

ABC/OHIO INSIDE THE REGION

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Camp Koinonia To Host Concert...

Camp Koinonia will host **SONICFLOOD** in concert on Sunday, June 1st at 5:30 p.m. For tickets call 877-777.4TIX (4849) or go to cauthority.com. For additional information call or email Tom at 440.428.4267 or concertsrus@roadrunner.com.

Congratulations to Judy Cunningham who has been nominated to receive an award at the 'Andy Nowacki Endowment Charity Gala' on April 13th. The benefit is a tribute to the heroism of Lance Corporal Andrew W. Nowacki, United States Marine Corp, who was killed during a mission in Iraq.

Winners of the 'Heroes For Andy' Award are recognized for displays of heroism in four categories – 1) Community Impact 2) Community Safety 3) Medical and 4) Military. Judy was nominated through the Mentor, Ohio office of Western Reserve Hospice where she has worked for several years.

Judy is the wife of Rev. Robert Cunningham, pastor of the Geneva United Church and the Unionville United Church, both in the Ashtabula Association.

Mark Your Calendars...

Fanning the Flame – National Pastor's Renewal Conference to be held at the Green Lake Conference Center on April 22-25.

BIM World Mission Conference – being held at Montgomery Community Church in Cincinnati May 16-18.

Information for both of these events may be obtained from the ABC/OHIO Website – www.abc-ohio.org.

ABC/OHIO Missions Conference to be held August 29 – September 1 at the Heartland Conference Retreat Center.

ABC/OHIO Annual Gathering to be held October 16-18 in Columbus, Ohio at the Crowne Plaza off I-71 and State Route 161.

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA – Prince Caspian

This May, Disney Studios and Walden Media will be releasing the second movie based on C.S.Lewis' beloved series, *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

The characters of Lewis' timeless fantasy come to life again when the Pevensie siblings are magically transported back from England to the world of Narnia, where a thrilling, perilous new adventure and an even greater test of their faith awaits them.

One year after the incredible events of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the Kings and Queens of Narnia find themselves back in that faraway wondrous realm, only to discover that more than 1300 years have passed in Narnian time. During their absence, the Golden Age of Narnia has become extinct, Narnia has been conquered by the Telmarines and is now under control of the evil King Miraz, who rules the land without mercy. The four children will soon meet an intriguing new character: Narnia's rightful heir to the throne, the young Prince Caspian, who has been forced into hiding as his uncle Miraz plots to kill him in order to place his own newborn son on the throne.

With the help of new friends the children and Caspian embark on a remarkable journey to find Aslan, rescue Narnia from Miraz's tyrannical hold, and restore magic and glory to the land.

All of the above information was taken from an **Outreach** kit I received from *Outreach Magazine*. (Outreach.com) The kit also includes a poster, sample bulletin covers, doorhangers, 'Invite' cards and a Faith Journal.

Why Am I Sharing This With You......because I believe this is yet another evangelism/outreach opportunity for you to help your church and community take further steps on your own faith journey. In the beginning of the story only Lucy can see and hear the voice of Aslan. As the others come to faith they too can see and experience His power. **Prince Caspian** is a unique opportunity to target children, youth and adults and help them on their faith journey, whether they are just starting or having been on the journey for a long time.

I believe it is important for us to continue to find ways to take the unchanging Gospel to a world that is ever-changing. This movie offers us another opportunity.