

Hot Off the Press! 1/17/15

Everyday Worship: Growing in Two-Way Communication

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The time before Lent begins 2/10 is an opportunity for all at CHPC to grow in *EVERYDAY WORSHIP*. Sunday preaching themes, weekly home study guides and 10:10AM Adult Spiritual Formation experiences in Fellowship Hall will all focus on it. Come to the 9AM service and stay at 10:10AM in Fellowship Hall. Or come for 10:10AM and stay for the 11:15AM service of worship.



Not Religion, A Personal Relationship:

That was the message on the first 'button' I wore when I finally grasped the Gospel. It piqued people's interest and gave me an opportunity to share the Good News. Little did I know where such communication skills would lead me as I grew in Christ.

The message I shared then was simple. God loved His Creation, especially men and women (the crown of His creation made in His own image). Men and women were intended for a loving eternal relationship with their Holy Creator, one that reflected His Glory. But they were separated from God by their Sin and died. All Religions assert that humans can act in ways that will make them 'good enough' to reach a Holy God. But, the Gospel boldly declares that sinful humans can not bridge the gap to a Holy God.

Here's where the relationship with Jesus comes in. God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him... and to all who did receive Him [Jesus], to those who believed in His name, He [God] gave the right to become children of God. Jn 3:16-18,1:12

Teachable: I made my commitment to Jesus Christ during pre-marital counseling with Rev Jerry Kirk. He said he wasn't in the business of marrying people. He was called to build lasting marriages of Christians. 30 couples were being married about the same time. We were 'teachable' and eager. Jerry spoke from Scripture and provided practical and personally-vulnerable examples from his own marriage — what worked and didn't.

"When you say 'I do' you haven't *done* much, but you are committing to a life-transforming relationship." He shared Scriptures describing God's relationship with the Church, and God's plan to have marriage

mirror that relationship:

The more you can reveal of your true self to your spouse [or other person] and still be loved, the more you'll understand how God, who knows everything about you, can love you.

I've remembered that for 46+ years.

God Initiated, I responded

I'm a thinker. I wasn't about to enter into a relationship with anyone including God by some 'leap of faith.' I began believing in God's love by experiencing small reflections in my relationship with Barry. Jerry Kirk asked "What are some of the things that you are *intentionally* doing to grow your relationship with your prospective spouse?" He sent us off for a week to *think and pray* about that one. I wasn't so hot at prayer, but I was amazed at the list I generated.

I knew I was a mess. I hadn't had much success in deeper relationship but I wanted this one with Barry to last. Was Sin separating me from full, loving relationships with God and others including Barry? At this point Jerry Kirk suggested, "Give what you know of yourself to what you understand of God." I did and God did. I knew that Jesus died and rose for ME.

I began a new life... as an *adopted Child of God*... and what an inheritance I got. The Holy Spirit of God flooded in with God's transforming power, fruits and gifts. Christ was my Savior. The puzzlement for me was how was Christ going to be Lord of 'my' life.

Grow Up: GOD expected me to yield to His Holy Spirit and not remain a 'spiritual baby.' Spiritual *growth* is NOT OPTIONAL. God created me uniquely, so my growth wouldn't be quite like anyone else's. However, the Church became my place of nurture and accountability, a place of equipping, challenge and healing.

Talk...Listen...Learn

Proverbs 22:6 — *Train up a child in the way he (she) should go, and when he is old he will not*

depart from it. By God's grace, over the years, CHPC has *trained up* Barry and me with the tools that build healthy relationships with one another and God. We took *Core Relational Courses* multiple times — *How to Listen for Heaven's Sake, Speaking the Truth in Love, Renewing the Mind* and things taught around the world by Equipping Ministries Int'l. We facilitate the courses and learned the skills in deeper ways. Being part of a community of growing Christians caused us to put our training into practice. God has re-

formed our talk, listening and thoughts. I take great joy in creative, biblical worship of God in many forms: prayer, studying Scripture and living the Gospel. Of course, everyday life is changed too — the way I answer the phone, teach swimming, plan with my husband, pray with and for others and use my time has new purpose.

Expect 2-Way Communication

It may seem like a big leap from learning to communicate with another person to communicating with a Holy God. Jesus teaches, "...when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come...'" Matt 6:7-9.

2-Way communication involves practicing 'active listening' with God. This alters:

- **The frequency and substance of our conversations.** Romans 1 says, *Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering.* I've noticed that crisis, risk, danger and trying the impossible or nearly impossible drive me to more intimate and intense prayer.

- **The way I 'hear' God's reply.** God only speaks truth. The Bible is God's very words. Scripture is literally "*breathed out by God*" I look for God's replies in my Bible. I read the "One Year Bible" each morning and find my days have more order. My prayers reflect Scriptures I've memorized or sung. God speaks through worship, visions, sermons, books, daily news stories, and people around me like Barry. Taking notes helps me to remember God's responses and gives me time to 'chew on' what He's said. As God matures our relationship, I've grown to relax in Christ's Lordship and embrace my inheritance and calling as a Child of God.



Democracy is the worst form of government...

"...except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time." — Winston Churchill, 1947.

What if several times a year YOU had an *opportunity to help democracy to work* and to also serve your community? The Board of Elections needs workers for the Primary Election March 15th and the National Election November 8th. Good training and pay are pluses. The day is long (polls are open 6:30am-7:30pm), but fulfilling. Experience with a smart phone and/or computer is very helpful but not a requirement.

Questions/ Apply?
Contact Christa Criddle (513-632-7042 Republicans) or Gena Howard (513-632-7041 Democrats).

Photo caption: VOTERS ARE WAITING FOR YOU!



'Over Seas' Ministry Opportunity

Join a team of folks making an eternal difference in the lives of children and adults each summer. Pictured are part of the CHPC 2015 Swim Ministry Staff of 120!

Founded in 1976, this unique ministry has a large paid staff of American Red Cross certified Instructors, Lifeguards, supervisors, Moms, and Junior & Senior High teachers' aides. Swimmers who are at least 11 years old and working at Red Cross skill Level 4 or higher may apply.

Teaching dates: June 20-24, July 11-15 and July 25-29. Children's lessons are 9:30am-1:30pm at North Hills Swim Club. Adult lessons are the July weeks 6-7:15pm at Twin Towers. Staff works 2-3 weeks.

Staff *mandatory* training is June 9 and 10 (6-9pm with dinner at College Hill Presbyterian) plus June 11 (9-4 at Twin Towers).

Applications mailed April 1. Call Sam at (513-542-2442) or email starecvg@aol.com to be added to the Staff or Swimmer mailing lists.

Children & Youth Helpers in Worship

Children ages Kindergarten through third grade are invited to a Children's Worship service each week. Start off with your families in both the 9am and 11:15am service, then listen for the announcement dismissing the kids to their special service. Just before the sermon, children will be dismissed to their special study and worship time.

This week's helpers are:
TBD

Next week's helpers are:
TBD

17. sunday

8:00am	Morning Prayer	Prayer Room
9:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:10am	Foundation Hour	
	• Children's Classes	Barnabas Ctr
	• Jr. High	BC 204
	• High School	BC 205-206
	• ASF Roundtables	Fellowship Hall
	• Parent Group	Parent Lounge
	• Exploration Class	Confer. Room
11:15am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:30pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics	Fireside Room
4:00pm	CRASH	BC 205 & 206

18. monday

Campus Closed
MLK Day

19. tuesday

9:30am	Tuesday AM Bible Study	Parlor
4:30pm	Grief Group	White House
6:30pm	MEGABLAST Super Choir	Great Hall Fellowship Hall

20. wednesday

6:30pm	ACA Meeting	BC 203
7:00pm	Bi-Polar Support Group Worship Team Rehearsal	Great Hall Sanctuary

21. thursday

6:15am	Band of Brothers	Fireside Room
8:30am	Prayer - Church/Community	Prayer Room
10:00am	Knitting Group	Atrium
6:15pm	Karate	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	ACA	BC 203
	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30pm	Alanon	BC 201-202

22. friday

23. saturday

"LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION" POLICY
When parking, remember to keep your valuables and all parcels out of sight safely locked in your trunk. Thieves can even see through dark tinted glass. Don't tempt!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for the Prayer Wall. We are encouraging everyone to sign up for a 15 minute block of time to pray specifically for CHPC as we journey through this series on Worship. Sign up in the atrium. Prayer points to guide your time are on the back of the bulletin.

2016 Lectionary readings are available in the information rack in the Atrium.

JOINING THE CHPC FAMILY If you are interested in becoming a member at CHPC, our next New Covenant Partner Orientation Classes are: Sundays January 17, 24 and 31 at 10:10am. To sign up or if you have questions contact Michelle Hemsath 541-5676 Ext. 1123 or mhemsath@chpc.org or Pastor Dennis 541-5676 Ext. 1122 or dhall@chpc.org

Week End to Remember Marriage Conference February 26-28 at the Hyatt Regency. You know that great marriages don't happen by accident. Now's your chance to take an intentional step towards strengthening your marriage and get rewarded for doing so. From now until January 25th, you and your spouse can register to attend any Weekend to Remember for half the price! Simply use the group name chpc. For more information go to: <http://shop.familylife.com/events> or contact Jeanne Schneider at 513-541-5676, x1160 or jschneider@chpc.org

Listening For Heaven's Sake is a one day seminar that provides practical hands-on skill for improving your career, your relationships and your ministry by becoming a better listener. The seminar focuses on establishing a genuine connection with other people, communicating God's love, showing warmth and understanding, listening for God's voice and helping others without burning out. Join us on Saturday, January 30 from 9:00-5:00. Led by Natalie McSwain. Cost: \$20 includes materials and lunch. Register via email at jschneider@chpc.org or 541-5676, ext. 1160.

The Front Desk Ministry needs you! Do you like welcoming folks? Do you have a gift of hospitality? If so, we have the ministry opportunity for you. We are in need of subs for the front desk (during the week) from January-March. If you are interested contact June Elwood 681-1767 or Michelle Hemsath at 541-5676 ext 1123.

Feeling a bit STUCK in your faith? Feeling like there is something more you long for but can't put your finger on it? Then come. Come be part of a gathering of women in a journey through Stuck by Jennie Allen. We will meet in the library in the 3C's area at CHPC on Fridays from 9:30-11am starting FRIDAY FEB. 12. Contact Missi Kershner for more info: missikershner@gmail.com or call me at 254-6908.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The January BLAST (K-6) Theme is Self-Control: "choosing to do what you should do not what you want to do," and our memory verse is Proverbs 25:28: "A person without self-control is like a city whose walls are broken through." Please pray this month that our children would learn to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to help them choose words and actions that honor God. Resources for both parents and kids are available on the BLAST page of the CYF website: <http://chpccyf.weebly.com/blast.html>.

We are proud to announce the launch of the brand new CHPC Children, Youth and Family website: <http://chpccyf.weebly.com>! Check out this website to find regularly updated news for Children, Youth and Family Ministry, a calendar of events, parent resources, and summer information and forms.

Crash for 7th-9th graders starts back up tonight from 4-5:30, and will meet weekly throughout the spring. This semester we will focus on growing in our relationships with God by reading through a gospel and talking about how we can apply it to our lives. We will again ask students to commit to coming to CRASH on a regular basis, and students who come every week of this semester will receive a \$50 discount for the Summer 2016 Alabama Mission Trip or Resident Camp Work Crew.

Children, Youth and Family Summer Intern Applications are now available! Anyone who has been out of high school for at least one year is eligible to apply for the Young Adult Summer Internship, and any 10th-12th grade student who has been in or led a huddle this past year is eligible to apply for the High School Summer Internship. Applications are available on the CYF website at <http://chpccyf.weebly.com/summer-2016.html>, or at chpc.org/forms.

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Adult Spiritual Formation for the winter will be a series of round table discussions that will follow the sermon series on worship. Now through Feb. 7 come join a table in Fellowship Hall at 10:10am between services. There will be a discussion leader at each table which will include all the members of the Session worship committee. Just for a count of how many are interested, please sign up in the atrium, but everyone welcome. Don't miss this chance to express your passion for worship.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the College Hill Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration – tonight at 6:30pm at Good News Church of God in Christ at 1063 W. North Bend.

All-Church Chili Cook-off! At 12:30pm on Sunday, January 24th, we will once again have our Annual Chili Cook-off. Please bring your best chili, cornbread, or brownies to share and enter into the competition. During lunch, we will hear about summer ministry plans from the Children, Youth and Family team.

Men of CHPC get ready for IGNITE 2016!

Prayer Page

"... without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers," Romans 1:9

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Prayer Wall – Week 3

Begin your time with praise for Psalm 100 – Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Pray the many gifts of the Spirit within our church will be celebrated and united as one body.

Pray as individuals and the church that we will go before the Father with repentant hearts.



January 17, 2016
Everyday Worship
Experiencing

Preaching: Rev. Drew Smith

Welcome to College Hill Presbyterian Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Single, married, with children or not, there are many opportunities for knowing Christ, worshiping, personal growth and discipleship, service and ministry within the church and beyond the walls.

Visitors - Stop by the welcome table or the desk in the Atrium to find out more about College Hill Presbyterian. Return and become part of this dynamic Church Family.

Upcoming Services

Jan. 24	Everyday Worship - Struggling
Jan. 31	Everyday Worship - Surrendering
Feb. 7	Everyday Worship - Sending
Feb. 10	Lent Begins Ash Wednesday Service - 7pm

Today's Order of Worship

Prelude
Call to Worship / Opening Prayer
Songs of Praise
Time of Confession & Forgiveness
Welcome Guests / Dismiss Children
Song of Response
Passing the Peace
Scripture & Sermon
Pastoral Prayer
Offering / Closing Song
Announcements

Available Help

Ushers have copies of the song lyrics for the 9am service. Ushers can also provide help with wheelchairs and equipment for hearing assistance. Handicapped accessible restrooms are located off the exit hallway to the right side of the main platform. This exit also leads to handicapped parking spaces.

