Ozarks Chapter of American Christian Writers
Agenda for September 12, 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

9:40 – 10:00 **Registration** (get acquainted time: Christian music, coffee & snacks)

10:00 – 10:20 **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

10:20 – 10:40 **Mini-Workshop Training Series C:** (by Dr. Jeanetta Chrystie)

Writing Through Adversity – Introduction: What is Adversity?

- ✓ What are the types of adversity?
- ✓ Many of us have one type of adversity that is more difficult for us.

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** **Writing Through Adversity: Christian Growth Transforms Our Trials Into Writing Topics**

Speaker: Jeanetta Chrystie – author, speaker, and college professor

"*We cannot truly help others by counting our trials; there are too many wounded healers, craving opportunities for sympathy about their own stories. Editors look for writers with God's perspective—which allows us to bless others and help readers find their way from pits of despair to hope and healing, from loss to encouragement, from sadness to joy.*"

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.