

Firestorm Revival – Glory Barge Meeting 8/13/24

Website: <http://www.firestormrevival.com>

Background info:

Statewide revival has been prophesied by many different prophets. It has been prophesied that revival would start in Western NY State and would go through cities down the Erie Canal. Firestorm group started on November 12, 2020.

Firestorm Mission:

Firestorm is a coalition of evangelical groups in western NY area. This is a call to arms, to do battle by combining our gifts and talents, united with a common goal, to ***glorify Jesus publicly in all ways so people can be drawn to Christ.***

To form UNITY among different groups and ministries, praying for a move of the Holy Spirit, a revival, ***coming against the violence and hatred we're seeing in our world today, an awakening which edifies and encourages repentance within the community which starts in the church.***

Our battle cry is 2Chron7:14 “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will ***forgive their sin and heal their land.***

We meet at 7pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the “7 Center”, located at 7 Center St, Macedon, NY 14502.

Donations:

Donations can be processed by check made out to Wellspring Church with “Firestorm” denoted at the bottom left notation section.

<http://www.wellspringchurch.us/>

Firestorm is under the Wellspring covering.

Ora's notes from Firestorm subgroup Tues, 7/9/24

Firestorm-Glory Barge prayer meeting 7/9/2024

At Mike Caternolo's home Attendance- Mike, Don & Shar Geldof, Glenn Gifford, John VanLoo, Ora & Alma Rothfuss

Discussion on the parallel visions of the Glory Barge and of the Firestorm Revival- evangelical concerts along the Erie Canal as in the times of Finney. Not a coincidence but co-incidents begun with God

Brief discussion of a conceptual grant proposal with barge stops at predetermined locations, with local worship bands and local church support. Very complicated and not feasible this year. Likely not support for a grant proposal.

John has a presentation to a Rochester Business association regarding the Glory Barge. He sees the need for electronic donations. Glory Barge may have donation page. Mike has covering at Wellspring and donations can flow through there.

Seneca Chief canal boat tour for 2025 noted, that this will raise up the canal in the minds of people. It may be a good time to celebrate the spiritual heritage of western New York especially along the canal.

Unity is important.

Covenant together for the Unity of vision.

Deaf & Dumb spirit seems to be prevalent in the region to keep communication from flowing. Spirits of witchcraft and Mormonism strong in this region. They will come against the Revival, but God always gives the strength to defeat.

Glenn shared how Lyons to Macedon/Palmyra seems very important- much spiritual happenings in history both good and bad.

Statewide worship has helped to break through some of these strongholds

Discussion of statewide concert series along the Canal too broad to understand. The need to focus is important. Beth Welsh had a word shared earlier "Alignment for the Assignment" that seems to indicate focus.

Bushnell's Basin to Lyons was open early (1822) discussion led to focusing current outreach in this area.

Discussion regarding type of event- formal/informal concert in Macedon park(s) depending on needed permission and electric. Acoustic with keyboard? Simple set up and play or bigger outreach with more advertising? Potential locations include Canal Park (corner of Route 350 & Canal) or park adjacent to 7 Center Street.

Unity/ prayer/ fasting are important elements.

This needs to be led by Holy Spirit- unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain to build it

Glory Dominion Barge

Website: <https://www.glorybarge.org/>

Note: Donations are made available through their website

Mission

We're on a mission to build and launch a Christ-inspired barge on the waters of the Erie Canal. Why? We believe one of the next moves of God is coming to the shores of the Erie Canal. This barge is meant to be a platform for advancing and facilitating that move with the use of things like multi-media platforms for sharing testimonials and Christian apologetics. However, there is also interest in using theatre, drama and other creative or interactive means for creating engagement with the communities that touch the canal's shores.

This watercraft is the modern-day equivalent of the Apostle Peter's fishing boat – except that it is designed for a different type of catch. It is meant to carry the message of Christ to hearts that need to hear the Gospel message and to see the Kingdom of God move from declaration to demonstration.

Our History

Find out what drives us to do what we do.

2005 – Pastor Jurjen Hoomans was given a dream of the Glory Barge.

2017 – Barge team is assembled.

2019 – ERIE CANAL LIGHT TRANSFORMATIONS, INC. non profit is formed.

2020 – Continued virtual planning & prep during the pandemic.

2022 to Present – We look to construct the barge and spread God's Word.

Present Board:

President - Joel Hoomans

Joel is director and professor of management and leadership studies at Roberts Wesleyan College. He

is the son of a pastor and teacher and spreads the Good Word to inspire others. He specializes in conflict resolution, labor relations, human resources, planning and development, courage development, and team building.

Treasurer - Steve Von Berg

Steve is CEO of the Center for Information Services. He is an experienced entrepreneur and business leader in the information technology industry and knowledgeable in cyber security. He is a board member of the Charles Finney School.

Secretary - John Hoben

John is a soldier of bible ministry. He is an investor and business developer who specializes in networking and finding the right people to spread God's Word. He is a strategic planner in business development and sales. Some previous clients include the U.S. Department of Defense, Raytheon, The World Bank, and Constellation Energy.

Mike's meeting Notes - Glory Barge (GB) (Rochester Men's Business Fellowship Mtg on 8/1/24)

- Joel read mission statement
- John Hobin on Zoom
- Both expressed history of canal revival
- Matt Brooks shared GB design and his business MGB Building Inc
 - GB board is now 3 people; need 12 ideally
 - Thoughts:
 - Set up an account that allows interest earned to pay for future operating expenses; allows glory barge to "stand alone" w/o need for further contributions / donations
 - Can be used on other waterways, Mississippi, Ohio, inter-coastal, Great Lakes
 - Can be easily routed and stored
 - Matt volunteered as captain
 - Crew needs to do maintenance
 - GB would NOT be a cruise ship; a docked tourist attraction only when in port
- Next steps:
 - Create a new board; new president and expand to 8 to 12 board members
 - John Hoben said he'd stay on the board; possibly Joel (but not as president)
 - Acquire funding
 - Joel would assist with 501c3 handoff and transitioning of money held in GB account
- Joel + Matt – canal revival begins end times awakening

Mike's notes from Firestorm subgroup Tues, 8/13/24

Ora & Alma Ruthfuss, Don & Shar Geldof, Mike & Dianne Spang, John VanRoo and Mike Caternolo present.

- Mike C. reviewed Firestorm mission info, Ora's notes on meeting 7/9/24 and info from the Glory Barge website. Asked group to pray and seek whether we should take on Glory Barge fabrication and other responsibilities.
 - Group unanimously agreed our mission is to further the gospel and promote revival down the Erie as our primary mission... Glory Barge could help.

- Dianne provided the following info regarding transfer of ERIE CANAL LIGHT TRANSFORMATIONS, INC (ECLT) 501c3 to Firestorm. Dianne provided a handout “Transfer Ownership of Non- Profit”. Note a 501c3 is owned by the community not the organization!
- Ora mentioned possibly adding new board members to existing ECLT rather than having to go through a transfer. *(new info as of today: John V spoke with Joel and thought this was a good idea – possibly set up another meeting for this group to meet with Joel possibly 8/27/24 or 9/3/24)*
- Question: What dollar amount does Matt Brooks need to start GB fabrication?
- Promote Firestorm and GB interest to the public:
 - Register and have a booth present at “Make Us One” event (goal is to unify the body of Christ) 9/13 &14. www.hci.com (Gary and Harriet Hamm)
- Ora contributed \$20 seed Ezk4:1, Alma declared growth to \$2 Million
- Mike C chartered with creating events down the Erie ie Buffalo to Albany
- Reach out to churches to do a night of worship and present Firestorm and GB interest
- Mike C proposed this group to meet recurring monthly (as well as Firestorm/Unify mtg). Group agreed we could make it happen
- Ask Joe Mazza to assist in following:
 - creatively consider updates to Firestorm website (w/ Mike C)
 - Design graphics for both Firestorm mission (inc 2Chron7:14,15) and GB for promotion
 - Business card graphics: separate cards for promo?
- Mike C to contact Deb Procopio (Worshop Across NY) to inform her of what we’re doing.