

## From Our Council President

Members and Friends—

This annual report reflects the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit in enabling the ministry of OCF to proclaim the good news and to demonstrate how to integrate faith and profession within the Armed Forces of the United States. Despite the countervailing trends in our society, OCF has been able to continue its godly influence and avoid the debilitating declines suffered by the economy as experienced by many other Christian ministries.

Our God works and speaks through our members and through the OCF Council—of which I am privileged to serve as president. Our members and friends are attuned to God's calling and do these **four critical things** that make OCF effective for Him:

1. You have **prayed** for the work of the ministry.
2. You have **studied the Bible** individually and in fellowship with others.
3. You have **integrated faith and profession** as an example to others.
4. You have faithfully **supported OCF financially**.  
"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34 NIV).

**Your** ministry, supported by the council and staff, has made a difference in 2009 and has positioned OCF to have an even greater impact in the coming years.

Construction began on the new Heritage House at White Sulphur Springs in 2009. It will provide spiritual as well as emotional and physical renewal and encouragement to our members who experience frequent deployments and family separations.

Our field staff continues to minister and encourage at key locations, and our home office staff has made great strides in providing publications and making other resources more attractive and more readily available.

The critical and essential bottom line of the OCF ministry remains the work that you do in your local workplaces and home fellowships! It is an honor to serve alongside you to help carry out the Great Commission within our Armed Forces. May God richly bless and prosper you in all you do.



In Christ,  
Jim  
MG James A. Coggin, USA (Ret.)  
OCF Council President

## Who is OCF?

OCF is a lay ministry within the military. The heart of the ministry is the local OCF fellowship. Christian officers, and men and women in training to be officers, organize and make up local fellowship groups on military bases, installations and ships, in neighborhoods, at the academies, and in ROTC detachments in the United States and around the world. Family members participate in these fellowships when appropriate.

An OCF fellowship may consist of only two persons meeting together, or may consist of many small groups at major installations. Usually the groups are affiliated with the local military chapel and chaplains are often members of a group. The groups are integral to their unit and most often go on with the unit when it deploys. These fellowship groups, normally built around Bible study, help participants grow in their knowledge of and love for God, assist members in integrating their faith and their profession, and help discover God's direction for their lives.

**Purpose:** To glorify God by uniting Christian officers for biblical fellowship and outreach, equipping and encouraging them to minister effectively in the military society.

**Vision:** To be a dynamic community of Christian military leaders, integrating faith and profession, serving with a passion for God and a calling to the military.

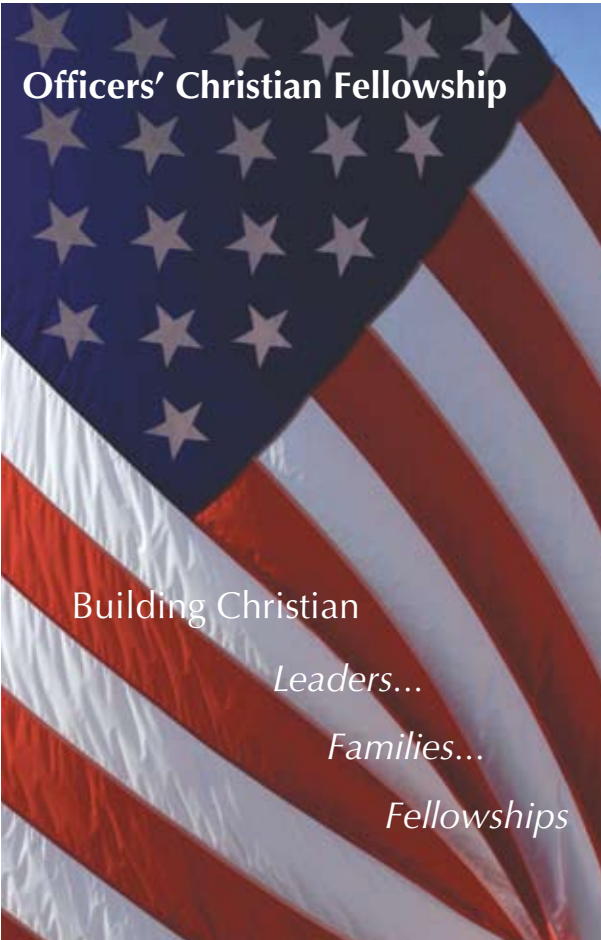


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**2009**  
Annual Report



## From Our Interim Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The year 2009 has been an economic rollercoaster for our nation. Most Christian and charitable ministries have seen a shrinkage in their support bases. OCF has been blessed by only a small reduction in operational giving, and undiminished giving by members and foundations in support of the Growing & Building Campaign. By God's grace we were able to sign a construction contract for the new Heritage House at White Sulphur Springs to replace the 124-year-old Harrison House so many of us have come to know and love. This new hotel should be finished in March 2011.

The power of our lay indigenous local leadership model, where the primary work of the ministry is done by OCF members, continues to be manifested in large numbers of neighborhood, workplace, and deployed fellowships—including many in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our hard-working cadre of field staff shrunk a bit in 2009 and we are seeking dedicated couples to answer the call to vocational ministry to backfill several key positions. The home office staff is as competent and well qualified as I can remember. Though small in number, they provide the integrative support for the members and field staff this decentralized ministry needs.

This past year finds OCF poised for a dynamic 2010 of increasing influence and impact across all services from within the Armed Forces of the USA. May God use this ministry according to His plan, and may we be attentive to discern His will as we go about "Building Christian Leaders...Families...Fellowships."

R. Mike Tesdahl  
Colonel, USA, Retired  
OCF Executive Director  
(Interim)



# 2009 Overview of Your OCF Ministry

## Building Christian Leaders...

We are Christian officers teaching and learning to be ambassadors for Christ in the military.

- ★ Over 15,450 members including active duty officers, spouses, and retirees
- ★ Staff representatives located at the military academies, education centers, and larger military population centers
- ★ Partnership with Valor to reach ROTC cadets in colleges across the country



## Families...

We are military families growing together in Christ and sometimes having to cope with the absence of a loved one.

- ★ The Spiritually Smart Family Conferences and the Heroes on the Homefront program minister directly to families coping with military stresses.
- ★ Our two Christian conference centers served 858 families in 2009. They support the ministry of our many fellowship groups and provide recuperation, rest, and spiritual comfort as well as active fun for all family members.
- ★ Our many neighborhood Bible study groups enable individuals and families to grow, bond, and support each other.
- ★ Our book, *Thriving Not Just Surviving*, shares deployment perspectives for today's military families.



## Fellowships

We are Bible study fellowships that meet in homes, chapels, and the workplace to encourage and equip each other.

- ★ Over 500 fellowship groups meet weekly wherever the military is stationed for prayer, Bible study, and Christian support.
- ★ Many new fellowships in Iraq and Afghanistan



**"As we leave this assignment, the memories come flooding back: the times we gathered to study the Bible, pray for one another, and fellowship during our weekly OCF nights—all the quiet times, the fun times, even the tough times. OCF has been at the center of it all for us." –An OCF couple**

## OCF Council (serving in 2009)

LtCol Anthony D. Abernathy, USAF  
 MG James A. Coggin, USA (Ret.)  
 LCDR Josh E. Dittmar, USN  
 Col Philip J. Exner, USMC (Ret.)  
 CH(LTC) Marc S. Gauthier, USA  
 MAJ Bryan N. Groves, USA  
 Col Clifford Henning Jr., USAF (Ret.)  
 MAJ John A. Hoyman, USAR  
 LTC James B. Karr, USA (Ret.)  
 LTC Hunt Kerrigan, ARNG  
 LtCol Scott Nowlin, USAF  
 MAJ Jonathan A. Shine, USA  
 LTJG Sarah L. Smith, USCG  
 MajGen Melvin G. Spiese, USMC  
 Capt Timothy R. Strabbing, USMC  
 CDR Robert J. Turner, USN  
 COL V. Phil Visser, USA  
 LT Christopher L. Wallace, USN  
 LtCol G. Houstoun Waring V, USAF  
 COL Eric J. Wesley, USA  
 COL Aaron M. Zook Jr., USA

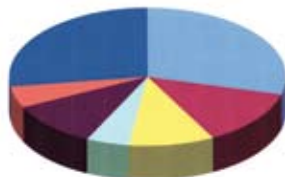
## Audited Finances

From 01 JAN—31 DEC 2009



**Total Revenue** \$4,613,363

- 53.3% Contributions
- 28.5% Capital Campaign
- 18.2% Revenue
  - 13.3% Conference Centers
  - 0.3% Regional Ministries
  - 4.6% Other



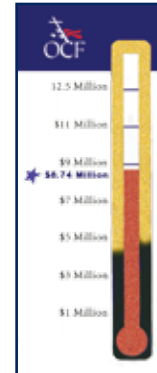
**Total Expenses** \$3,359,336

- 29.2% Conference Centers
- 12.9% Academies & Schools
- 10.2% Field Ministries
- 5.0% Publication Ministries
- 10.4% Administration
- 5.1% Resource Development
- 27.2% Change in Net Assets



## Growing & Building Campaign

We praise God for His provision for the OCF Capital Campaign. To date, over \$8.8 million has been raised in gifts or pledges. This figure has enabled us to go forward with the construction of the Heritage House at White Sulphur Springs which will effectively double the capacity at that conference center. The ground breaking took place this past Veteran's Day, 11 November 2009, and, despite the hard winter, the foundations have been completed. The total completion is projected for March 2011. A great deal of thanks go to LTC Joe Orosz, USA (Ret.) and the construction committee, along with the general contractor. Various OCF groups have raised or are raising funds to outfit new guest rooms in honor of their military organization or military heroes of the faith.



The Hemingway Operations Complex at Spring Canyon has been completed on budget with a few final items remaining to complete the high ropes course. Future projects include new housing units, expanded dining facilities, and a water treatment facility.

We are thankful for everyone who has contributed to these important projects for the future generations of OCFers and our military communities. Our prayer is that we can finish these projects debt-free so as not to burden the mission's operational budget and allow OCF to focus finances on ministry.