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Our building

Richland church of Christ



VBS



Ladies Inspiration Day



**Pennsylvania Christian Camp
junior week**



Richland Church of Christ

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following Jesus by living the gospel John 8:31

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Missions
Wildwood Church Of Christ
114 Cleveland Avenue
Wildwood, Florida 34785

Dear Brethren,

Thank you so much for another year of faithful support of the preaching of the gospel in Johnstown for 2013. Your generous support for the past several years has been a great encouragement in the work we are doing here in the Lord's vineyard. Simply stated, we could not have done with your help.

The Richland Church of Christ presently is a church of 55 active members. We continue to be the only church of the Lord in Cambria county, a county in Southwestern PA. According to the 2000 census, within in 20 minute drive of our building there are 70,000 souls.

The church here deeply feels the responsibility to remain a light for Jesus in this community and to evangelize and bring people to Jesus. In the past nine years, 42 souls have been baptized into Christ. Some of these converts have matured and remained faithful, regrettably others have not. This year, as part of our work at Pennsylvania Christian Camp, 6 young people were baptized into Christ.

Contacts for Jesus continue. Currently, we have 2 new souls from Johnstown become regular in attending worship and hearing the gospel preached. They come from the Bible study that I am doing at Laughner Towers in Johnstown. Just this past Wednesday, a man from our area attended Wednesday Bible Study looking for the true church. Carl is an Internet contact. Two weeks ago, I spent the day at the local college with a display on Open Bible Study and one college student who is a Johnstown resident show promising interest and signed up for a newsletter from the church.

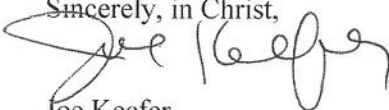
We, too, are convinced the Lord wants us to become a self-supporting congregation. Toward this goal we have made progress (we have no outstanding liabilities, and we own our building), yet we have had setbacks (families have re-located).

In 2013, I preached to the congregation on giving, encouraging them to evaluate their giving to Lord to ensure we are doing our part before we ask others to help us. Also, we conducted a six week video series on stewardship during our Wednesday night study.

Though we reduced our annual budget for 2013 by \$4,500 and now stands at \$941 weekly, we still must seek help from our brethren. Would you please consider us in your mission work for 2014. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like for us to further discuss with you the work here at Johnstown, please contact us at (814) 266-2840 or email us at info@richlandcoc.org. Thank you again for considering our request. Please pray for us. May God bless richly your work for him.

Sincerely, in Christ,



Joe Keefer

Preacher for the Richland Church of Christ

Enclosed:

Financial Sheets
Works at Johnstown

Current Works of the church in Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Yearly:

- A Ladies Inspiration Day
- A Gospel Meeting
- A VBS
- Church of Christ Day at Idlewild Park
- Fall Family Fun Day
- Volunteer work at Pennsylvania Christian Camp
(directors, teachers, counselors, cooks, etc.) www.pachristiancamp.net

Monthly:

- Ladies Bible Study – bi-weekly
- Men's Breakfast and Devotional

Ongoing:

- Encouragement Card Ministry
- Planting the Seed Activities
 - such as passing out tracts, evangelistic visits and more.
- Mailings to the community –
 - House to House: last mailing 3000 homes on the subject of baptism
 - Richland Connection: mailing to follow-up contacts, in process of changing this is an email newsletter.
- Organized Door to Door campaigns
 - In 2010 and 2011 we conducted campaigns with Owen Olbricht
- Evangelistic home Bible studies
- Hosting the Pennsylvania Labor Day Lectures when needed
- Fellowship meals

New:

- Campus Ministry work at University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown