



# OCC Men's Ministry News

Okolona Christian Church

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*Surrendering, Searching, Serving, Studying & Supporting the Body of Christ*

## New Men's Outdoor Ministry

*Men's Ministry  
Enjoys Outdoors!*

What a wonderful holiday season we had to finish the year. Celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, being with good friends and family ... and, of course, another great Trap Shoot out at Sam Warner's! From a spur of the moment conversation we put together a shoot on December 28<sup>th</sup> and God blessed us with an absolutely glorious day. The weather was tremendous and about 20 guys enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of shooting, fellowship, devotion and food. What a blessing and what an AWESOME GOD!!! Keep an ear to the ground and you might hear we're doing it again. We're putting a list together of attendees and if you have an interest to be there, please let me or Jason Warner know and we'll be in touch.

So now what? How are you going to Beat Cabin Fever? Even though it has been a very mild winter this year, what do we do to beat "Cabin Fever"? Try hooking up with the guys in the Outdoor Ministry, and for sure, get registered for the Men's Retreat to be held at White Mills Camp. (See the Men's Ministry calendar for Feb.) Get out your tackle boxes, clean them up, reorganize them - "stock your box" so to speak. Make sure you clean your firearms before putting them away for the year. There's plenty to do before spring gets here. Also, the events and fellowship with the Outdoor Ministry are sure to keep your focus on what God's got in store for you and away from the doldrums of winter.

*Men's Retreat  
at White Mills*

In February the Outdoor Ministry is scheduled to browse The Kentucky Center, downtown Louisville, at the Jim Strader's Outdoor Show. Unfortunately it falls on the same weekend as the Men's Retreat at White Mills, so we encourage you to attend the retreat on Friday and Saturday. Then we'd like to meet after 2<sup>nd</sup> service on Sunday, 2/25, for lunch, followed by fellowship at the Strader Show. It's a great outdoor show, with plenty of booths to meet your hunting and fishing interests.

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## Outdoor Ministry (continued)

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*New Event:  
“Gunz ‘N’ Roses”*

In March, the “Gunz ‘N’ Rozes” event will be a very important undertaking. It is a Women’s Appreciation Luncheon and it will take lot of you guys volunteering to make it an incredible “Thank You” for the wonderful women in our families and our congregation. Please stay tuned, be in prayer and make yourselves available if at all possible.

THANK YOU! to each and every guy who has helped or shown an interest in The Outdoor Ministry. It is our passion to offer the best of what our God, our Creator, has given us. Your prayers are what keep the fires burning. Check out the calendar for this year’s planned events. If you have any comments or ideas, please get in touch with us. This is God’s ministry and we want it to bless you in a mighty way.

To close, I hope you enjoy these words from Will Graham, the grandson of Rev. Billy Graham. *Columnist Frank Addington asked Will, “Do you have any last words of advice or wisdom for our readers?”*

*“What would happen  
to you today  
if you were no longer here?”*

*Will’s response: “Wherever you are today and whatever you’re doing, whether you’re up in a tree stand or behind a desk, stop for a moment to consider where your life is at and what would happen to you today if you were no longer here. Would you go to heaven? Do you have a personal relationship with God’s son, Jesus Christ? God loves you and wants you to be in heaven with him one day, but you need to get there His way, and that’s through accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.”*

To Will’s words I say “Amen”! Guys, God bless, and watch your top knot.

Your brother in Christ <>< Jody White

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# OCC Men's Outdoor Ministry Calendar

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*Following is a projected schedule for monthly gatherings 2007 Outdoor Ministry*

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
<i>Men's Outdoor Ministry Monthly Gatherings</i>	January 19	Organizational/Intro Meeting	Jason Warner's
	February 25	Jim Strader Show	Downtown Louisville
	March 23	Set-up for Gunz "N" Rozes	<b><u>OCC Fellowship Hall</u></b> (5PM – 9PM)
	March 24	<b>*<u>Gunz "N" Rozes</u></b>	<b><u>OCC Fellowship Hall</u></b> (9AM – 3PM)
	April 20	Bass Pro Shops	Clarksville, IN
	May 19	Trap Shoot	Jason Warner's
	June 16	Hunter Education	<b><u>OCC</u></b> (9AM – 3PM)
	July 20	Trap Shoot	Jason Warner's
	August 18	Archery Tune-up	Jason Warner's
	September 21	Grandparents Cook-out	<b><u>OCC Outdoors</u></b> (4PM – 9PM)
	Oct, Nov, Dec	Open dates due to Hunting, Thanksgiving and Christmas	

*Along with the monthly gatherings, there will be lots more to do, check it out:*

<i>Men's Outdoor Ministry Special Events</i>	January 30	S.E Christian Wild Game Feed	Southeast Christian Church
	February 23,24	OCC Men's Ministry Retreat	White Mills , KY
	April 26,27	<b>Spring Fishing Trip</b>	Green River Lake
	June 8	OCC Family Fun Night	OCC
	July 11	<b>Family Fish Fry</b>	TBA
	September TBA	<b>Dove Shoot</b>	TBA
	September 27,28	<b>Fall Fishing Trip</b>	Green River Lake
	October 5	OCC Men's Family Camp-out	OCC

*Other area events of interest, more info to follow 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist & Valley View Game Feed*

**\*Gunz "N" Rozes is a women's appreciation luncheon to be served by the Outdoor Ministry. It will be a Top Notch event and we look forward to putting it on.**

## News in Review

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Looking back on 2006 we have many blessings to be thankful for and indeed we are. Our ministry expanded to every Tuesday night, we added a prayer night, we took over 100 men to the Promise Keepers conference, we have seen many new faces join the classes that we offer, more men joined in the Accountability Group option, and Jody White and Jason Warner have started a Outdoors Ministry that has branched off from the Men's Ministry. As you can see this is just a small amount of things that God blessed us with this past year.

We know that God is not done yet either. For us, 2007 is looking to be just as exciting if not more so. We ask that you keep this ministry in your prayers and to help spread the word of how much this ministry has to offer to every man. Bring a friend or family member to the next scheduled activity and see how God is working here.

## Looking Ahead

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The month of January is a busy one for us. The following dates are activities that are scheduled and you can check the Men's Calendar for additional information:

January 19 Outdoors Ministry Kickoff Meeting at Jason Warner's house

January 30 Southeast Christian Wildgame Feed

February 23-24 Men's 1st Annual Retreat at White Mills

Come out and try one of these many events that we offer and you can always come on Tuesday nights and get involved in our weekly scheduled activity.

Make this the year that you commit to growing closer to God. He is right there waiting for you to draw near to Him.

May God bless you and your family in 2007.

## This Month's Action Plan

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| <b>Tuesday, January 9</b>  | <b>Men's Bible Study</b><br>7 PM, Fellowship Room |
| <b>Tuesday, January 16</b> | <b>Men's Prayer</b><br>7 PM, Fellowship Room      |
| <b>Tuesday, January 23</b> | <b>Men's Bible Study</b><br>7 PM, Fellowship Room |
| <b>Tuesday, January 30</b> | <b>Wild Game Feed</b><br>Southeast Christian      |

Coming Soon . . .  
Wild Game Feed