

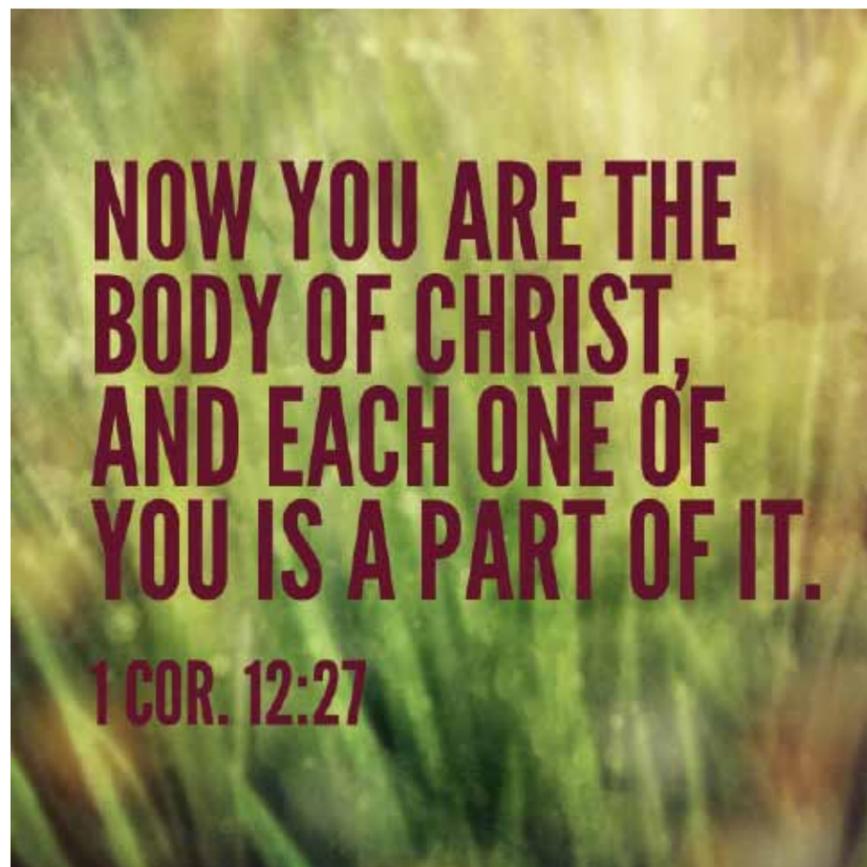
# Hot Off the Press! 8/21/16

***This September and October, our church community is going to explore the gifts that God has entrusted to us. We will learn how to identify our personal gifts, and discover ways to test and use them. In the process we will become part of God's redemptive story. We will be challenged to use our gifts and resources to help transform the communities in which we live — both here at the church, and beyond the walls in our daily lives. Join in this journey.***

MISSI KERSHNER — I love C.S. Lewis' book *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. I don't go a year without reading it. It is full of truth. The reflection of God's redemption story is clear throughout.

In thinking about spiritual gifts, I was struck by the *gifts* that each of the human children in the book were given. None of them knew why or how the gift they receive would be used. BUT when the time was right, they used their gifts in ways that saved themselves. But, of more importance, they were part of the redemptive story that helped build up all of Narnia, the community where they found themselves.

What a diverse place it was! Narnia was a complex community that included beings who hadn't always gotten along. Had they not put aside differences, learn to value and appreciate each other (their perspectives, experiences and strengths), they would not have been able to rescue Edmund [a key character in the book] by bringing him to His Redeemer. Nor would they have been able to defeat the real Enemy, the White Witch..



In I Corinthians, Chapter 12, the apostle Paul talks about the gifts of the Holy Spirit that God gives to EVERY ONE OF US. God has created each of us, perfectly and intentionally. Psalms 139 reminds us that we've been knit together by God who knows us more intimately than we know ourselves. AND THIS GOD HAS GIVEN US GIFTS THAT WE CANNOT DENY. THEY ARE PART OF WHAT MAKES US WHO WE ARE.

As we become more aware of the gifts God has given us, God finds ways to use those gifts to be part of *HIS redemptive story*. Indeed, *HE* builds *His* community as we are worshipping God, honoring God and acknowledging that indeed, God's Creation is good.

Paul declares, "Now YOU are the BODY OF

CHRIST, and EACH ONE OF YOU IS A PART OF IT" (I Cor. 12:27). It's a reality. The challenge is to discover how CHPC can be that kind of community — where each person in our church community knows he/she is needed and valued for whose they are (God's) AND there is a place for each of person to use spiritual gifts. When we begin to see who we've been created to be, that we live into that reality. We use our gifts and our church community is strongly bound together. We are freed to honor whom God has created each of us to be.

## AUGUST / SEPTEMBER UPDATE Adult Spiritual Formation by William Custer

In this *hot* month of August, Adult Spiritual Formation (ASF) continue with the *cool* waters of spiritual growth.

**Gospel of Luke** — The 4 Gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John chronicle the life of Jesus. Luke is called the Gospel of Mercy, the Gospel of Amazement or the Gospel of Prayer. Written for a Gentile (non-Jewish), Luke begins with the birth of Christ and continues through His ascension into heaven. Led by Pastor Drew Smith, at 10:10 in Fellowship Hall.

**Family Sunday School** — Today during the 10:10-11:10am Foundation Hour, families with kids 3 years old through 6th grade will experience Sunday School together. This is a great

## God's 'Boys of Summer'

**The Mission of CHPC's Swimming Ministry** is to raise up the next generation of Christian leaders within the context of teaching swimming each summer to children and adults so *that* they might reflect the Glory of God all the days of their lives. This summer we learned a new dimension of that Mission when we were asked to teach a group of 13 to 16 year old young men and prepare them for a very special open water experience. They were God's own 'boys of summer' who taught us as we taught them.

The young men varied in swimming skills from 'scaredy cat won't put my face in the water' to a swimming pool life guard. We were asked to prepare them for indeterminate lake experiences involving riding a rubber tube being dragged behind a speed boat on a lake. Swim Ministry staff Lynn Rosenbloom, Barry Stare, and I developed a very specific curriculum employing life jackets. We were joined by experienced teachers Carrie Burgjohann, Josh Telecsan and Chris Welch. Thanks to Traci Brookes' photography I got to see the team in action at North Hills Swim Club. Below is my 'open letter' to the swim teachers.



Open Water Safety students at Norris Lake.

It would have been helpful to have a sense of God's 'big picture' before we began developing the evening classes for God's 'boys of summer.' But like most of life, it's the process that God leads you through that is His objective. He uses our obedience and the gifts and talents He has given us to form us as His children...and to bless others in the process. We in the Swimming Ministry were obedient and creative with the light we had, and God honored that. Here is the report from Kevin Kast, one of the leaders of the group that was trained in Open Water Safety, July 25-28, 2016:

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opportunity for families to get to know one another better and to experience what kids are learning on Sundays. If you have children this age, please plan to attend Sunday School with your kids in GREAT Hall.

### SEPTEMBER CLASSES

**The All Church Class** offered on Sundays Sept 18-Oct 16 at 10:10am will focus on discovering and using your talents, for spiritual growth and Christ's ministry. It will be led by Missi Kershner and Janet Dumford. [See article on the opposite page.]

**Ignite 33** — The 'new season' begins on Wednesday Sept 14. Class for Men 18 and over — come seeking authentic manhood. Led by Joe Brooks (513) 375-5126 and Brian Kershner (513) 623-2778. The current Sunday Ignite 33 Foundation hour class at 10:10am is a reprise of the 6-week Spring series. Missed a few sessions? Now is the great chance to catch up.

*nati that is state qualified to do HIV/STD testing, counseling, and education. During our 2016 strategic planning session we asked ourselves 'How can we equip young African American males to become purpose-driven warriors for sexual purity, strong families and sober living in the community we serve?'. The response was our first youth retreat done in partnership with St Mark Missionary Baptist Church (Mt Healthy) at Norris Lake in Tennessee on Aug 4-6, 2016. The retreat achieved three key outcomes:*

- (1) Get the kids out of their comfort zones and into the wilderness where it's easier to hear from God,*
- (2) Connect them with mature Christ followers and drive the dialogue on the challenges they face: their emerging sexuality, how to overcome temptations, and how to set and achieve personal goals, and*
- (3) Return them safe and believing that it was the most fun they had all summer.*

*As we planned the retreat, we quickly discovered that the ability to swim was a huge obstacle that would prevent many of the boys from participating. Enter Swimming Ministry who was not only able to remove this obstacle, but could also provide a great way for*

*our young men to connect with each other before the retreat — in a faith-based setting. Both the teaching and Swimming Ministry scholarships that enabled the boys to attend the lessons were a Godsend that enriched our retreat. Thanks so much for your partnership that we hope will prosper for God's Glory in the future.*

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done." Thank you for teaching God's 'Boys of Summer.' Phil 4:13 is so true! Give thanks with me for all the staff, donors and participants that made this 40th year of Swimming Ministry possible. God did change us and the world around us...eternally. swstare

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & YOUTH HELPERS

Children, ages K through 3rd Grade, are invited to a Children's Worship service. Worship with the family (9am and 11:15am services). Just before the sermon, children will be dismissed to their special study and worship time. Listen for the announcement..

Today's helpers 9:00am Aiden M and 11:15am Ian & Joshua S. Next week's single service 10am Jason M.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**F.A.T.H.E.R.S Ministry Reunion** — Rev Dr Ron Rand, former CHPC Co-Pastor brought together several hundred men from more than a dozen churches in the Cincinnati area on Sat. Aug 20. Fathers And Their Home Environment Relationships was a ministry envisioned to disciple men in their walk with Christ and to overflow in blessing the men's wives and children. The ministry has expanded nationally and internationally.

**RSVP today** for the 8/28 lunch after the 10am single CHPC worship service. The Jesus University is doing a hot dog bar, chips and brownie bar. Stop in the Atrium today to RSVP or call the front desk during the week 541-5676. Donations accepted.

**African Corale** — Ps 100:2: *Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.* WANTED: enthusiastic vocalists to join us in a chorale to sing on a Sunday morning in both services. We will sing for the Lord in African languages. Not only will you will learn songs in African languages but you will also learn about the cultures where the songs originated. Psalm 86:9: *All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name.* Information? Contact Jacky Kalubi [jmkalubi@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkalubi@yahoo.com) and Pastor Dennis Hall [dhall@chpc.org](mailto:dhall@chpc.org).

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**The August BLAST (K-6)** — Theme is Obedience: "trusting those who lead you by doing what you're asked to do," and our memory verse is Hebrews 13:17a: "Trust in your leaders. Put yourselves under their authority. Do this, because they keep watch over you." This month families will experience Sunday School together, so please pray that kids and their families will learn to trust God's sovereign plan more fully and follow where He leads. Resources for both parents and kids are available on the BLAST page of the CYF website: <http://chpccyf.weebly.com/blast.html>.

**Family Sunday School** — Today in the last Family Sunday School during the 10:10-11:10am Foundation Hour. Families with kids 3 years old through 6th grade will experience Sunday School together. This is a great opportunity for families to get to know one another better and to engage with what kids are learning on Sundays. If you have children this age, please plan to attend Sunday School with your kids in the Great Hall on these dates.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

**Chancel Choir Starts 9/1** —The Fall season is quickly approaching and with it the return of the Chancel Choir. Chancel Choir rehearsals begin Thursday Sept 1, 2016. (NOTE DATE CHANGE.) The Choir will rehearse in the GREAT Hall. Rehearsals run from 7-8:30pm. If you have been thinking about joining the choir or debating yourself whether you should join the choir, consider this: we will rehearse for 3 weeks before we launch our new season. So come on in - test the waters by coming to rehearsal and see how it 'fits.' If it doesn't fit, you can return the robe and the folder and find a place of service that is a better fit. The important thing for every believer is to find your place(s) of service and serve our Great God in His Church.

## SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNING AT CHCP

**Exercise your gifts** of a warm smile and a friendly greeting. Enjoy talking to people? Want to get involved on Sunday morning? Showing hospitality? Meeting new people? Serving? If you answered yes to any of these, we have a ministry partner area for you- SUNDAY MORNING USHERS. Stop by the sign up table today! For additional questions, you can call or text Jinda at 720-9787.

## SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

*Mark your calendars now!*

**August 28th** is Milestone Sunday  
One Unified Service at 10am  
with lunch in Fellowship Hall following the service.

**September 4th**, Labor Day Weekend  
Would Jesus Vote?  
One Unified Service at 10am  
with lunch in Fellowship Hall following the service.

**September 11th - One Service Time, Two Locations**  
**10am at CHPC** with lunch in Fellowship Hall following the service and  
**10am at Winton Woods** for Worship in the Woods with lunch of hot dogs, chips and s'mores by the campfire following the service.

## SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Listening To One Another About Race** — Weds, August 24th at CHPC and open to the community. Let's keep learning how to connect in Jesus no matter our differences. We gather at 7pm to talk about race. It's a safe place to talk about a controversial subject. The Enemy seeks to divide but the Spirit will bring unity. We don't try to convince; we try to understand. Come join us and learn together to be unified in Christ. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP for Child Care with Mary Clare at 871-2309 or [mclarepeck@hotmail.com](mailto:mclarepeck@hotmail.com).

**Upcoming IHN Hosting Week** — College Hill Presbyterian will again be hosting 4 homeless families during the week beginning Sunday Aug 28. Housing families like this provides a lot of opportunities to join together as a community in service. Please see us at the table in the atrium if you'd like to be involved. Needs include:

**1. Overnight Hosts.** Each night of the week, we provide at least one person to spend the night to host our guests. The person(s) comes at 8pm and has their own private bedroom. In the morning, the host sets out a simple breakfast and is free to leave CHPC when the IHN bus comes around 6:30am.

**2. Room Setup.** On Sunday Aug 28 after the combined service assistance is needed to setup the classrooms for the IHN guests. Sunday Sept 4 morning before first service there is also a need to put away the beds and clean up.

**3. Laundry needs to be done.** Pickup Sunday Sept 4.

**4. Kitchen Hosts.** Each of the seven nights from 5 to 7 pm there is an opportunity to assist with kitchen duties like washing dishes and assisting with lunch preparation for the next day. Questions? Call the Main Office 541-5676.

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

## CHPC Community

Catherine Sanders	Arlene Sansone
Penny Sauer	Bart Sauer
Rachel Sauer	Cheryl Schaeffner
Colleen Scheid	Bill Scheid

**Staff** — Mike Hill - Custodian

**Officers/Leadership** — Janice Long - Deacon

**Home Bound/Health Center**  
Jessie Little

**Ministries** — SonLight Power

## In the Military

Adam Steveley US Army	Chris Jaeger USMC
Cary Jaeger USMC	Kirk Kalmbacher US Coast Guard
Zach Scharf Army National Guard	Nyjoel Baker US Air Force
Danny Holian US Navy Pilot	Will Connor US Army
Joey Nieberding US Army	Peter & Amanda Leugers US Navy
Gus Carpenter US Marines	Andrew Deiters US Marines
Colleen Sauer	Kara Sauer

## College/Career Students

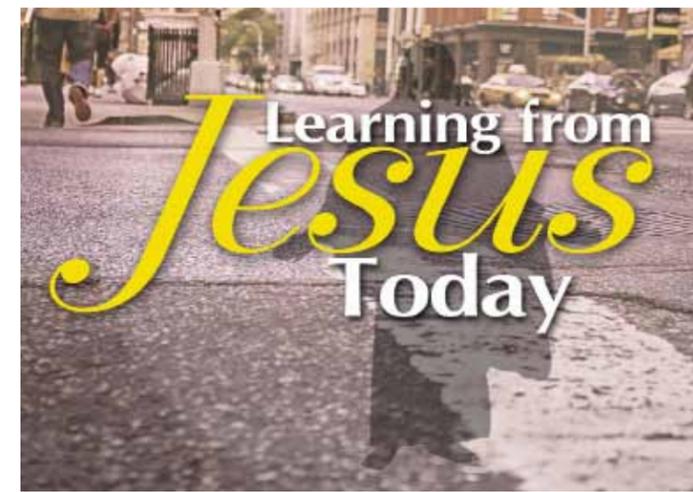
## PRAY FOR AND GREET THESE NEW MEMBERS



Rebecca  
'Beckie' Taylor



Cherie Bellingham-  
Funez & Medardo 'Mike'  
Funez



**August 21, 2016**

**Learning From Jesus Today**

Preaching: Rev. Drew Smith

## Welcome to College Hill Presbyterian Church

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Single, married, with children or not, there are many opportunities for knowing Christ, worshipping, 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

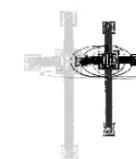
August 28	Milestone Sunday - One 10am Unified Service
Sept. 4	One 10am Unified Service
Sept. 11	One Service Time 10am; Two Locations CHPC and "Worship In The Woods" at Winton Woods Campground

## Today's Order of Worship

Prelude  
Call To Worship & Opening Prayer  
Songs of Praise  
Time of Confession & Forgiveness  
Passing the Peace — Dismissal to Children's Worship  
Song of Response  
Scripture & Sermon  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offering / Closing Song  
Announcements  
Charge and Blessing  
Postlude

## 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.



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