

It has been encouraging to hear the reports back of the challenge to make five new disciples in each church family. The reports started coming early in the Summer and have continued all year! It has been furthermore encouraging to hear the creativity and industrious missional involvement of our church families with their communities. There are exciting stories happening all over our region!

Of particular impact is the camaraderie and support the Northern District is experiencing. I hope to see this resurgence of mutual support in the Central and Southern Districts.

Dean Hay, our Administrative and Communications Assistant, has been hard at work creating Quickbooks book keeping for the region and transitioning most things to online. He has moved most of ongoing records to an online format, major updates to the Web page, rebooting our social media platforms, and troubleshooting the updates and cross program bugs.

The Grove Manor Board has regained traction and on a good post covid trajectory. Affinity, our management team, has become a force multiplier. The board is strong, engaged and seeking new members. It is a ground breaking time to be involved in Senior Care.

The ARC Foundation has taken some bold steps in grant distribution and is actively seeking new opportunities to give to the region. Do not hesitate to talk to Scott Porterfield about any opportunity or questions you might have in seeking a grant distribution.

Camp Sunrise Mountain is experiencing something new God is doing. They have taken some steps to centralize record keeping, incorporating a counselor training, introducing a uniform yearly theme, and seeking to prayerfully expand and provide discipleship program opportunities even as rental opportunities continue to hold steady and grow.

The Pastoral Ministry Commission has put forward a Sabbatical Policy for our consideration. It is policy long over due. In partnership with WTS they continue to offer funding for those who are seeking a credential in the ARC at very attractive and affordable rate. They also in collaboration with WTS and the Midwest and Western Regions, have been providing classes that fulfill credentialing but are open to anybody to participate with no charge. You need only make your calling known to your pastor who can help schedule a meeting with the PMC to get you signed up!

The Church Ministry Commission is continuing to explore connecting opportunities for discipling resources and training opportunities to add to the local churches tool box.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to represent the ARC with WTS and the University of Findlay.

It is a deep honor to serve you. You are foremost in my prayers and thoughts. I cannot wait to see what God is doing next. Remember God chose you for this time and place and that means everything. Keep Shining!

Serving A Risen Savior Together,  
Phil Scott

## Discipleship

A disciple is someone who is following Jesus, being transformed by Jesus, and on the mission of Jesus.

Eight Characteristics of a Disciple. A disciple of Jesus is someone who...

Loves God with all their heart	Mt 27.37; Ph 3.8
Loves other believers and contributes to their growth	Jn 13.34-35; He 10:24-25
Loves and is obedient to scripture	Jn 8.31-32; 2 Ti 3.16-17
Loves Jesus and surrendering to His Lordship	Lk 9.23; Ga 2.20
Loves to share the goodness of Jesus with others	Mt 4.19; Ro 1.16
Loves growing their faith in prayer	Lk 11.1; Ph 4.6-7
Loves to obey and follow Jesus in the routine of life	Jn 14.21; Lk 6.46
Loves to serve others through time, talent and treasure	Mt 25.37-40; Acts 20.35