

# Perspective



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## **Memorial service planned for Ron Blough**

Ronald Lamar Blough, former assistant moderator of Ohio Conference, died Aug. 22 in his home in Windsor, Colo. He was 54.

A native of Hartville, Ron attended the University of Akron and graduated with an M.Div. degree from Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Following seminary, he pastored a church in Pennsylvania for several years before accepting the call to Beech Mennonite Church in Louisville. He served the Beech congregation from September 1997 through February 2007, and served as assistant moderator of the Ohio Conference from March 2005 to February 2007. At the time of his death, he was pastor of Greeley Mennonite Church in Greeley, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Samuel Blough. He is survived by his wife, Rhoda Blough; daughters, Bethany Simpson and husband John of Denver and Brooke Blough of Goshen, Ind.; his mother, Mary Edna "Nisly" Blough Miller; two sisters, Brenda LaTulippe and husband Keith of Ashville, N.C. and Delores Blough of Harrisonburg, Va.; one brother, Dwayne Blough and wife Pam of Mogadore, Ohio; an expected grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held Aug. 27 at Greeley Mennonite Church. In addition, a memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Beech Mennonite Church in Louisville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greeley Mennonite Church Building Fund or Turnabout Inc. in Denver, both in care of Greeley Mennonite Church, 402 11th St., Greeley CO 80631.

## **November events promote healthy relationships**

Authors and speakers Joe and Michelle Williams will present two events aimed at fostering healthy relationships on Nov. 7 and 8 at North Clinton Mennonite Church, 831 West Linfoot St., Wauseon.

Joe and Michelle hold bachelor of Christian Counseling degrees and are the founders and directors of the International Center for Reconciling God's Way ([www.reconcilinggodsway.com](http://www.reconcilinggodsway.com)), a faith-based, non-profit organization providing help and hope for marriages in crisis. They serve on staff at Shelter Cove Community Church in Modesto, Calif., as well as leading workshops each summer at Smart Marriage conferences and Association of Marriage

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***Perspective: 1) The interrelation in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed. 2) Point of view; capacity to view things in their relative importance.***

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## **Perspective inserts**

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Along with this issue of *Perspective* come numerous items from various church agencies. Included with this issue are prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency, the September issue of *The Parish Paper* and a resource guide from the Ohio Conference Reduce Poverty Resource Team. Also included is a brochure with information about the upcoming *Revitalizing Testimony in Worship* workshop.

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- Pastor(s)
  - Church chairperson
  - Youth sponsor(s)
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and Family Ministries conferences. They have co-authored a 12-week workbook, *Marriage 911: A First Response Ministry for Marriages in Crisis*, and recently released their second book *Yes, Your Marriage Can Be Saved*.

On Friday, Nov. 7, Joe and Michelle will offer a Marriage Reconciliation Seminar aimed at forming a partnership among pastors, lay persons and professional counselors/therapists to provide an immediate and reconciliation-focused response to couples in crisis. The 3-hour seminar will begin at 1 p.m. Please register by Oct. 29 (\$20 per person). CEU accreditation is currently pending.

On Saturday, Nov. 8, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. everyone who is single, engaged or married is invited to *Relationships—Hope & Harmony Tools that Work*. Joe and Michelle will explore how we typically build our earthly relationships and share tools that will help you trust God when others let you down, understand and accept differences in relationships, and actually be real in all of your relationships. Tickets are \$10 per person (prepaid) or \$15 at the door. Child care will be provided free of charge at the church facility. (Please preregister.)

These events are sponsored jointly by Crossroads Evangelical Church, North Clinton Mennonite Church, Shalom Ministries and West Clinton Mennonite Church. For a promotion packet for your church call (419) 337-4776 or go to [www.shalomworks.org](http://www.shalomworks.org) and click on “Relationships” to download registration forms or register and pay online.

### **North Lima program to feature Jeremy Kempf**

Jeremy Kempf, staff person from Mennonite Mission Network and popular resource person at Mennonite Youth Conventions, will be at North Lima Mennonite Church on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. Jeremy will be sharing in music and message, challenging youth to Christ and mission. Persons from other churches are invited. If you have questions, please call (330) 549-2333.

### **Day apart planned at the Hermitage**

On Saturday, Nov 8, a contemplative day apart will be held at the Hermitage at Beaver Run in Warsaw. The theme will be “Created from One Jewel” with Susan Mark Landis as presenter. She recently visited Iran to learn about the people of Iran. She is the peace advocate of Mennonite Church USA. For more information contact Beulah Steiner at [bsteiner25@gmail.com](mailto:bsteiner25@gmail.com) or (330) 262-2321.

### **Central Christian to host Intercultural Fiesta**

An Intercultural Fiesta benefiting Open Arms Hispanic Ministry will be held at Central Christian High School on Sunday, Sept. 21. There will be separate programs for adults and children. A Hispanic Rondalla (all guitars) will have the special music, and there will be other music. The program will start at 4 p.m. A meal of tacos, rice, beans and fruit will be held at 5 p.m. The meal will be by donation. Please make meal reservations through your church or by calling (330) 345-1192.

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## **Celebration perspective**

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Salem Mennonite Church in Elida will hold a dedication and homecoming celebration Sunday, Sept. 14, at the church. The day’s events will begin with an outdoor church service at 10 a.m., followed by a carry-in hog roast dinner at 11:45 a.m. At 1 p.m. the congregation will hold a dedication of the new church addition.

Guest speaker for the morning service will be Fred Miller of Harrisonburg, Va., one of Salem’s former pastors. Other former pastors planning to participate in the homecoming service include Ed Yoder of Harrisonburg, Va., and Larry Rohrer of Elkhart, Ind.

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Come join the celebration of 100 years at West Clinton Mennonite Church in Wauseon Oct. 4-5, 2008. The celebration begins on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 4, with a meal by the youth and an evening hymn sing with songs of “old to present.” Also planned are a Sunday message by Rocky Miller, Sunday school hour with memories of the past, a noon carry-in lunch and Sunday afternoon with more memories of the past. We welcome everyone who might have attended West Clinton any time during the past 100 years! For information, contact Lori King at (419) 445-1285.

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## **Perspective deadlines**

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Sept. 18	for Sept. 22 issue
Oct. 2	for Oct. 6 issue

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