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**Winter Youth Retreat**

Feb. 8-10, 2008

Whitehall Camp &  
 Conference Center

**WPA ISL  
 Leadership Essentials**

March 7-8

Whitehall Camp and  
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**WPA ISL - Doctrinal Track  
 Module Three**

March 14-15

Whitehall Camp and  
 Conference Center

**Clergy Cohort Classes**

April 21, '08 - Indiana

April 22, '08 - Wexford

April 24, '08 - Grove City

April 25, '08 - Brookville

**Refresh 2008**

Clergy Retreat

May 12 - 13

Whitehall Camp and  
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**Whitehall Youth Camps  
 2008**

5th & 6th June 16-21

Jr./Sr. June 23-28

3rd & 4th June 29 July 3

**2008 WPA**

**Family Camp Meeting**

August 2 - 10

Speaker: David Shultz

Worship Leader: Mick Gilliam

**2008 WPA**

**General Assembly**

October 6 - 7

**Dubois**

**Pastor Nick Wilson Installed at Lakeview Church**

On November 11, 2007 the Lakeview Church of God in Stoneboro, PA held a service for the installation of their new pastor, Nick Wilson. Friends and family joined the congregation as they worshipped and celebrated together. Nick's father, Rev. Bruce Wilson, delivered a message about biblical responsibilities of a pastor, and others shared words of wisdom and encouragement with the congregation and pastor. Nick's brother, Josh, his mother, Judy and Rev. Shawn Morgan shared in song during the service. The service was followed with a time of fellowship.

Nick and his wife Tiffany began the pastorate at Lakeview on September 9, 2007 after serving as associate pastor at First Church of God in Cambridge Springs for two years.



*Front: Tiffany and Nick Wilson  
 Back: Revs' Bruce Wilson, Ken Saul,  
 Paul Smith, Henry Scoff, Shawn Morgan*

**Oil City First Church of God Honors Vern Allison  
 with a Surprise Appreciation Reception**

The Oil City First Church of God held a surprise Appreciation Reception for Pastor Vern Allison, Director of Western Pennsylvania Ministries, Sunday, December 16, 2007.

Several shared about Vern. These are a few:

**Elder Phil Perrotti** stated, "One of the things that Pastor Vern instilled in me was not something that could be taught in so many words. It was more like something that came to me as I watched him live out his life in the years he was my pastor. What he instilled in me was the desire to become a life-long learner. He modeled that trait not only in the formal education he embarked on well after his college years but also in countless hours he spent reading books of many diverse topics. He is always looking for keener insight, deeper understanding and well-developed perspectives. He is constantly developing perspectives. He is constantly developing the mind God gave him and I suspect he will continue to do so until he lays his earthly body down. Scripture tells us that love for God is rooted in knowledge. What Pastor Vern taught me is that the pursuit of such knowledge is both never ending and exhilarating."

**Pastor Julie Sutton** remarked, "During the last 4 years as Family Camp Meeting team leader, Vern has helped to guide me in leading the team that I work with. Through his encouragement and his belief in the calling that God has placed on my life I have had opportunities that many can only dream of and I know that I have more opportunities up ahead, but I cannot do them without the support and wisdom of people like Venn Allison."

**Elder Sandra Ruth** shared, "When Pastor Allison came to the church in Oil City we were in need of the quiet strength that he possessed. We had gone through some difficult times and were in the need of spiritual healing. He didn't judge or criticize; he just listened and ministered to our needs.

He was a great source of strength to our family personally. During his seven years in Oil City, we lost all four of our parents, and the family had three very serious accidents. He prayed with us and supported us through all the difficulties. He holds a very special place in our hearts."

**Pastor Bonnie Stoudt** said, "When I was asked to say a few words about Vern, the first thought that came to me was how much he enjoys his own jokes, but let's not go into that now. Seriously, I

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