

# Shipmate

Newsletter of the Christian Boaters Association

“...and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water.” Genesis 1:2b NASB



## CBA 2013 CONFERENCE

*“DEEPER LIFE”*

September 19-22, 2013

The 2013 CBA Conference will be held this year in Wilmot, Ohio. The dates for the conference are September 19-22, 2013. The conference facility is **The Inn at Amish Door**. The location of this facility is at the entrance to Ohio’s Amish Country, which makes exploring this charming region easy. Hotel accommodations include: Victorian-style rooms with handcrafted furniture, heated indoor pool and hot tub, fitness room, free Wi-Fi and guest laundry facilities.

It has been said that “the best things in life are free.” In reality, “the best things in life are not things.” The value of our faith, family and friends points us to the realization that what matters most in our lives is our relationship with the Lord and with other people. The best things in life are eternal riches which come from our Father’s goodness and grace. We do not hold these things in our hands but in our hearts.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Deeper Life.” The conference will be structured so that those attending will have the opportunity to build deeper relationships with others as well as with the Lord. There will be special speakers, music and ministry presentations. However, the main purpose of this year’s conference will be giving those who attend the time for fellowship, sharing of knowledge, and the development of relationships.

The registration form for this year’s conference is located in this issue of the Shipmate. Please register early. Come and join us this coming September as we learn to build a “Deeper Life” in Christ.

## ***A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...***

Habakkuk 2:2 Says; Then the Lord replied: “write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and not delay”.

Twenty five years ago God gave me a vision for our church. Since I used to carve signs, I sketched the vision out and carved them on 6 pieces of oak. The vision on the six plaques is fairly simple but profound. The first one was a walnut and depicted the bible study we had for many years. The second plaque shows the walnut exploding to become our church. The third one depicts many people gathered with snow shovels surrounding them. The Lord spoke to me and said, “Shovel the word into them”. The fourth plaque shows this group exploding out. The fifth plaque depicts a great number of people gathered, surrounded by bulldozers. The Lord spoke to me and said, “Bulldoze the word into them”. And the last plaque shows the multitudes exploding all over the earth.

I have always kept these six plaques in the church and referred to them many times as I used them as my “compass”. Now nothing is greater than the Word of God, but knowing His sailing orders, and the direction you are given to go in, makes the voyage an exciting adventure, and you can plot your location as you go. There have been many winds that have blown over the years, and constant tending the sheet lines, and the helm, have been necessary to keep the course. Winds of adversity have blown, sails have been reefed for short periods, but as it has been stated; “It’s the set of the sail and not the gale that determines the way you go”.

So I ask you, do you have God’s vision and direction for your ministry, for your life? Have you got it down someplace, somehow, so that the world can see where you are headed? I pray that you have plotted the course, and that it speaks of the end, for it will not prove false if it comes from seeking the Lord of Lords.

As many of you know, I have been seeking God’s direction for my personal life as well as the betterment of CBA, and so I am stepping aside this year to allow a newness to come into the leadership. I see so much potential for the growth of this organization, and I feel that I have not been able to both fulfill my obligations as a pastor, and do those things that will stimulate the continued growth and progress of CBA. I have seen, as many of the board sees, that an increase of communication is a necessity, and the input from our members is vital for your story to be told; how “the Spirit of God is moving over the surface of the water”. It’s YOUR story that we want to print. It’s YOUR story that encourages others. Please send in short articles, along with pictures. YOU are an important part of our organization, and it is through YOU that God gives vision and direction to others that are in “irons”..... (that’s a sailing term for you power boaters, that means your sails are flapping and you aren’t going anywhere)!

I believe many changes are coming in the near future. Some within our lives, some in this organization, but a sense from many people and ministries, that the world is on the verge of major change. Are you ready to go? Jesus was pretty specific when he said in Mt.28:19 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.

Prepare now to join with us at the 2013 conference in Ohio, Sept 19-22. It is a great way to meet many that have the love of the water that you have. Lifelong friendships have developed, and sharing your story with like minded boaters is an added encouragement to all of us. As a note, Jeremy and Stacie Lawson have received George and Karen Woods boat "Victory". Jeremy has had his leg intentionally broken so that it will heal perfectly this time. The doctors did this so that an original break that did not heal well will be resolved. They will begin work on the boat about March first and will gladly receive your prayer support. If you are not tuned into CBA's Facebook, please connect up, it will keep you in touch with day to day happenings.

May the Lord's blessings be yours this New Year.

Marlin H. Simon, Pres.

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## Mursea Missions progress report

The weld up has not started yet but visitors have enjoyed climbing into ZEBULUN and seeing how the boat is designed. It has twin keels drawing only 8 feet. By the way, we only need 36,000# of lead now! With the twin Cummins diesel engines planned we can move quickly to provide disaster relief. We can make 4,000 gallons of fresh water with the two water makers onboard. We think ZEBULUN is one of the Ships of Tarshish (Isaiah 60:9) and we hope to be ready to help with the Aliyah as well from the ends of the earth. Please continue to pray for the funding to come through. We hope to hire the rest of the work to be done by a local boat company.

Georgia and Loren Murphy

[www.mursea.org](http://www.mursea.org)



Here is a picture of Marlin wire brushing welds on ZEBULUN in 2009



## **KNEE-MAIL**

Please continue to lift Ted Orem and family in prayer as their nephew recently passed.  
Please continue to pray for Ed Morris as he battles several medical issues.  
Please pray also for all of the unspoken needs of our CBA members, families, and friends.



### **Hey Captain**

It was a dark and stormy day. The wind was gusting over 30. An occasional wave seemed close to 8 feet. Our Pearson 36-2 carried us into port midday. The rain stopped, the sun came out and then we met our new friends. BoatUS was delivering them to an empty slip close to us.

It seems that this experienced couple had engine problems. They sailed into a tight harbor entrance to catch a tow with BoatUS only to be told that the conditions were too rough to attempt a tow. Fortunately they were able to sail away from the entrance while bumping along the bottom. Several miles later they were able to get a tow to a more protected harbor.

I was reminded of a couple of basics while jammed into the engine compartment with my new friend. The engine problem turned out to be a clogged primary fuel filter. The owner started out very sure that both filters had been changed in the spring by his mechanic. Later he commented to his mate that he wondered if his mechanic even knew the filter existed. In rough conditions debris can get stirred up and sucked down the fuel line. My new friend didn't have a spare or a part number. After a gentle cleaning we started the engine. Insert about 20 minutes of work between "cleaning" and "started".

The boat could have been severely damaged because of this filter. If you must have someone change your filters consider asking the mechanic to save them so you can see what condition they were in and know that the work was completed properly. Do you have spares on board? Do you have the tools and ability to perform a quick change even in rough weather?

Let's go on to another basic. Just before we tackled the filter, my new friend made a comment about his anchor. In order to be sure the anchor is always safe and secure he makes a habit of lashing it down. At one point he wanted to use the anchor to keep him off the beach but he knew it was going to take way too long to deploy it because of his great lashing system. Luck and skill saved the day but I hope he develops another way to secure his anchor on deck.

How about your anchor? Is it ready to go? Did you ever store a dinghy over the anchor well? Have you checked your shackles to be sure they are properly moused? How about the bitter end is it still tied off to something solid? **Speaking of anchors...Isn't He wonderful.**

By Keith Houseknecht

# FROM KARI IMMONEN

There are spiritual leaders within God's Kingdom on this earth that can make people enthusiastic in doing something for the Lord, because of they are called, and set by the Lord to do so. Everything has HIS OWN time. They listen to God more than the men, thus you cannot dictate them doing anything, as they follow some other super fine thread of Love of God directing, and guiding them, without that hunch, and tug in their hearts they begin to do nothing. Whatsoever we do on this earth without love that in the sight of our Heavenly Father is totally trivial.

So many things have begun in the spirit, but ended up in the flesh. The bureaucratic power in the office solely executing as the replacement of the divine guidance, that never brings more new life to be born out, but cuts, and slices into pieces the rest of the remaining life existing. It is not the secret at all of how the dead institutions became to be formed as the monuments, but not as the living visions, and dreams of the men standing before the Living God in the counsel of Him.

CBA should not give up from the spiritual best, to be humbly in prayer in waiting upon the Lord of the Harvest. Anything that is born of God, that will conquer this world, and for this Jeff Rooks experienced His flame of Love in relation with the CBA. It is not that, what we do, but prayerfully keep our eyes open in all what God is doing. Our sure limitations, we humbly, and very gladly always acknowledge in Him, because they will open the unlimited possibilities of the Almighty to those, whose hearts are committed to stay in His hand.

Note! Today people, also CBA members, go through many different sorts of things within their lives in the middle of their own local or foreign societies, thus rather bless them all by encouraging each member to find that only most secure place of the prayer, and rest at the feet of our faithful Master, Who holds in His Hand the whole future of them, CBA, and everything.

It is only His divine purpose for all, that what has any value! God has in everything His clear given Biblical meaning of the eternal goals; the perfection of the faith, the salvation of the souls. There on the throne of God, Our Heavenly Father with His Son sitting, and the Holy Spirit in that forever constantly each other's loving heavenly family, of the Trinity of the living God, here on the earth working, and needing the mission boats to fulfill the Great Commission, for the glory of God's Son in the most uttermost! Our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ, all things are given to Him, only by Whom we have been able to be born to stay within this heavenly family, that in love looks after their own family members. Our all knowing God in His wisdom, and power operates from the eternity, He Himself is preparing for us steps from above, and will show the way, if we with all the patience, and peace will restfully wait, and pray.

With these sails in these conditions, Love, Kari & Anna

## **PRAYERS FOR THE STEELE'S**

On December 3, 2012 Allen and Mary Ann Steele left the Marina with the boat they began working on over a year ago. Their long range plans are to live aboard and transport medical items to a Hospital in Central America with whom they have connections. There is much to accomplish in preparing the vessel for such voyages as well as their gaining experience sailing the vessel. As of December 9, 2012 (per my phone conversation with Allen) they are in Norfolk at Mile Marker 0 of the Inter-Coastal going south. He expects to be there for awhile to work on the steering linkage. They are not on a set time schedule. There is very limited contact beyond cell phone (no e-mail, or Facebook). I would be willing to pass on information from anyone that would be of help in their travels. There is much to pray over as they serve the Lord.

Submitted by Chad Grubb

# 2013 CBA Conference

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Wilmot, OH 44689  
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## REGISTRATION FOR 2013 CBA CONFERENCE

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Drive \_\_\_\_\_ Fly \_\_\_\_\_

King Bed \_\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to share at the Conference?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### CONFERENCE FEES:

Includes 3 nights lodging and 6 meals (Lunch Fri and Sat will be on your own).

Two persons per room - \$225.00 per person

Three persons per room - \$185.00 per person

Four persons per room - \$165.00 per person

### DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS AUGUST 29, 2013

Send Registration Form and check(Payable to CBA) to:  
Steve Gilson  
561 W. Moreland Rd  
Wooster, Oh 44691

For further information or questions contact:  
Deb or Steve Gilson 330-264-7203  
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## NEW CBA POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE

CBA has partnered with JP Good Company in Ashland, OH to supply members with CBA polo shirts in numerous colors. The EZ Cotton Pique Polo has an anti-curl collar and resists pilling, fading, wrinkling, and shrinking with ease! The CBA logo is embroidered on the left chest. The colors available for shirts are: Oyster, Yellow, Orange, Red, Maroon, Green Oasis, Emerald Green, Moonlight Blue, Royal, Navy, Iron Gray, Brown, or Black. Available sizes include: XS-S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL-4XL-5XL-6XL.

Costs for the shirts are as follows: XS thru XL is \$25.00. Add \$3.00 for 2XL, \$4.00 for 3XL, \$6.00 for 4XL, \$8.00 for 5XL and \$10.00 for 6XL. Shipping is \$5.50 for Priority Mail for up to 3 shirts. Allow 2 weeks for delivery. These shirts were previewed at the CBA Conference and they are really nice!! So order soon!!

Orders are to be placed with: Jeff @ JP Good Company; 106 E. Main Street, Ashland, OH 44805; phone: (419) 207-8484; website: [www.jpgood.com](http://www.jpgood.com). If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Jeff at [jpgoodco@gmail.com](mailto:jpgoodco@gmail.com).

Also, don't forget about the other wonderful items CBA has available including the CBA Flag, T-Shirt, Sweat Shirt, Baseball Cap, Crusher Style Hat, or License Tags. If interested in any of these items please contact Earlene Nelson at (305) 852-4799.

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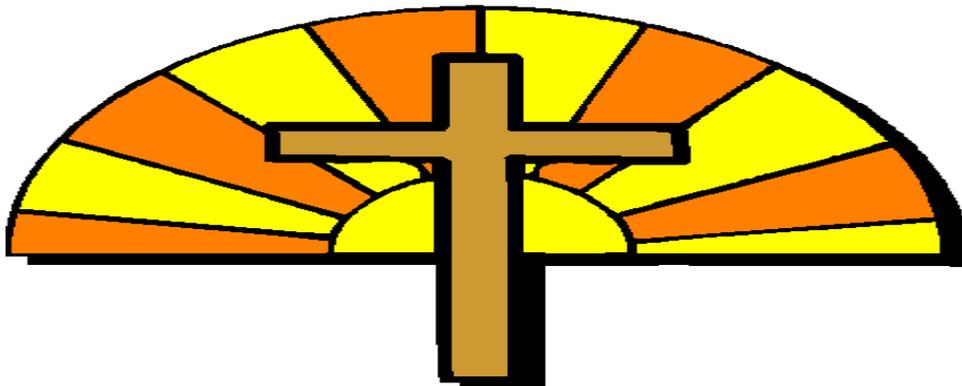
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## *Welcome New Members*

Michael & Jeannie Quinton – San Ramon, CA



# Show your colors and support CBA

Allow 3–4 weeks for delivery. Make checks payable to:  
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 Mail form & payment to: Earlene Nelson,  
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## CBA Gear ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

	Suggested Donation
CBA Flag: Regular 12" x 18" _____	@ \$25.00 = _____
Large 18" x 27" _____	@ \$35.00 = _____
T-Shirt: with pocket M L XL _____	@ \$10.00 = _____
No pocket M L XL _____	@ \$ 8.00 = _____
Golf Shirt.....M L XL 2XL _____	@ \$18.00 = _____
Sweat shirt M L XL 2XL _____	@ \$20.00 = _____
Baseball Cap..... _____	@ \$ 9.00 = _____
Crusher Style Hat ..... _____	@ \$10.00 = _____
License Tag ..... _____	@ \$ 3.00 = _____

Shipping & Handling (*See chart*) + \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Shipping Rates For CBA Gear

Total Purchase Amount	Shipping Fee
\$ .01 to 9.99.....	\$4.00
\$10.00 to \$49.99.....	\$5.00
\$50.00 to \$99.99.....	\$7.00
\$100.00 to \$199.99.....	\$9.00
\$200 and up.....	\$13.00

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