



Belltower News

College Hill Presbyterian Church – April 2018

Getting to Know the Holy Spirit

Rev. Drew Smith

How well do you know the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is God. The Trinity describes the eternal reality of one God existing as three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This spring we will explore the history and ministry of the Spirit. How do we relate to the Spirit? How does the Spirit relate to us? How does the Spirit relate to the Father and the Son? The Scriptures outline the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit from creation to the church today. Let's meet with the Spirit this Spring.

April 8: Holy Spirit at Creation
Genesis 1:1,2; 2:7; Psalm 104:27-30

April 15: Holy Spirit in the Old Testament
Exodus 35:30-34; Numbers 11:16, 17, 29

April 22: Holy Spirit and Jesus
Matthew 3:16,17; John 14:26; 16:8,13

April 29: The Spirit Ignites the Church
Acts 2

May 6: The Spirit Grows the Church
John 3

May 13: The Spirit Empowers the Church
1 Cor 12, 14

May 20: The Spirit Changes the Church
Galatians 5

May 27: The Spirit Comforts the Church
Romans 8

'Over Seas' Ministry Opportunity

Sam Stare

Make an eternal difference in the lives of children and adults each summer! The Swim Ministry is in its 42nd summer. This unique ministry has a large paid staff of American Red Cross certified Instructors, Life Guards, Adult Mentors and Junior & Senior High Teachers' Aides. Swimmers working at Red Cross skill level 4 who are a minimum age of 11 may apply.

Go to www.chpc.org/register for Swim Ministry Staff and Swimmer applications. By April 1, these documents will be mailed to those formerly involved in the ministry. Questions? Sam Stare – 513-542-2442.



Part of the CHPC 2017 Swim Ministry Staff

Dates for 2018

**Youth & Children's Lessons
North Hills Swim Club**
(10am, 11am, 12pm)
Week #1: June 25-29
Week #2: July 16-20
Week #3: July 30-Aug 3

**Adult Lessons at
Twin Towers Pool**
(6-7pm)
EVE #2 Adults: July 9-13
EVE #3 Adults: July 23-27

Staff Training: June 7 and 8 from 6-9pm with dinner at College Hill Presbyterian.
June 9 (9-4 at Twin Towers).



Adult Spiritual Formation Spring Update

By William Custer

The current series of Adult Spiritual Formation classes will wrap up this Sunday, March 18 and a new series will begin on **Sunday, April 8.**

Watch Your Mouth

James, the brother of our Lord, called the human tongue a restless evil full of deadly poison and a fire which no one can tame. Based on the book *Watch Your Mouth*, by Tony Evans, this class offers Spirit-filled insight into how to use our words. Led by Barb Rosen.

Salt & Light

Discover how to get your salt out of the shaker and uncover your light through the art of spiritual conversations. We will study scripture, pray, watch a you tube video or two and dialogue with one another about ways to fulfill Jesus' commandment to "go into all the world and proclaim the good news.." Class size is limited to 8 participants. Led by Anita Shoemaker.

Life and Teachings of Jesus: Final Week

Get a birds-eye view of the final week of Jesus' ministry. This is a follow-up on the earlier survey of Jesus life. Almost half of the Gospel of John is devoted to Jesus' Final week as he "set his face like flint" to the cross and experienced the joy of resurrection. Focus will be given on how Jesus offered miracles and fulfilled prophecy as evidence that He is the Son of God. Led by William Custer.

Ignite Men's Ministry Presents 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. Although this is a continuation of the group that started in February, new comers are welcome. Led by Joe Brooks.

A Man and His Design - Saturdays

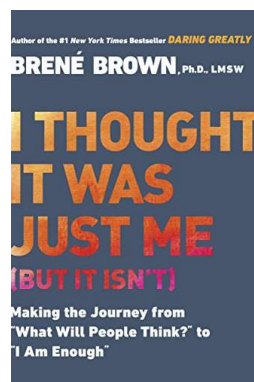
Will meet Saturday mornings beginning February 17 at 7am. We have Sign Ups for both groups in the Atrium and online. We are

encouraging all men to participate and bring a friend. For more information contact Joe Brooks at 513-375-5126.

Developing Resiliency

Jeanne Schneider

Develop Resiliency Group Starts April 10



Are you tired of feeling inadequate? Weary of the messages of this world that tell us who, what, and how we're supposed to be? So often we hide our struggles and protect ourselves from shame, judgement, criticism, and blame by seeking safety in pretending and perfectionism. There is good news that in our imperfections and vulnerabilities we connect with one another.

Care & Counseling Ministry invites you to begin the journey of self-exploration in a safe place with others desiring peace and freedom in their lives. Developing Resiliency led by counseling interns Joyce Johnson and Katie Alexander begins April 10 on Tuesdays for 12 weeks. Class will meet in the Counseling Center from 7-8:30 PM. Class size is limited so register soon at chpc.org/events. Cost: \$30 includes all books. Questions: Contact Jeanne Schneider at jschneider@chpc.org or 513-541-5676, x1160

Refugee Update

Missions Team

THANK YOU for your prayers for the English class for refugees that meets on Fridays, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Since January, we have averaged between 20-25 refugees for English class plus 5-10 for Citizenship classes on Fridays. Students are from Bhutan, Syria, Eritrea, Guatemala, and Palestine. We have 12 volunteer teachers and about 7 volunteer assistant teachers plus about 6 support people.

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God has provided a new teacher with experience working with ESL and refugees plus several more great assistant teachers to help at the six tables of students and teachers. We have completed units on the Calendar, People and Family. We will begin a unit on Medical Terms and First Aid.

An answer to prayer is that through several connections God led us to a resource for teaching the lowest level students. Since over 3/4 of the students have never had any formal schooling in their country, most are pre-literate. One set of Easy English Reader books with photos of people from various cultures in nine different topics such as Food, Shopping, Family, Feelings, Places, etc. was purchased.

The books were so effective and engaging for the students that more copies of each topic were purchased. The students love them and can even read some of the books. We have started having the students gain confidence in speaking English by reading the books aloud to volunteers. The students are engaged and speaking English more.

If you would like to help any Friday, contact Robin Riechel at 513-675-4375. If you are unable to help, please pray as the prayers are being answered weekly.

Continued prayers are needed for ideas to help students learn more and make connections to the English language. God is helping us give hope in the "Long Welcome" to the refugees in Cincinnati.

Did you know?

You can find past editions of Belltower News (formerly known as Hot Off the Press) on our website at www.chpc.org

Engaging Twenty-Somethings in God's Mission

Missions Team

Understanding Their World (10:00 - 11:00 a.m.)

The focus of this session will be to understand the landscape of research that helps to illuminate what is happening with twenty-somethings and Millennials broadly, and the implications for congregations and ministries. It will include dissertation research and findings from a variety of think tanks.

What Does This Mean For CHPC? (2:00 - 4:30 p.m.)

The session will be dialogical exploring together through large group discussions and dialogue at tables which trends are most relevant for CHPC in light of its desire to fruitfully engage twenty-somethings.

Implication #1: Which Twenty-Somethings / Which Millennials?

While there are broad trends in twenty-somethings and millennial research, there are also tribal realities. It is extremely important to clarify which millennials or twenty-somethings you feel called to engage. There are likely different groups but the purpose of this time is to emerge with clarity about which specific twenty-somethings or Millennials we are discussing because that will impact everything else.

Implication #2: How Is Congregational Culture Helping And Hindering Them?

Research trends identify a number of things that twenty-somethings and Millennials need to continue growing and developing to their full potential. However, often what they need is at odds with norms and values of congregations, or beliefs about how things should be done in a church.

The purpose of this session will be to: 1) identify how congregational culture is helping and hindering twenty-somethings; and 2) identify strategic ways to provide what twenty-somethings need in light of CHPC's congregational culture.



Implication #3: What Role Might Mentoring Communities Play?

The focus of this session will be to explore the power of mentoring communities (what they are and what they are not), and how they can inform CHPC strategies for engaging twenty-somethings in various ways.

Implication #4: What Experiments Might We Launch?

In light of all that has been discussed and learned, what types of experiments are worth launching at CHPC as a way of growing in wisdom and discernment about how the congregation can most fruitfully engage twenty-somethings and Millennials in ministry and mission?

Time will be spent brainstorming different types of experiments with the goal of landing on a few that will be intentionally explored and potentially implemented in the coming months. This session will end with agreed upon next steps that will be taken so everyone is clear about what will happen as a result of the time of learning together.

Facilitator:



Mary Lederleitner did her dissertation on missional twenty-somethings. She has a Ph.D. in Educational Studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and a M.A. in Intercultural Studies from Wheaton College. She also works as an adjunct professor at both of these institutions. For the

past twenty years she has served in a variety of international leadership roles with Wycliffe. She recently transitioned to a new ministry called "Missional Intelligence" which serves under the auspices of Faith & Learning International so she can focus more on research and writing. Mary is author of *Cross-Cultural Partnerships* (2010; InterVarsity Press) and she will launch her next book with InterVarsity at Urbana in December of 2018 called *Women in God's Mission: Accepting the*

Invitation to Serve and Lead. It explores leadership insights from respected women who were born and raised in thirty nations and serve in a variety of ministries and countries around the globe.

Check out our website!

For more information on any of our ministries you can visit our website (chpc.org). It also has up-to-date weekly announcements, opportunities to subscribe to e-announcements, email subscriptions to the prayer chain, access the full church calendar, the ability to register for classes and events, and much more!

Miss a Sermon?

Our sermons are available at chpc.org/sermons or you can subscribe through iTunes or your iPhone. Just open your podcasting app and search for, "College Hill Presbyterian Church."



Upcoming Events in April

April 7th – American Heritage Girls Car Wash Fundraiser

April 21st – Youth Ministry Family Event: Rocking Jump Trampoline Park

April 22nd – Engaging twenty-somethings in God's Mission

April 23rd – Supper Club

April 28th – Woven: Mini-IF Gathering

For a full list of details and events, go to chpc.org/calendar

