



# *PowerHouse Youth Ministry*

Happy New Year, from *PowerHouse Youth Ministry*. We hope each one of you had a Merry Christmas with all of your family and friends.

I like to take a moment and share with you some of the great things that have been happening in *PowerHouse Youth Ministry*. In November we took 29 students and adults to our Carolina State Youth Convention, FORMED, in Charlotte. We came together with many of the other churches of God from North Carolina and South Carolina for an amazing time of worship, teaching, praying, and fellowshiping! The worship group *Fate of Angles* led us into worship during each service, which was followed by our guest speaker, Dr. Rhonda Gibbs. Rhonda is a spirit-filled Christian with an explosive love and passion for young people!

During December we had our youth Christmas party, which was a great time sharing in a meal together, followed by games, with laughing, singing, and then the reading of the Christmas story with the sharing of what Christmas meant to each of us while we're sitting together in a circle.

## **This January we have a lot of exciting things scheduled.**

January 11<sup>th</sup>, Winter Jam "09" @ Charlotte, ticket price \$10 at the door.

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, PowerHouse girls will be having an "all-nighter" at the Wyatt's home. Don't forget your favorite snacks. ☺

Our Wednesday night services began at 7:00 p.m.; our Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.; with Sunday night activities starting at 6:00 p.m. We would be honored to have you as a guest and would love to see you at *PowerHouse Youth Ministry*.

Serving Him,  
Pastor Kevin Wyatt

## Soli Deo Gloria

**"How to Know You Are a Christian."** Many "Pilgrims Along Life's Road" ask, **"Will I be ready to meet God?"** I've used these words of Bill Gaither before, and I'll abridge them now to save space. "If you think you can make it by going to church; if you think it's a matter of doin' good works; you're just kiddin' yourself. It's more than singin' in the choir, or servin' on the Board. You need to find out what this thing is all about: **You gotta be Born Again**" (Jn 3:1-6).

So how does one do that? I have good news for you. This doesn't have to happen in church; you don't need a preacher with you, although these things are helpful. First, the new birth happens when you realize that "your arms are too short to box with God" (from *God's Trombones*). It can happen when you're sitting in your office after everyone else has gone home, or when you are driving, heading for a Shopping Mall. It can be when you toss and turn in your bed at night. The human posture is not important; **the fact that you want to change** is all-important.

I recently read of a newspaper in the early 1900's, that asked its' readers to send in their answers to the question, **"What is wrong with the world?"** C. K. Chesterton, a brilliant English poet, is said to have answered, **"Dear Sir: I am."** When you come to that place in life whether you are at the bottom of the ladder with no place to turn, or at the top, where you have everything this world can offer, but still have an empty place in your heart, you have two choices: You can keep in the same rut, or **you can make a decision to change**. You can turn to God and say, "I have tried, but I know I am a sinner." (After all, the greatest sin is not murder; **it is the constant rejecting of God and His Son Jesus.**) Anywhere you are you can say to God, "I know Jesus is constantly calling me to follow Him, and I'm ready to make that choice now. Please, Lord, forgive me for waiting so long." Romans 12:2 says, **"Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think"** (NLT). Let God do the work! It may or many not be instantaneous. Begin every day by **washing** your mind, **feeding** your mind, and **programming** your mind by **reading the Word of God. Pray**, asking God to help you. Then, "God, who began a good work in you, will keep right on helping you grow in His grace, until His task within you is finally finished" (Philippians 1:6 TLB). Keep faithful, and tell someone!

"See you in Heaven!"

Soli Deo Gloria – Ruth