

Relationships add depth, meaning, and joy to life but also frustration and challenges. Each week in January and February, we will explore God's wisdom for relationships so that we can be **Better Together** with our spouses, neighbors, co-workers, and families.

Each Sunday's worship service will highlight a crucial element of relationships. Between the worship services, a unified adult class meeting in the Fellowship Hall will provide practical implications for our lives including helpful how-to discussions. The worship themes for each Sunday and the Adult Spiritual Formation class are listed below.

**January 7: Love**

Class: How to improve your serve.

**January 14: Listen**

Class: How to listen well.

**January 21: Enjoy**

Class: How can technology enhance our relationships.

**January 28: Caring Confrontation**

Class: How to disagree with respect and honor.

**February 4: Forgive**

Class: How to forgive.

**February 11: Accomplish**

Class: How to work together.

**Sunday Schedule:**

9am: Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:10am: Class and discussion in the Fellowship Hall

11am: Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary

**DICK PEACOCK  
ART EXHIBIT**

Dick Peacock was a long time member of CHPC. After moving to Otterbein Retirement Home in 2005, he died in 2006 from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Now Otterbein would like to have an art exhibit of his water colors, most of which were done after he retired, from his architectural firm. He also taught design for twenty years at the University of Cincinnati's School of Design, Art and Planning as an adjunct professor.

This art show will be available for your viewing, through the month of January. I would love to be able to share with you this retrospective art show. You can come anytime up until 10PM any day of the week.

The address for Otterbein Retirement Home is 585 N. State Route 741. Take exit 29 off of 75 North (Lebanon-Monroe exit, Ohio State Route 63). Go left (east) on S.R. 63 approximately 3 miles to S. R. 741 (there is a light there). Turn left and Otterbein is on your left as you proceed north on 741.

Even though the show is available the entire month of January, there is a special opening day of January 11, 1-3 PM, if you'd like some light refreshments.

If you have any questions, you can call me, 513-934-0585. I'm available most of the time, and if you leave a message, I will get back to you.

Sincerely,  
**Ann Peacock**



Woven, the women's ministry is excited to once again host a simulcast of IF:Gathering 2018.

What IF we followed God with perseverance instead of insecurity?

At IF:Gathering 2018, we will look at one of Paul's letters to Timothy as he reminded him of the power and responsibility of sharing the gospel. We want to give God away in the very places He's put us, so we're going to gather for the purpose of remembering why following God and making disciples matters. We all get tired, we all wonder if what we're doing matters, so IF:Gathering 2018 will be the reminder--it will be the celebration. The work we're doing to share the gospel on the earth is worth it and God DOES move through the little things that nobody sees. Join us.

CHPC will be hosting a live simulcast of IF:Gathering 2018 Feb. 9 from 7pm-10pm and Feb. 10 from 9:30-6 with an afternoon break for lunch. The cost is \$10 and for an additional \$5, we will have a boxed lunch for you.

You can register by going to the following website <https://register.if-gathering.com/event/ifcincinnati> and click on ATTEND THIS IF:LOCAL GATHERING.

If you have questions, please contact Missi Kershner at [missikershner@gmail.com](mailto:missikershner@gmail.com) or 254-6908.

# BELLTOWER NEWS



January 2018

## Tutoring Ministry Update

By Colleen Scheid

Our tutoring ministry has a different vibe this year. CHPC's long and convoluted history of tutoring had resulted in two separate programs, which we merged this year. Now both Whiz Kids and Treehouse have one team leading them. It's joyful to be working together, combining our gifts and seeing great results.

Twenty-five tutors each meet with a child in the cafeteria of Pleasant Hill Academy, next to the library on North Bend Rd. After Mark Evans leads them in learning a Bible story, the Whiz Kids, in grades one through three, go into the library where they have a reading lesson geared to their level. At the end of the hour, Helen Brooks leads them in a prayer circle. Treehouse kids, in grades four through six, stay in the cafeteria and study a passage from the book of Mark with their tutors. They go through a combination reading/Bible lesson with personal questions at the end to help tutors and their students connect on a spiritual level. At the end of the hour they pray together.

We have two objectives: to help kids get up to grade level with their reading, and to help them learn about and experience the love of God. We also want to get to know parents and guardians – to welcome whole families into Christian community. To this end, we have had two family dinners. One launched the program in October, and one was a Christmas party complete with a nativity play.

As the coordinator I sense that God is using our unified focus to multiply our impact. Mark Evans is our spiritual coordinator, showing cool Crossroads Bible story videos and discussing them with the children to launch each session. Chris Evans helps with countless details. Helen Brooks shepherds the little children and connects with parents to help keep up attendance. Susan Faul prepares curriculum for the younger children. Robyn Hubbuch drives students



who could not otherwise come and Bill Windisch keeps records for our umbrella organization, City Gospel Mission.

The missional community which meets at the Dumford's home has been wonderfully supportive, working with Chris Evans to cook and serve the two meals we have provided on family nights. They also pray for the school and help it in other ways. Pastor Dennis Hall and Robyn Hubbuch, the Director of Children, Youth and Families, meet with school leadership regularly, so at all levels, the school is receiving encouragement and help from our church.

Principal, Shauna McDowell and Resource Coordinator, Tim Walker, have been delighted by how many parents have come to the family nights. Student attendance has been over eighty percent, which is high for a population with many below the poverty level.

Students are really enjoying the program. I drove one little boy home from our Christmas party, and he said, "I can't wait for January 9th!" (The date we begin tutoring again.) I asked two new sixth grade boys what they liked best about the program and each of them said they were glad they were learning about the Bible! Neither of these boys have a church background, so they are hearing about Jesus for the first time. In hundreds of little ways, our tutors are giving help, truth, love and joy to children who desperately need it.

**Please pray for us:**

- That children will come to Christ.
- That we will establish relationships with parents and those who do not have a good church will come to ours.
- That tutors will be given love for their students, plus the gifts of teaching and wisdom.
- That the love and power of God will be evident when we meet.



## Global Worker Update

### Part 2

*God scatters His people around the globe so that “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” (Habakkuk 2:14) As we walk with Him, He guides each of us where we can serve Him best. Here are some of the places and ways God has been using the people sent out through CHPC for His glory and the benefit of the world in 2017. Please ask the Lord of the harvest to send more workers: As you will see, several are ready to retire, but the work is not finished. Then, join our workers in God’s harvest by standing with them daily in PRAYER.*

Two pastors we support live in a part of the Middle East that has suffered much turmoil. They work to encourage and strengthen the small community of Christians that remain, and build relationships of good will and trust with other religious communities in order to demonstrate God’s love through service. They have had abundant opportunities to meet the needs of refugees who are still crowded in nearby camps. Pray God will open doors for continued service in Jesus’ name in the region.

**Andy and Emily Eatough** were both serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators when they met and married in 1998, then served together in Asia until 2015. Because of Emily’s health, the family relocated to Dallas where they serve at the International Linguistics Center. Andy advances Bible translation by using his gifts for teaching, research, and linguistics as an instructor at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics, College of International Studies. He helps prepare his students to serve cross-culturally, many in Bible translation. Emily home schools their children and helps to cast the vision for Bible translation among students, while working to improve her health.

**Olivia and Abdel** live and work in Paris. Their team uses a combination of technology and friendship to reach out to people in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East who are interested in learning more about Jesus Christ. For several years Abdel has manned a booth in the Arabic hall at the huge annual Frankfurt (Germany) book fair. As the only Arab Christian representative, he has had many remarkable discussions about Jesus with scholars and leaders from several Islamic nations. Olivia is working on a Master’s degree in Biblical counseling and serves in the church and neighborhood. She is the Leadership Development and Human Resources director for their ministry office in France. Their older two children are in college, the younger two in grade school.



## CALLING HANDBELL RINGERS

One of the ministries which blessed so many last fall was the Handbell Choir. Their accompaniments with the Chancel Choir and solos in our worship added a very special touch to our services. The CHPC Handbell Choir is resuming rehearsals and is looking for ringers. Requirements: commitment and counting. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings in the sanctuary from 7:00-8:30pm.

If you like music but think you cannot sing or play the piano or an orchestra instrument but would like to be involved in worship in a musical way, consider playing in the Handbell Choir. Ring with joy with us. For more information contact Carl Bryant at [carl.bryant@uc.edu](mailto:carl.bryant@uc.edu) or Terry Fischer at [terry.fischer@purehope.net](mailto:terry.fischer@purehope.net).

## Prayer Page

### CHPC Community

Sue Pangallo	Lynn Dyer	Tom Dyer	Dianna North
Catherine Sanders	Loretta Burns	Stevie Burns	Janice Long
Cathy Smith	Drew Smith	Julie Wilbur	Matt Wilbur
Ozoma Onyegbulam	Johnny Baker	Becky Warren	Chris Roediger
Jinda Bowerman	Michael Bowerman	Jeanne Schneider	Stephen Schneider
Michelle Dyson	Brian Dyson	Jenn Williams	Roger Williams
Charolett Phoenix	John Phoenix	Favia Leary	Paul Leary

### 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	Emily Cates
Betty Henderson	Mae Klusmeier
Margaret Kuyper	Jessie Little
Jane Lott	Ethel Siefert
Janet Sinks	Gloria Smith



### Opportunities to Pray

Community Prayer	Monday 6pm-7pm @ House of Joy
Kindling Prayer Group	January 10 @ 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

### Pray for

**CHILDREN,  
YOUTH &  
FAMILY**

For more information contact:  
**Robyn @ 513-505-3041**  
[rhubbuch@chpc.org](mailto:rhubbuch@chpc.org)

**Pray for our new Officers,  
Elders and Deacons  
who were  
Ordained and Installed  
on 1/7/2018**



**1ST IN A SERIES ON 'AMERICAN REFORMERS'**

During 2017, a group of pastors and lay persons, the Cincinnati Reformation Team, introduced readers to key Reformers before, during and after Luther's time — men and women from England to the Czech Republic to the shores of the New World. 500 years ago God unleashed the powerful life-giving, world-transforming Gospel through 'flesh and blood' people like us. What set them apart is God's re-forming of them from the inside out. Times change but the God of the Reformation does not! God's Reformation is far from 'over.'

Each month during 2018 you will be introduced to Christian men and women who have profoundly formed and reformed America — simple folk who covenanted together, great preachers and teachers whose work formed the spirits and minds of generations to come, and genteel women affecting morals and rights with a pen, a ballot and a hatchet.

**THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT**

BY SHARLYN 'SAM' STARE — ELDER, COLLEGE HILL PRESBYTERIAN

Near the center of the International Reformation Wall in Geneva Switzerland is pictured the signing of the *Mayflower Compact* enroute to the New World, America. U.S. history books barely mention the event. Yet, it represents a significant act of 'reformation' for the rest of the world. The *Mayflower Compact* declared that this new land would have a government in which supreme power resides in a body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by elected officers and representatives responsible to them and governing according to Law.

The USA as we know it is more than a democracy. It's a democracy within a 'republic.' For example, in the wild west, if a person was suspected of a crime punishable by death the sheriff authorizes a posse to capture the suspect. The posse finds the person. *In a democracy*, the posse members vote on whether they think the person is guilty. If a majority decide 'yes,' they prepare for a hanging. *In a republic* however, the sheriff rides up and reminds the posse that they were sworn to act as agents of the Law. Under the established Law, the fugitive is entitled to a formal trial by a jury of peers. Then everyone returns to town for the trial.

The *Mayflower Compact* was the humble beginning of such a concept — a democracy within a republic — where people purposefully covenanting to live under agreed-upon laws.

**WHY WAS THIS SO RADICAL A CHANGE?**

Every succeeding generation must struggle mightily with applying the Word of God and the doctrines recovered at the time of the reformation in their time and culture. The word 'reform' captures the Biblical concept of 'turning,' and is used to describe a return to the ways God revealed in His Word,

the Bible. 100 years after Luther, most of Europe was ruled by autocrats who ruled with no limits or input from those being ruled. The Pilgrim Fathers and Mothers who sailed on the *Mayflower* to America turned away from the Old World and its ways. The *Mayflower Compact* is the New World's first example of 'Godly reformation' — an agreement for *self-government* and enforcement of the law.

The 102 passengers on the *Mayflower* had survived the 66 day voyage mostly living together in a 24 foot wide by 68 foot long area of the ship. On November 11, 1650, 41 male passengers signed the *Mayflower Compact* on behalf of their families. The signers were a combination of 'saints' [religious refugees] and 'strangers' [adventurers, tradesmen, indentured servants and orphan children].



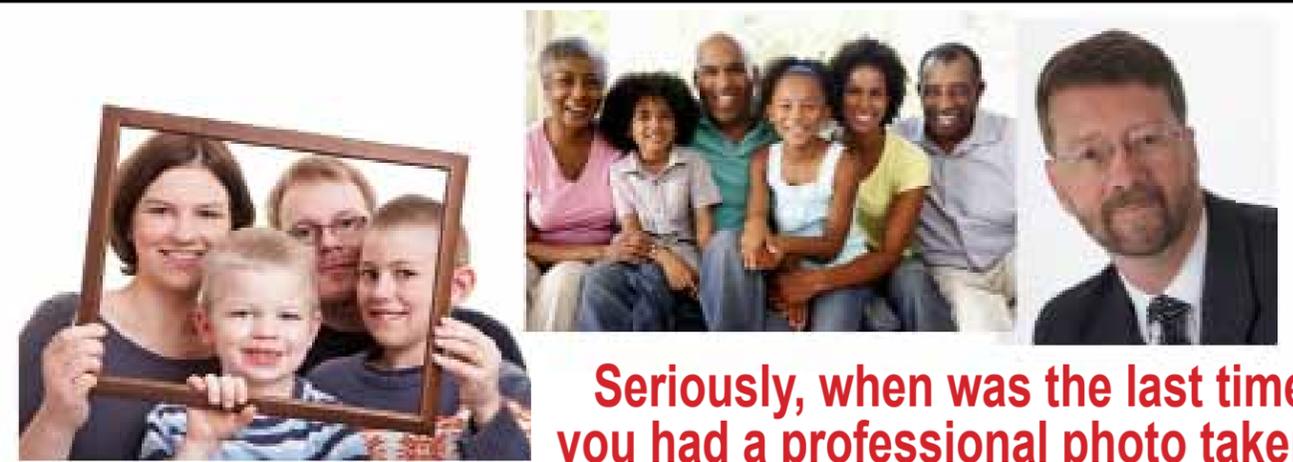
The 'strangers' sought fame and fortune in a new land. The 'saints' however, earnestly believed God's Word: "You will

seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." [Jeremiah 29:13] They were Congregationalists who passionately embraced Calvin's Reformed Theology. They chose to 'separate' from the Anglican Church of England and its 'heresies.' For this, they were severely persecuted, hunted, and killed.

The 'saints' wrote the *Mayflower Compact* as a binding social contract to ensure the order and success of *the whole Plymouth colony* "in the name of God Amen." They openly declared that the first colony in the Northern Parts was "undertaken for the Glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith" and the honor of King and Country.

Signers included William Bradford, Miles Standish, future governor John Carver and even two indentured servants. Many believe that the *Mayflower Compact* was the 'glue' that held the colony together during the first devastating winter of 1620-21 where nearly half the settlers died. Its simple truths filled people with God's indomitable strength and courage. This document served for 71 years until replaced by a similar one for the Massachusetts Bay Colonies.

NEXT MONTH - Jonathan Edwards (1703 – 1758) and the *Great Awakening in America*.



**Seriously, when was the last time you had a professional photo taken?**

*"We have more photos in our lives today, but fewer that last."*

**OPERATION SMILE!** College Hill Presbyterian Church [5742 Hamilton Ave 45224] is providing a way for you and anyone in the College Hill Community to be photographed by appointment. Life Touch, the nation's largest professional photographic company, produces *heirloom quality* images using archival inks and paper. The pictures will be worth keeping and framing for future generations. Unlike most ePhotos, these photographs last.

**Photo Dates:** (2:30-9PM) **Tues Feb 13, Weds Feb 14** (Valentine's Day - Ash Weds), **Thurs Feb 15, and Friday Feb 16 & March 1; plus (10AM-5PM) Saturday Feb 17 & March 2.**

Call the church at 513-541-5676 for more information and appointments.

**FREE PHOTO**

1. Each single or family that is photographed receives a complimentary 8"x10" high quality photo.
2. Photographic sittings take about an hour of your time. You select your picture(s) right after photography.
3. There are 7 days of photography, most with two or more photographers.

**DISCOUNTS**

Seniors, military and first responders receive discounts of 15-20%. Register online or by bringing a non-perishable food item for "Feed the Need" for an additional discount. The food will be given to Christ's Community in College Hill. Ask about coupon details.

**GENERATIONAL & PET PHOTOS**

Invite several generations of your family or even a group of friends or neighbors or a sports team to make an

appointment for a memorable, irreplaceable photo. Photos will be taken during two weekends enable college students and extended family to be photographed. Allow extra time to get the poses desired. *Well-behaved pets* may be photographed with or without you.

**WHY IS THE CHURCH OFFERING PHOTOGRAPHY TO THE COMMUNITY?**

Life Touch photographers are part of the church's pictorial directory process. Only church-related people will be in the printed directory. However, as a church seeking to serve the community, we want to make professional photography available to others — anyone wishing to have a professional photograph taken for home/business.

**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT SUNDAYS**

Jan 14 through Feb 11 (10AM and 12noon) or online. Questions? Sam Stare (513) 542-2442 .

**Online Appointments** link at [www.CHPC.org](http://www.CHPC.org) or <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y869145g/>

**Did you know?**

**That every Thursday morning at 10:30am we have a knitting group in the Atrium? The knitters work on personal projects but more importantly, they work on prayer shawls. These prayer shawls are given to those in our congregation who are who are sick, to help bring comfort and healing. The group always welcomes new faces.**



## CARE & COUNSELING CORNER

The Care and Counseling Ministry continues to serve the church and community by providing spiritual, emotional and mental health counseling with over 1400 counseling/listening sessions last year. We continue to see God bring transformation in people's lives as He heals the brokenness, shines his truth into the darkness and brings comfort to the hurting.

We welcome two new interns this year (see below) and are grateful Lynn Crider and Joyce Johnson continue their internships with the ministry.

If interested in receiving counseling or listening services contact the Counseling Center at 513-541-5676, x1163. If you have questions please contact Jeanne Schneider at jschneider@chpc.org or 513-541-5676, x1160.

### Katie Alexander

I am currently a graduate student at Xavier University working on my Masters of Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Previously for my undergraduate degree, I studied Psychology at the University of Arizona where I also obtained a minor in Business Administration. I recently completed a Practicum with Butler Behavioral Health Services, where I worked as a school based therapist in both elementary and middle schools. I am eager to begin my internship here at College Hill Presbyterian where I can hone in counseling skills with a new population as well as incorporating spirituality to improve mental health and overall wellness.



### Elizabeth Osborn

I am currently a graduate student studying Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Xavier University. I also have a bachelor's degree in the field of Education from Ohio University. Currently I am an elementary school teacher in the Sycamore Community school district. Mental Health is my personal and professional passion and I believe that all members of society can benefit from the support that counseling provides. I look forward to listening with an open heart and assisting clients on the path towards healing.



## Adult Spiritual Formation Winter Update

By William Custer

Winter is an excellent time to evaluate one's spiritual life. How do I stand with God? Are we on speaking terms? Does He feel neglected? There are many ways to draw closer to God and among them is the study of the love letters in His Word. It can help to go on this study journey with others. A classes begins Sunday, January 7 at 10:10. Attend the class today and start the New Year off right.

### Starting January 7

All church study on BETTER TOGETHER led by Jeanne Schneider. See article on back page for more detail about this class.

### Coming on February 18

Guess the Sermon Topic  
This Bible based class will study the text for the following week's sermon and attempt to guess what Drew, Dennis, Mike or Jeanne will make the focus of the sermon. Mark and Sharon Holland who will be leading this class have extensive Biblical education and teaching experience.

### On Ma Journey Now

This study based on African American spirituals is designed to help participants grow spiritually as they experience the season of Lent. The material relates human suffering in the context of African American history to Jesus' journey from the wilderness to the cross. We will listen to and sing one of the spirituals each week. No book needed. Led by Helen Brooks.

### Jesus, the Final Passover Lamb

Using selected passages from the Gospels and Old Testament, we will explore some key events in Jesus' final week. We'll see how Jesus fulfills the prophecies as we experience this crucial week through his eyes. With a fresh look at these familiar Scriptures the class will have an opportunity to search deep for what it means to us as individuals. Come with open hearts, expecting to meet Jesus. Please bring a Bible and a notebook each week. Class size 15. Taught by Fran Kelley

### Men's Ministry – Ignite 33 Series

Joe Brooks is interested in starting this men's ministry up again. See Ignite Men's Ministry Article on opposite page for more info.



Welcome to **IGNITE**, the dynamic Men's Ministry at College Hill Presbyterian Church. Our mission is to encourage men through relational ministry to develop a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ, with other men and with the men who don't know Christ. IGNITE challenges men from all walks of life to be Godly leaders in their homes, marketplace, community, and in the church.

**IGNITE** is committed to carry out its mission through various ministry initiatives including **Band of Brothers**, a bi-weekly gathering of men to study the Bible. This group meets every other Thursday in the Fireside Room from 6am to 7:30am. The next gathering will be Thursday February 1. For more information contact Barry Stare at 513-382-5897

A very popular gathering coming in February is a 6 week course offered through Authentic Manhood called, **The 33 Series**. This study is designed to equip men to pursue Authentic Manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in the 33 years He lived on earth. 33 utilizes both large and intimate small group settings to address issues that every man faces no matter his socio-economic status, race or age. These small discussion groups are safe, non-judgmental and healing. Being with other men is a reminder that you are not in this alone. We all struggle but we are reminded that we have an Advocate and we have each other.



This February we will offer a couple of time slot opportunities to join this life changing group. One group will meet during the Foundation Hour with a 6-week topic on **A Man and His Traps**. This study will give men freedom to take off their mask and move to a healthier place of honesty and growth as they learn to become more like our model Jesus Christ. The class study will begin Sunday February 18.

In addition, for many that did not get to be a part of the first 33 session and want the foundation of the study, we will offer the study, **A Man and His Design** on Saturday mornings for 6 weeks at 7am beginning February 17. We will begin sign ups in the Atrium beginning Sunday morning, January 21, but will also have signups via our website. We are encouraging all men to participate as you feel led and bring a friend. The transformation that occurs in men through small groups is real.

Guys hang on, we're not done yet, there's more for us men in 2018. Our **IGNITE Social Event** Calendar of outings and fun activities will be coming out soon and will be posted on the CHPC website as well as handouts. These will be non-religious events that you would feel totally comfortable inviting a non-churched individual to participate like your neighbors, friends or co-workers; examples include Super Bowl party, Discover Scuba Cincinnati, bowling night, group sporting events, men's retreat, hiking/camping trips, community service projects and much more. The level of activity we plan will be measured by the interest.



Lastly, we are looking for a few good men to serve on the IGNITE Leadership Team to help facilitate the mission of the ministry. As you know, ministry is like a team sport, we need folks operating in roles of passion and gifts. We want representatives from every diverse aspect of our church and community communicating the message that all men are welcome. If you see the need and have a desire to see men connected to God and each other in Discipleship, the CHPC IGNITE Leadership Team is for you. For more information on IGNITE contact Joe Brooks at 513-375-5126 or Pastor Dennis at 513-541-5676 ext. 1122