Ozarks Chapter of American Christian Writers
Agenda for February 14, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Location: The Heights at UHBC, (3rd floor by elevator, East entrance)
1010 S. National, corner of National & Grand near MSU campus

9:45 – 10:00 **Registration** {get acquainted time: Christian music, coffee & snacks)

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome** & **Devotion** (please set your cell phone to silent mode)

1. **Introductions** (introduce ourselves & our writing interests to the group)
2. **Devotion** (led or scheduled by our Devotions Leader: John Pennell)
3. **Preview member's library** holdings & checkout process.
4. **Announcements scroll on overhead PowerPoint projector:**
   - Upcoming meeting highlights (speakers & themes)
   - Upcoming Christian writers conferences, & writing contests

10:15 – 10:40 **Mini-Workshop Training Series B:** {by Dr. Jeanetta Chrystie}

Poetry In the Bible – Part 1: Reading/Performing Poetry

- ✓ Are there particular styles of poetry used in the Bible?
- ✓ How does understanding them enhance our Bible study?
- ✓ How does understanding them enhance our poetry writing?

10:40 – 10:55 **Fellowship Break**

Open: (1) Snacks Area, (2) Free Resources Table, (3) Membership Enrollment, (4) Member's Library Checkout

10:55 – 11:00 **Door Prizes**

- A door prize will be given to a registered attendee
- Speaker handout(s) will be distributed

11:00 – 11:45 **Keynote Topic**: **"The Christian Poet as Contemporary Catechist"**
Speaker: Dr. Nathan Nelson, Professor of English and Chair of the Humanities Dept Chair at Evangel University**.**
Learn ways to engage contemporary culture, wrestle with difficult topics, and reach a broader audience than writer's groups and literary magazines.

11:45 – 12:00 Introduce our **Library** & new **Share/Critique Groups**

- Share & Critique Group processes (rules)
- Available groups at sign-up table (for existing & new members)
- Preview library holdings and checkout process (for members)

12:00 **Adjourn** to:

- Please help clean up the meeting area, and put away tables & materials.
- **Share/critique groups** meet over lunch at a local eatery of their choice.