusts, always hopes, **always perseveres**.

1 Timothy 4:16 (NIV) Watch your life and doctrine closely. **Persevere in them**, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Hebrews 10:36 (NIV) **You need to persevere** so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

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GOD Bless you!



# PRAYER GARDEN IN THE MOUNTAINS

At the age of seventeen, my father decided to change my life. He asked me if I would like to work over the summer. I told him I would. He asked if I would be interested in working at a Christian conference center. I told him that was not a problem. Then he gave me an application and a brochure for the Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. I was living in Youngstown, Ohio at the time. So much for the local McDonald's (not a commercial here).

As a junior in high school I was thinking how great it would be to get away from home. We spoke to the principal to get permission to take my finals early and on Memorial Day weekend we packed the car and drove down to my new job. This job was exciting and thrilling and ... Yeah. I got to work in one of the Conference Center hotels cleaning rooms and toilets. An extremely humbling (if not humiliating) experience. I must say that I learned how to work from an 80 year old sister in Christ that inspected everything.

I spent my days off and spare time taking in the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains. I climbed Rattlesnake Mountain on a night when the moon was full. I saw the sun rise over the mountains and thought, "Wow!" I sat by streams and rowed a canoe on the lake. I walked "The Loop" (highway overpasses) maybe 20 times or more. In each of these scenes I was accompanied by Christians who were college students struggling with life. They all had issues and doubts. But one thing remained the same: We were all living out Psalm 55 and Philippians 2: 1- 18.

So many questions, doubts and fears. One day I was guided by someone to visit the "Prayer Garden". I went into the forest and there was a sound of running water, birds singing and leaves blowing in the wind. The temperature seemed to drop a few degrees and some ten yards away I saw an opening. As I got closer I saw a small bridge that spanned a creek. The water was moving over the rocks and gently splashing. By the bridge I saw a couple of benches on either side. There was a path worn by the many who had been there before me. I just sat down and listened. This is where I learned to be still and know that HE is GOD.

I would visit this place many times while at Ridgecrest. With my Bible and a notebook I would sit by the water and ask GOD questions. HE in turn would answer through HIS word and challenge everything I knew to be true. HE made me tear the pages of my knowledge up and threw them away. HE was going to speak now. The birds would fly overhead and sing. The water kept time. The wind played the leaves like they were violins. It was ... No it is amazing. I still visit the "Prayer garden" when I am weak and confused. When I feel like I can't go on.

GOD still speaks. WOW does HE speak! HE never promised that the "Prayer Garden" visits would be easy. HE just said to visit HIM and sit with HIM and listen to HIM. My heart jumps out of my chest just thinking of when GOD was my new BEST FRIEND. Have you been taken to the "Prayer Garden" yet? Let me invite you to a world where everything you believe is turned upside down and ripped to shreds in the most peaceful setting you can imagine. Go sit on the bench by the water's edge and just be in HIS presence and let HIM speak to you and challenge you. You will cry and sing and dance... again.

As I asked GOD the many questions I had, HE asked me to do something. HE asked me to listen and then share what I was learning. HE asked me to answer HIS call to ministry. No thunder and lightning. No big event. Just HIM speaking to me in a quiet hidden place away from the world's distractions. Inside my doubts and confusion were leading me to frustration and anger. I felt like a raging storm was taking over my soul. Yet GOD spoke to me in that condition. My fear of doing HIS work was becoming overwhelming. Inside I felt I Kings 19:11. In HIS presence I felt I Kings 19:12.

HE is still that voice. That voice I first heard in the "Prayer Garden". A garden not designed by men but GOD Himself. My hope is that you will come to the "Prayer Garden" and listen to HIS Word. HIS beautiful Word-Jesus the Christ. Want to visit? See you soon. PEACE.

## BREAKING THE HABIT CONCERT MARCH 15TH (Flyer attached)

Key Passage: John 8: 10-12 (21st Century KJV)  
10 When Jesus had lifted Himself up and saw none but the woman, He said unto her, "Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?"  
11 She said, "No man, Lord." And Jesus said unto her, "Neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more."  
12 Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, "I am the Light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Time Frame:  
3:30 PM "Passion of the Christ"  
5:45 PM Dinner  
7:00 PM Concert and Message  
Refreshments after Concert and Message

This concert is Part 2 of the "Looking to GOD" Series Part 2  
John 3:14-18  
PEACE.

## VISITING US

- If you are in the area and would like to stop in, we meet at
- **RVBC** located at **150 Franklin Ave Oakland, NJ 07436**. We
- look forward to having you visit. If you are on a college campus in
- northeastern New Jersey, southwestern New York or in New York
- City and would like to visit, we are right off of Route 287. Just
- get off at the **Oakland Exit (58)**.
- **From 287 North**, make a left at the light the end of the exit
- ramp. Stay on your left. Go to the next light and make another
- left. Go past another light and at the following light, turn right
- and go up the hill. The church is on the right.
- **Coming from 287 South**, you can make a right at the light at the
- end of the exit ramp. At the next light make a right, stay to your
- right and go up the hill. The church is on the right.
- Discipleship starts at 1 pm and the service generally starts at 2:05
- and ends around 3:15 pm. Phone numbers are listed on page 4.

# BREAKING THE

Series: Looking to God

New Youth Made in Christ Ministries

John 8: 8-12

"I am the light of the world"....  
"The light of life."



March 15, 2008

Movie: 3:30 p.m.

Dinner: 5:45 p.m.

Concert: 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be Served!!!!

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“NOT YO  
MAMA'S CHURCH”

## WHEN WE DO STUFF..

Every Sunday @ 1 pm – Discipleship  
Every Sunday @ 2 pm – Worship Service  
1st three Saturdays each month – Youth and  
College Ministries

All the time – Prayer, Praise, Supplication

Why?

Matthew 28: 18-20

Matthew 22: 36-40

Romans 15: 5-6

*NYMC exists to Nurture the hearts  
and souls of those who seek the true  
GOD and Yearn for HIS Salvation,  
to provide the opportunity for the  
hearts and souls to Mature by get-  
ting Involved in the family of GOD  
and Cry out in praise to the one true  
GOD.*

Nurture = Ministry  
Yearn = Evangelism  
Mature = Discipleship  
Involved = Fellowship  
Cry out = Worship

PEACE

Spanish translation available  
Mensaje disponible en español

## **NYMC MONTHLY BIRTHDAYS:**

### **March:**

**7: Efrain**  
**10: Roberto Gabriel**  
**25: Zaynah**

## **NYMC HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE MINISTRIES CALENDAR MARCH – APRIL 2008**

### **MARCH**

**CHRIST IN PROPHECY                      SESSIONS: 1ST, 8TH & 15TH**

#### **We will explore:**

- The prophecies of Christ's life in the Old Testament
- Investigate how they came alive in the New Testament and our lives

***NOTE: MARCH 8TH - We will celebrate Roberto Gabriel's Birthday from 2:00 to 5:00. Dinner will be served & we will begin our session after dinner. Thank you.***

### **APRIL**

**NEW COVENANT                              SESSIONS: 5TH, 12TH & 19TH**

#### **We will:**

- Investigate the life of the early church under the New Covenant
- Study evangelistic methods used by the early church
- Apply Biblical strategies to our evangelistic efforts

### **CELL GROUPS**

**These groups will meet with leaders on the Saturdays not listed above. These dates are: March 29th and April 26th. Each group will determine the time and location. Ladies will meet with Sandra and Ruth while the men will meet with Roberto and Steven.**