

# BELLTOWER NEWS



October 2017

## 2017 — the 500th Anniversary of the PROTESTANT REFORMATION. 10TH IN A SERIES.

In the center of the block-long 'Reformation Wall' in Geneva Switzerland stand four 16 foot tall statues: William Farel (1489-1565); John Calvin (1509-1564); John Knox (1513-1572) and Theodore Beza (1519-1605). They are flanked by Reformers from around the world including Jacob Arminius (1560-1609).

### TWO WHO GAVE LIFE TO T-U-L-I-P

BY REV DREW SMITH, COLLEGE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

How Calvinist was John Calvin? Great question, because the Calvinist form of doctrine developed from Calvin's teachings but did not get formalized or named until after his death. Theodore Beza (1519-1605) and Jacob Arminius (1560-1609) were instrumental in the development of Calvinism.

THEODORE BEZA was a prolific poet/ author/ dramatist/ translator. Like Calvin he was a Frenchman who did his best work in exile. He studied and served in Geneva and was a colleague of Farel and Calvin. Dr. Beza was the first rector of the Genevan Academy, a school of Reformed theology. As a master theologian and expert in the original languages of the Bible (Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic), Beza produced a series of editions of the Psalms and the Greek New Testament which eventually became the basis for the King James Version of the English Bible.

Upon Calvin's death in May 1564, Professor Beza, known as the 'Latin poet' because of his mastery of language, succeeded Calvin as the leader of the Reformed Church in Geneva. Beza developed and broadened the influence of the Reformed Church throughout Europe. Under his leadership Geneva became the strong center of the Reformed Faith and a refuge for French Huguenots.



"ALLEGORY OF THE THEOLOGICAL DISPUTE BETWEEN THE ARMINIANISTS AND THEIR OPPONENTS" BY ABRAHAM VAN DER EYK. TULIP WAS DEVELOPED TO REFUTE ARMINIANIST'S TEACHING.

Theologically, Beza used a more scholastic approach to doctrine and belief. He developed the understanding of God's sovereignty into a more specific form known as "supralapsarianism." "Supra" means before and "lapsum" means the fall. Theologians still argued about some fine points of doctrine. The issue they addressed is the logical (not chronological) timing of God's decree of the fall of humanity – when Adam and Eve sinned in Genesis 2. Beza and his followers argued that God decreed the salvation of humans

before he decreed the creation of the world and *permitted* the fall. The opposing view is known as "infralapsarianism" (infra means after) which holds that God decreed salvation *after* his decrees concerning the creation and fall.

JACOB ARMINIUS responded against the supralapsarian push of Beza. He was a Dutchman who studied in Geneva under Beza, but he led a group to refute Beza's scholastic focus. Arminius' followers gathered in 1610, just after his death, to publish their manifesto called *The Remonstrance*. They affirmed what has developed today into 'Arminianism' which opposed the doctrinal system that was being promoted in Geneva.

*Arminianism* emphasizes *conditional* election based on God's foreknowledge, *man's free will* through prevenient grace to cooperate with God in salvation, Christ's universal atonement, resistible grace, and *salvation that can potentially be lost*. John Wesley and the Methodist Movement were significantly influenced by Arminius.

In 1618, a large Reformed Church gathering, the Synod of Dort, responded to *The Remonstrance* of the Arminians with the first expression of the "Five Points of Calvinism" often referred to with the acronym TULIP:

- **Total Depravity** – Sin affects every aspect of human existence.
- **Unconditional Election** – God chose (elected) by grace those who would be freed from sin.
- **Limited Atonement** – Jesus's death accomplishes forgiveness for those who trust in him.
- **Irresistible Grace** – God's grace overcomes the rebellious sin of those God chooses to save.
- **Perseverance of the Saints** - All whom God chooses to save will persevere through the final judgement.

Long after the death of Calvin and even after the death of Beza and Arminius, we have the first expression of what we call today "Five Point Calvinism." TULIP formed out of the response to Arminius' teaching. While it does not capture the fullness of Reformed Theology or of Calvinism, it is easily to remember and a popular summary. In the end, we will never know just how *Calvinist* John Calvin really was...but we are thankful for him.

NEXT: Rev Russell Smith - Roger Williams & other New World 'Killjoys'

## Did you know?

At the end of August, the three local employees of PUREHOPE moved their offices to CHPC. They now make their home on the 2nd floor of the Ministry Center. Welcome Terry, Joanne and Irene!



## FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Please stop into the library located across from the Coke machine. Now through October 15th, you can take any of the audio tapes, video tapes and/or DVD's you can carry. (Actually, if you want more, we'll help you carry them out)



We will be transforming this area to a meeting space as part of the regeneration process. Don't miss this one time opportunity to get the VeggieTales episode you remember!



## CRIME-SOLVING SPEAKER AT SUPPER CLUB

The 2017/2018 season of Supper Club will be off to an exciting start with our first meeting on October 23. Along with an elegantly served meal by our caterer, Candyce Hughes, we will join armchair detective, JT Townsend as he investigates an infamous legend: Lizzie Borden, the lady with the axe.

The program will explore the relics and sift the evidence from JT's vast Borden Library Collection, as the author of "Queen City Gothic" exposes the myths and spins a devastating conclusion to this most notorious chapter in American criminal history.

Mr. Townsend is a freelance writer and author. He is a Cincinnatian, a resident of Wyoming, and a graduate of Miami University. As part of his True Crime Lecture Series, he has presented over 150 programs in the Cincinnati area.

So come to Supper Club on Monday evening, October 23, in Fellowship Hall for a bloody good time. Dinner will be served at 6:15pm and the program will begin at 7pm. The cost is \$12.00 per person. You must make a reservation by calling Sally Auble at 741-3125 before Thursday, October 19.

## The Most Enigmatic Woman in True Crime History



## Who's New in the Care & Counseling Ministry

My name is Joycelyn Johnson, but most people call me Joyce. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Illinois which I received in 1990. I am recently retired from my 1st career. I am currently an online student at Liberty University - pursuing a degree in Professional Counseling. I am very thankful to be here and look forward to being of service. During my practicum experience, I hope to learn how to put into practice the things that I have learned during my studies and to get a better perspective of the groups that God is calling me to serve as I continue on my journey.





## Connection Groups

Connection Groups are an 8 week “relational discipleship” experience where we connect with one another in Jesus. These groups provide a taste of authentic Christian community which we all need. For community, it’s crucial to create space so that we can share life, experience life-giving spiritual conversations, and give healthy support to one another. Connection Groups like these have promoted spiritual growth and deeper relationships since Jesus called the first disciples.

This church-wide initiative brings to life the “apprentice of Jesus” vision we have been hearing about in our current sermon series and will help clarify the mission of CHPC.

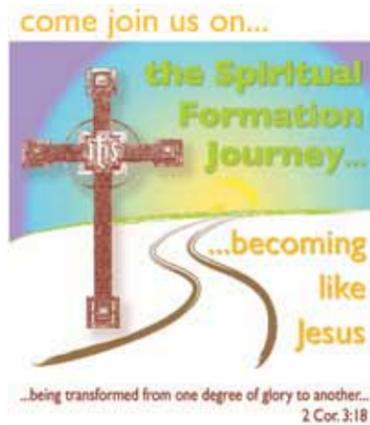
We will be hosting groups at different times and different places throughout the week, and each meeting will last about 90-120 minutes. Sign-ups are in the atrium now to join a group. Groups will start in early October. All adults and young adults are invited and encouraged to participate. After this two-month journey you will have a deeper understanding of God’s salvation of the world, and your part in it as we grow In Christ alongside each other.

## Adult Spiritual Formation

### October Update

By William Custer

Fall is upon us. Back to school excitement for some. Perhaps this is the time for you to get more serious about your spiritual life. We would love to be a part of that reflection. Notice the new class led by Missi Kershner starting 10/8.



### Book of Colossians

What purpose did the Apostle Paul have in writing his letter to the church at Collose? What grace was he trying to impart? What does this letter say to us today? Join us as we seek answers to these questions. Led by Scott Rice, Sundays at 10:10am. 9/10 thru 11/5.

### Becoming a Community That Glorifies

Heavenly Father, make us into your community for your glory. We are to be a community that glorifies God. But how do we compare with the church following Jesus’ resurrection? How was the early church created and how did it grow? Mark and Janet offer this four-week class to explore what community looked like with Jesus – the multitudes, the seventy-two, the twelve, and the three.

### Discipleship 101

Following up to the Apprenticeship sermon series, let’s jump in and discuss what this really looks like in day to day life and what Jesus says about discipleship (there’s quite a bit!). We will look at Scripture and see God’s design for discipleship and Jesus’ example of discipleship. We will share our own experiences of discipleship (believe it or not- EVERYONE has had some sort of discipling relationship). We will talk about what holds us back from doing discipleship and encourage one another in the areas that are hard. Young or old- God calls on ALL of us to be HIS disciple and isn’t it great He created us to do it together?! So let’s spend a few Sundays together with some coffee and tea and learn and experience together discipleship. Led by Missi Kershner, Sundays at 10:10am. 10/8 thru 11/5.

## Prayer Page

CHPC Community

Elaine Stattman	Art Stattman	Linda Stifel	John Stifel
Barbara Stone	Russell Stone	Terri Strasinger	Paul Strasinger
Elena Stothfang	Tildy Stubbers	Jane Todd	Sue Wade
Barb Telecsan	Steve Telecsan	Avril Warren	Galen Warren
Renee Vander Veen	Zack Vander Veen	Mary Sue Verhagen	Paul Verhagen
Diane Wagner	Mike Wagner	Robynn Warner	Jim Warner
Ursula Wall	Donald Wall	Lynn Walden	Bill Wooten

### 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
Gus Carpenter US Marines	Andrew Deiters US Marines
Peter & Amanda Leugers US Navy	

### Home Bound / Health Center

Chloe Bernius	Betty Henderson
Mae Klusmeier	Margaret Kuyper
Jessie Little	Jane Lott
Ethel Siefert	Gloria Smith

### Staff & Leadership

### Global Workers

### College Career Students



### Opportunities to Pray

Community Prayer Monday 6pm-7pm @ House of Joy  
 Kindling Prayer Group October 11 @ 7pm in the White House  
 Morning Prayer For CHPC Thursdays @ 8:30am in the Prayer Room  
 Sunday Morning Prayer Sundays @ 8:00am in the Prayer Room

**Pumpkin Patch 2017**  
 Saturday, October 14th  
 10 am to 3 pm  
 Admission - \$5 per child for guided activities & games, treat bag, prizes and a mini-pumpkin. \$3 for pony ride only.  
 JOIN THE BIG SCARECROW BUILD!  
 \$5 per FAMILY  
 College Hill Recreation Area (Town Hall)  
 5660 Belmont Ave @ Larch Ave 45224  
 Fall-themed activities & games for children, pony rides & petting zoo, farmer's market, dozens of artists and crafters with their wares. Storytelling, puppets, live entertainment and food vendors.  
 Info? College Hill Gardeners 300-6168  
 collegehillgardeners@gmail.com  
 PIG ROAST & LIVE MUSIC - 5 pm to 9 pm - www.chpc.org/PigRoast for Tickets  
 Hosted by College Hill Community Urban Redevelopment Corp

**CHILDREN,  
 YOUTH &  
 FAMILY**

For more information contact:  
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**OCTOBER**

1 FAMILY EVENT: MINUTE TO WIN IT NIGHT 6-8PM  
 8-14 CRASH SMALL GROUPS  
 15 MEGABLAST 6-8PM  
 21 CRASH EVENT: CORN MAZE 5-9PM  
 22-28 CRASH SMALL GROUPS