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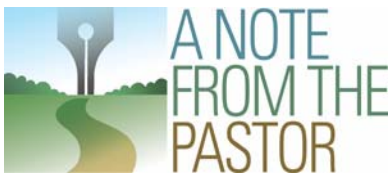
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Developing Disciples for Christ

Matthew 28:19-20 – “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

C.S. Lewis once said “When the author walks onto the stage, the play is over. God is going to invade, all right; but what is the good of saying you are on His side then, when you see the whole natural universe melting away like a dream and something else comes crashing in? This time it will be God without disguise; something so overwhelming that it will strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror into every creature. It will be too late then to choose your side. That will not be the time for choosing; It will be the time when we discover which side we really have chosen, whether we realized it before or not. Now, today, this moment, is our chance to choose the right side.”

Over the past several weeks we have been discussing the deception that is found in the *Da Vinci Code*. We have ventured into this series specifically to learn more about the basic fundamental principles that we base our faith upon. It is crucial that Christians are absolutely convinced of their faith in Jesus Christ and his saving grace. It is also crucial that Christians know how to defend their faith in every season as we read from the words of Peter.

All of this is stated to remind each one of us of God’s high calling for our lives. God has called each one of us to live a life focused on developing a relationship with Him. As we examine the Great Commission, our eyes fall upon a key phrase that must not escape our attention, “Therefore go and make disciples...” This is not a passive request nor is it a plea for Christians to say one thing and live another. Most people that come to church on Sunday have every intention of being in

church. But is that really what God called us to do? Did God call us merely to gather together on Sundays and just talk about our relationship with Him or did he call us to make every effort and have every intention of developing that relationship with Him?

What is your motive for coming to church on Sundays? What is your motive for telling others that you are a Christian? What is your motive for living the life that you have chosen to live? Friends, we are living in the midst of a world that tells us to live for the moment and focus on yourself at all costs? A world that tells us that we don’t need God because we can do it on our own? A world that declares that God doesn’t exist? God sent us to live in this world so that we could make a difference. God did not send us to live a life without purpose, without direction, without vision, or without Him. In a world such as ours, we need more Christians that are dedicated to being disciples and serving the Savior than ever before. We need to be prepared to give a defense to anyone that has a question and we must be ready at that time to give that defense.

The real question that is at the heart of the matter is simple: How do we prepare ourselves to give a proper defense as disciples of Christ? There are five basic steps to making the transformation into dedicated servants of Christ.

- ◆ **WORD** – We must make the choice that we will do everything in our power to seek out and discover the knowledge of God. Every disciple of Christ must be taught about the Bible and understand the life and mission of Jesus Christ. We must understand that everything in the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments point to the overarching theme that Jesus Christ came from heaven, took on fleshly form, died on the cross, rose from the grave, and ascended into heaven. He did this in order to free each one of us from the slavery of sin. (Prov. 4:7)
- ◆ **WORSHIP** – There are two basic areas in our lives that we are called to worship: individually and corporately. We worship God every time we read the Bible, sing a song of praise, utter a word of prayer, or meditate upon Him. We are called to enter into His presence every day of our lives and not just on Sunday or Wednesday. We must develop the disciplines in Foster’s book in

this stage of our spiritual life and by doing this we will grow deeper in our faith. (Luke 4:8)

- ◆ **WALK** – We must make every effort to put our faith into practice. Christians are called to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. This can only be done by applying what we learn from the Scriptures. We are called to be Christians of action and to overcome our complacent nature. We must be the light to the world through our actions, words, and prayers. (Matthew 5:13)
- ◆ **WORK** – It is important for every Christian to understand that they are not saved by their works but by their faith in Jesus alone. It is equally important to understand that there is no such thing as a dead Christian. Every Christian that is a true living servant of Christ is producing fruit by utilizing the fruits of the Spirit in their own lives. We are called to do excellent work for God because we are His ambassadors. We are called to utilize our talents in order to glorify God both in and out of the church. (Ephesians 6:7-8)
- ◆ **WITNESS** – Finally, we are called to go out and make disciples of Christ. Every Christian is called to share his or her faith in some fashion with the sole purpose of winning the lost for Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20)

God is calling Cicero Christian Church to be a church that produces disciples of Christ that are committed to wholeheartedly serving Him in every situation and at every moment. Join with me as we develop our relationship with God over this year and strive to become the disciples God has called us to be!

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it is all about JESUS!***



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www.cicerochristianchurch.org
has finally arrived!
(at least a small portion of it!)

Our church finally has a presence on the world wide web that will steadily expand over the next several months. Currently, you can retrieve information about service times, directions, staff, Core Values, constitution and operations handbook, weekly memory verse, and church history.


But that is just a tip of the iceberg! Watch for the five areas of interest:

- Who We Are*
- Ministries*
- News & Notes*
- Prayer*
- Missions*

These areas will steadily expand to incorporate a wealth of information, including Team ministry, LIFE small groups, children and youth ministry, worship & music, special events, sermons, bulletins, memory verses, Crosslight Christian School, our church newsletter, an online calendar of events, schedules for volunteers, prayer requests, requests to schedule the facility, email staff directly, links to missions and much more.

Also, this newsletter, and newsletters from the past 2 years, are available online!
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Road To **FINANCIAL FREEDOM**
 A CHURCHWIDE JOURNEY




Cicero Christian Church wants to invite you to a special sermon series focusing on finding the FREEDOM that you are seeking. We will be getting back on track as we look at Crown Financial Ministries: **"Road to Financial Freedom"** from June 4 to July 2. It will be a wonderful series focused on living for God with Time, Talents, and Treasure. Join us as we grow together over the next month!



The scripture reveals to us the great teaching style of Jesus. It is not uncommon for teachers to flood the students with volumes of information to be sorted through for the answer. Jesus' style was different. He would help people answer their questions of Him with knowledge they already possessed. How? Jesus chose to answer many questions with an illustration, containing questions asked of those hearing the account. So Jesus answered many questions with a question! Jesus asked over 250 questions of those whom were seeking answers of Him. An example is found in Matthew 25:31-46. When questions were being asked about the time of judgment Jesus gave the example of the sheep and goats as related to their responses to the hungry, thirsty, strangers, those without clothing, the sick and those in prison. This reference, points out an demonstration for righteous behavior, (Matthew. 25:46b) and leads us to unlock the answer to another unanswered question (Matthew 5:13-16) as to what is the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-16). Why don't you read these two above passages and see if you can make a connection to what Jesus was talking about in reference to ways we can maintain our role of providing "salt and light" to the world.

If you have studied the passages above, you may know my next topic and question. How can we address the needs of people. One easy opportunity is through service. We have just the vehicle for this at CCC. Team Ministry. Team Ministry came to life at CCC in the early 1990's. It was designed to allow people to identify their God gifted areas and use those talents for the kingdom. The leadership regularly examines our team ministry areas (16 in all) and teams (some 65 in all). The management of the ministry areas is done by the elders and ministerial staff. The teams are "coached" by gifted folks like you. If you would like to put your giftedness to good use contact an elder or staff member or pick up a Team Ministry brochure to find out more.

Currently the elders and ministerial staff are reading THE CONNECTED CHURCH by Randy Frazee. It focuses on the necessity of community in the body of



Indiana Pork Producers Pork Tent at the 2006 Indiana State Fair

What is summer in Indiana without the Indiana State Fair? You don't want to miss out on the 150th Celebration of the Indiana State Fair, **August 9-12**.

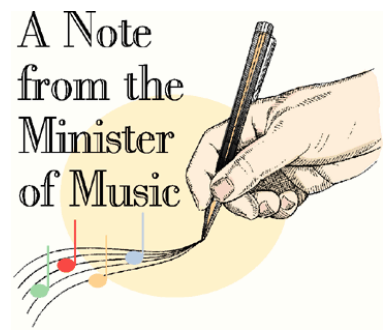
For the fourth year, we have been blessed with the opportunity to raise \$10,000 for our church by **servicing in the Pork Producers tent at the Indiana State Fair**. We must provide 17 volunteers (at least 14 years old) each day for 12 days. A full shift is from 9am-9pm with breaks (and all you can eat from the pork tent!) or you can work a morning or afternoon shift(s) instead.

Those who have served in the past years will attest that, yes, it was hot, but it was a lot of fun, and a great way to get to know others from our church. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the foyer and sign up for as many full or partial shifts as you can take! You will receive a ticket to enter the fair and a parking pass if you work a full shift or the morning shift. If you work an afternoon/evening shift, you will need to provide your own entrance to the fair. Feel free to invite family members and friends to come and join you in this service project. Plus you will get a T-Shirt and a hat to wear!

believers and how to achieve real meaningful community. If you would like a copy contact the office.

The elders and ministerial staff are developing their various home fellowships in order to develop genuine community among believers. These groups generally have an average of 5-7 families. If you would like to join us please contact an elder or staff person.

The leadership has scheduled a retreat for July 8 featuring Tom Anthony showing us how the Connected Church concept functions at his church at Cross Point in Zionsville. More to come on this event.



Wow, what an evening of worship! On be half of the adult choir and orchestra, I wish to extend a much deserved "well done!" to the congregation of Cicero Christian Church and the community for sharing in the worship experience of "All Praise" on May 21. Together, we all lifted our hearts in praise to God as we gave Him thanks for the many blessings He has so graciously given to us.

It continues to be a great joy to serve this wonderful congregation in music and worship ministry these least five months. Let us all serve Him the best we can with the gifts, talents, and worshipful hearts He has blessed to us. To Him be all the glory!

Doug



As you look around you can witness many great things happening at CCC which are focused on fulfilling the Great Commission. These examples are found in part through the teaching, community gatherings, preaching, counseling, home fellowships, adult bible fellowship, youth activities, team ministry endeavors, missions, benevolence, visitations, calling to name a few. Thank you for all you do for the Kingdom in your giving of your time, talent and treasure at CCC.

Mike Jenkins, elder

God Does Not Want Good Marriages

"Good marriages" is the world's standard. God wants something better than "good." God wants "awesome." Only awesome marriages reflect our God appropriately. So how is your marriage doing? Are you moving toward "awesome"?

Have you taken Dynamic Marriage class? If not, read the description below, explore the Dynamic Marriage web site and let Steven Hancock know of your interest in taking the class at our church. You will not spend a better \$165.

Some of you who have taken the class and would like to refocus your marriage and benefit from the new information may want to take it again, the second time is free. Or would you like to become certified to lead a DM class? In either case, see Steven Hancock.

Dynamic Marriage Class

Transform Marriage Relationships



For all our differences, men and women want the same thing: satisfying, loving relationships. How can you experience a life-

time of love, fulfillment and intimacy in your marriage? By learning habits that meet the most important emotional needs of yourself and your spouse.

In 1994, nationally acclaimed author and psychologist, Dr. Willard Harley, Jr., agreed to have Joe Beam use his books: *His Needs/Her Needs*; *Building an Affair Proof Marriage*; *5 Steps to Romantic Love*; and *Love Busters* as the basis for Family Dynamics' first interactive course call "Dynamic Marriage." This powerful program helps committed couples sustain happy, fulfilling relationships that grow stronger each year while bringing hope and healing to troubled marriages.

Family Dynamics' Approach

Family Dynamics; educational and entertaining eight-week course changes lives. *Dynamic Marriage* produces tangible results for three powerful reasons: the wise insights of Dr. Harley (writer of *His Needs Her Needs*) and Joe Beam (writer of



North American Christian Convention

June 27-30, 2006

Louisville, KY Convention Center
The North American Christian Convention is a family-friendly convention with programming for adults, children and teens. **The convention offers 62 workshops in 12 ministry areas.** It also offers time to explore Louisville and it's many wonderful attractions. Your children will enjoy excellent childcare for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. The school-aged children will enjoy Day Trips or a VBS-style program. Teens will have an entire convention planned for them. National Bible Bowl will be holding its national championships along with the North American Christian Convention.

There's something for everyone! If interested in attending, stop by the Info Desk and pick up a brochure. All registration costs are listed in the brochure. You can also register and find out more information by going to their website: www.nacctheconnectingplace.org.

Becoming One: Emotionally, Spiritually, and Sexually), combined with the dynamic delivery system of Family Dynamics. The eight weeks of work gives couples time to learn how to stop damaging behaviors in their marriage, deal with conflict, and learn to meet each other's emotional needs.

Couples Learn

- ◆ How your *Love Bank* affects your relationship
- ◆ What your most important *Emotional Needs* are
- ◆ How to identify and meet each other's most important needs
- ◆ Why most marriages don't survive perpetual *Love Busters*
- ◆ How affairs begin, how they can be stopped, and how love can be restored
- ◆ Why people commit to or abandon a relationship
- ◆ How to build compatibility
- ◆ How to maintain a mutually fulfilling relationship.



Learn More About Our Church

Cicero Christian Church New Member Class

Are you interested in learning more about the history and beliefs of Cicero Christian Church? Are you interested in joining God's family here at Cicero Christian Church? If so then mark your calendars for an important date. **Saturday June 24, 2006 at 9 am in Room 133** we will be hosting our next New Member's Class. Come and join us as we learn more about Cicero Christian Church and our role in the Body of Christ!



Hannah Beale Richard & Betty Wilgus
Cathy Green Kay Messenger
Sharon Allman Casey Crowe Matt Ellis



Summer session of Wednesday Family Night continues through July 12 (yes, we meet Independence Day week).

The fall session of Wednesday Family Night launches after Labor Day.

We need help preparing meals in June and July. Please contact Pastor Bill if you can help.



Help! Food Pantry funds are depleted!

Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Psalm 107:8-9

Many local groups refer those in need to our pantry and it is a wonderful ministry to many in our community. Though we have some who donate continually to support our pantry, due to the number of people visiting during the week and during Hope Clinic hours; funds for replenishing have been drained.

Help us help others by doing one of the following:

- ♦ Contribute non-perishables by dropping bags of items by the office
- ♦ Donate monetary gifts by designating "pantry" and amount in check memo.

What we need

Canned Vegetables

Green and baked beans, corn, carrots, peas, mixed, potatoes etc.

Canned Fruits

Peaches, applesauce, pears, mixed, pineapple, etc.

Meat/Proteins

canned chicken, tuna, ham, peanut butter

Complete Entrees

"all-in-one" boxed meals, stews, dumplings, soups, hamburger/tuna/chicken helpers...

Sauces

Tomato, alfredo, cheese...

Grains/Starches

rice, pasta, boxed cereals, crackers, flaked potatoes, muffin/biscuit/corn bread mixes...

Beverages

Fruit and tomato juice...

Baby Supplies

Baby food, powdered formula, diapers...

Toiletries

Toilet tissue, bar soaps, shampoo, detergent, toothpaste, hygiene supplies

What we DO NOT need:

- ♦ Anything that needs refrigeration.
- ♦ Anything expired, or damaged.
- ♦ A good rule of thumb – if you wouldn't eat it, don't donate it for others.

Joy Arama!



50's Oldies but Goodies Party Saturday, June 24, 2006

Gather at 4:00 pm Eat at 5:00 pm

Host and Hostess

Max & Olivanne VanMeter

2170 E. 266th St.

Arcadia, Indiana 46030

Pitch-In

A 50's menu

Sloppy Joes and drinks furnished

Dress in 50's style

RSVP Sharon or Jane

By

Sunday, June 18, 2006

REJOICE in the LORD always, and again, I say REJOICE. Phil. 4:4



TRASH and TREASURE SALE

Our second annual church and community wide garage sale will be June 10 from 8-3 in the grassy area on the south side of the church. You may rent a space for \$10 (with or without table) and spaces will be issued on a first come basis. If you do not want to have your own space, you can contribute items for the church's sale (please no trash). Watch the bulletin for details. The youth will be selling hotdogs and other Team Ministries are invited to participate. NO electricity will be available. All participants will be asked to give 10% of their proceeds to the church. To sign-up for a space, contact Diosa LaDuron at 984-2073/414-8848 or call Shirley or Ben at the church office.



Birthday Card Ministry

The Birthday Card Ministry sends almost 1,000 cards a year to members and attenders of Cicero Christian Church. This Ministry has received many thanks for the cards that are received. The following women are responsible for mailing cards:

Women – Ann Morris

Men – JaNell Martz

Teens – Ceceilia Cooksey

Children – Tomme Camp

Please let the correct person know how you appreciate your card when you are remembered. The team finds joy in sending these cards. *Ceceilia*

Don't Forget! Men's Breakfast Friday Mornings 6am at Arni's



SOUP & SCRIPTURE *Palad* LUNCHEON



**Every Tuesday
11:45am-1pm**

Bring your Bible, \$2,
and join us –
line forms 11:45,
lesson noon to 1pm.



Promotion Sunday

All grades will be moving up to the next classrooms on June 11. We ask that you help us keep to this date before making any changes. This will enable us to make sure we have accurate supplies and attendance records.

Wednesday Family Night Summer Session May 3-July 12, 6-7:30pm



Wednesday nights are taking shape for the summer, "Polar Expedition" will be the format we will use. There will be different stations for the children to rotate to for a fun filled evening.

For the first half hour of time we will be starting a children's choir with the help of our Interim Worship & Music Minister Doug Wiggers. Plans are to teach the kids how to worship above all, and will help them to learn music together, for the purpose of worship first, and performance second.

If you are interested in helping Wednesday evenings, even if it's for one or two nights during the session, see Ben or JaNell to sign up.



Mexican Fiesta for VBS!

July 17 through July 21
6:30 – 8:45 pm

Ages
4 years through 5th grade

Our Fiesta is shaping up to be a great experience for the children and for all those who are helping out.

Sign up in the lobby to volunteer to help make the Fiesta the best ever. Pre-registration forms for children will be available in the lobby, or you can contact Ben Radant.

How Children View Special-Needs Children Insights on the thoughts of children.

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HOW CHILDREN RESPOND

When preschoolers see children with special needs, their primary response is curiosity. They want to get close to the children, look at them, touch them, and see them up close. Children may also ask lots of questions, including "why" questions. Children this age don't experience the embarrassment or social discomfort that older children (and adults) do. So kids may ask innocent questions that others may find uncomfortable.

WHAT TO DO

Let children get close to a child with a disability. Usually, children ask reasonable questions to get information. Have the special-needs child's parents come to your class to answer children's questions. Talk about how God made all the children of the world and loves each

one. Emphasize how each child is unique and special in God's sight. Give examples of Jesus' compassion to different kinds of people; for example, the paralytic (Mark 2:1-12) or the man with leprosy (Matthew 8:1-4)

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How children respond

Children at this age want to know more about what caused the child's problem. These children are more sensitive to others' feelings and may ask their questions in private. Sometimes shy or hesitant children may worry about or fear relating to special-needs children.

WHAT TO DO

Answer children's questions openly and honestly. If you don't know the answer, say so. Tell children at this age that children don't have disabilities because they're bad. Use the story of the man born blind to communicate this message (John 9:1-3). Teach children how to relate to children with disabilities by modeling appropriate ways to treat them. For example, show respect and kindness while considering children's limitations.

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HOW CHILDREN RESPOND

Older children may focus more on themselves than on a child with a disability. Kids are more concerned about their own feelings of discomfort, embarrassment, and anxiety about how to relate to special-needs children. As a result, kids this age may appear calloused and unfeeling, and seem to ignore or exclude the child with a disability. This exclusion is a clue to children's discomfort and ignorance of how to relate to the special-needs child.

WHAT TO DO

Have a class discussion when the child with a disability isn't present. Focus on children's thoughts and feelings. Help them see the world from the special-needs child's viewpoint. Brainstorm ways to show kindness to the kids' classmate. Emphasize the golden rule: "Do to others what you would want them to do to you" (Luke 6:31). Be prepared to answer kids' questions about why God lets bad things happen to innocent people.

Dr. Paul E. White is a licensed psychologist who works primarily with children and adolescents.



Living On Fire Twenty-four Seven Youth Ministry



June 24-July 1
Arizona – Dunamis Mission
Apache Indian Nation

Things are shaping up nicely as we make some final preparations to go on our mission trip to Arizona. Please be in prayer for the group as we travel and minister to everyone we meet along the way. Pray for all those who we will be in contact with, that their hearts might be open and they would recognize the truth. We will be driving, so we ask for safe passage as well.

Wednesday nights in the Summer

There is a new opportunity for the youth on Wednesday nights. Its focus is on small groups and discipleship. Students can come and talk about issues that they struggle with, and we will have others that will support them and encourage them in their walk with the Lord. The concept of accountability will be learned and implemented. The night starts at 6pm and will end at 7:30pm.

Graduation Sunday

We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday June 11 in the second service. All of this year's graduates are encouraged to make an appearance. We are very proud of all that you have accomplished, and we expect good things in the future. If you are a graduate please give your information to Nancy Reed or Ben Radant.

Three Essentials to Worldview Training

Many parents are wary about the messages their sons and daughters are getting, even while realizing it's virtually impossible to filter these messages from a teen's experience. However, that might not be all bad. If the sheer persistence of these messages forces us as parents to teach our teenagers how to think about life and learn to filter messages for themselves, then we have given our young people the ability to think critically. And, hopefully, our teens also will be trained to defend their faith in a world increasingly hostile to family values and Christian faith.

There are not two realities, but only one reality, and that is the reality of God, which has become manifest in Christ in the reality of the world. — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Just five years ago we might not have been having a conversation about society's messages. Sure, we knew that the media influence wasn't necessarily good for our teens, but few of us knew just how bad it was for them. There is one term that helps us understand the profound impact today's culture has on our kids: worldview.

This term was popularized by The Barna Group's recent research, which shockingly reported that only 9 percent of born-again Christians have a biblical worldview.

There's a buzz around the term worldview. This is good news for parents because when we look at media issues (and the myriad of other issues facing our teens) from a worldview, we are addressing root causes of belief and behavior. Let's start by looking at some foundational definitions for worldview.

1. Have a solid definition of worldview and biblical worldview.

To begin, we must define worldview. Focus on the Family's *The Truth Project* uses the following working definition:

"A worldview is a comprehensive set of truth claims that purport to paint a true picture of reality. A comprehensive biblical worldview is one that includes and fundamentally understands God's truth claimed over every area of life. Our personal worldview is the total set of truth claims that we have bought, consciously or subconsciously, which drive our emotions and what we

think and do in unguarded moments — reflecting what we believe to be really real.
— Del Tackett

2. Know what is the core distinction: truth vs. lie. Answer the question, "What is really real?"

The first step in engaging your teen around the topic of worldview is to ask him the provocative question, "What is really real?"

I recently asked one teen this question. After his initial look of "What kind of question is that?" he realized that I wanted a sincere answer. His second look was more contemplative. At that point, I knew I had hooked him. His first answer: "I think what's really real is what I can touch, put my hand on. I can see it, feel it, know it is real."

Now it was my turn to say, "Hmm. Is that so?" And with that we were off on an odyssey of discussing what a worldview is and what undergirds how we think about the most important questions of life, meaning and existence. By the way, as you might have noticed from this teen's response, it was a typical naturalist worldview. If it can't be proven by science, then it cannot be considered definitively "real." I followed his comment with: "Is justice real? How do I prove that?" This is why God's Word is the source of all primary truth. Because it speaks to all the questions about who God is, who man is, what is right and other core questions of human existence, the Bible must always be the defining reference point for all primary truth.

3. Focus on the nature of God: the ultimate truth experience.

Because truth is a person, Jesus Christ, the most important component of a Christian worldview is knowing God. For this reason, we say that all truth is rooted in the nature of God. In fact, thinking like a Christian produces the most important action of all: loving God. When we think right, we do right.

For this reason (all primary truth comes from the nature of God), we see everything in life as sacred. There are no dichotomies between religious truth and other truths. It all belongs to God, and God's truth bears on all of life. All of life.

— by Marc Fey



Crosslight Christian School



Crosslight Christian Daycare

SUMMER PROGRAM 2006!

June 5th - August 11th

Availability still open!

- ◆ In house field trips for the little guys (ones and twos),
- ◆ Off site field trips for the threes, fours, fives, schoolagers once a week.
- ◆ Library day, water day, and wheels day for all ages. The older children (1st -6th grade) are so busy all summer long they are hardly in the building!

Our summer calendars and fees are available! If you are interested in enrolling your child for summer CALL NOW! SPACE IS FILLING FAST!

Crosslight Christian Daycare

formally Jesus and Me Child Care

Same great service with a new name!

Children ages 6 weeks through 12 years

Open 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. weekdays

Bible-based activities

Nutritious breakfast, snacks,

and hot lunches

Inside and outside play area

Daycare subs needed. On an on-call basis and prearranged basis. Starting pay varies on experience/education. Experience with children is a MUST! Come in today for an application. Call Jenni Roosa, Director 984-4653 x25

Crosslight Christian Daycare wants to thank all of you that purchased plants and made donations towards our annual plant sale. We made \$357.00. Thank you to Liz Rivellino who supplied us with the plants from her business, Enchanted Garden on 246th St. west of Cicero.



Crosslight Christian Montessori School

Preschool, Kindergarten, First Grade

We want to congratulate the first class of Kindergarteners that graduated from Crosslight Christian Montessori School. The Lord blessed us with an outstanding group of students this year and we want to wish them all of God's blessings as they go to First Grade next year. This year's graduating class was Hallie Beck, James Bertaux, Zeb Bolinger, Alexis Gilbert, John Mlynarik, Rachel Sanquetti, Hannah Schafer, Sam Schafer, Reese Sharp, Ben VonGunten and Madison Wood. We also had 18 Preschoolers graduate and pray for their growth next year in Kindergarten.

It's difficult to tell the many stories and highlights of this school year. The field trips to the Children's Museum, Stoney Creek Farm, Beck's Farm and the Zoo were great learning experiences. The instantaneous prayers during storms and fire alarms were precious moments to remember. Monday Bible lessons with the pastors were also treasured memories. Playing kickball with the Mephibosheth group was a blast. And the last week of school was spent enjoying our friends with a walk to the park, a bicycle safety day with Cicero police and a year end party. It's been a wonderful year and we are thankful to God for placing these children in our school!

As our school closes the doors for the summer, we will be keeping busy preparing for the 2006-2007 school year. With our expansion to First grade, there are several things on the check list to take care of over the summer. If you are interested in Preschool, Kindergarten or First Grade, please contact the office this summer.



ENROLL NOW

Preschool, Kindergarten, First Grade

Preschool Tuition Monthly tuition is based on number of sessions per week. A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is due at sign-up.

- ◆ 2 days weekly for \$90 per month
- ◆ 3 days weekly for \$120 per month
- ◆ 4 days weekly for \$150 per month
- ◆ 5 days weekly for \$180 per month
- ◆ Lunch Bunch additional \$35/month for 1 day, \$50/month for 2 days.

Kindergarten Tuition Monthly tuition is \$285. Half day (8:45a-1p) is \$235. A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is due at sign-up.

First grade Tuition Monthly tuition is \$300. A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is due at sign-up.

School Board Members

The school ministries are governed by the Crosslight Christian School Board consisting of Cicero Christian Church members Lacy McGrew (president), Dr. Steven Hancock, Mike Jenkins, Jim Craig, David McGill, Tracey Beck, and Wendi Russell.



Mission Statement:

To improve the general health conditions as well as assisting each person in achieving their full potential through a dynamic experience of personal growth and development throughout the lifespan.

Hope Family Care Center is open first Saturday monthly 9am-noon

Hope Family Care Center has Voice Mail for calls and inquiries: 965-9043

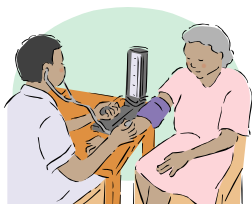
TWO YEARS OF HOPE!

During our May clinic we celebrated our Second Anniversary of serving the medical needs in our community. Over the last two years we have been able to touch and minister to nearly 700 souls. With your support, we will meet our goal of over one thousand lives by the end of the year. We continue to receive reports and notes from people who have been helped and are so thankful for the "HOPE" that was given to them.

If you would like to help share "HOPE", we need volunteers who are medically trained, or those with office and computer skills.

Your donations of time, talent and treasure will help to keep HOPE strong. We are funded only by private donations and grants and your help is needed as we are currently in our Home for HOPE Project.

We are searching for a permanent site in which to house the clinic. This would enable us to grow and continue to increase services to the uninsured and underserved around us. If you are interested in giving in any way contact 965-9043. Please remember to pray for HOPE.



Monthly **blood pressure screening** will continue on the last Sunday monthly.



Friends Unlimited

What a wonderful time we have had this past year going through the Visual Book of Matthew and the life of our Lord and Savior Jesus. Thank you to all the awesome volunteers that help us each week...whether it is set up or just spending time with us as Friends in Christ. We have been blessed by your faithfulness.

During May we will learn more about "Worshipping our Creator." Worship songs are focused on God being the Awesome God that He is, the One and Only person that is worthy of all of our praise. We are reviewing the days of creation and will end it with a night that will bring us all together to worship each day in stations that will be set up.

Summer will bring us a laid back, relaxed schedule full of fun and games. We are looking for groups that would like to plan special events, whether it is a carnival night or a concert. Please see Becky Moore if you have any ideas! Our Family Picnic will be Tuesday, June 13 with a rain date of June 20. This proves to always be a fun filled evening of fellowship for the participants and their families.

Camp Mephibosheth

Fiesta!

We once again have a waiting list for this year's Camp Mephibosheth! 52 campers have registered for the overnight camp held July 23- July 25. Additional adult volunteers are needed to serve as one on one companions to our campers. In order to adequately serve 52 campers, we must have over 65 volunteers! Staff training is held at Rainbow Christian Camp Saturday, July 22 beginning at 3pm. Overnight volunteers will stay until 7:00pm Tuesday, July 25 when camp is dismissed. Please call the office of Mephibosheth Ministries, Inc. at 984-4653 ext.30 if you are interested in attending. I firmly believe you will receive more of a blessing than what you give! God blesses us abundantly!



Watch for details coming soon for our Second Dash for disabilities

Coming September 16

This annual event helps us to maintain our ongoing Adult Day Program. Help us by telling others!



Grief Share is a support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. It's a place to be around people who are dealing with some of the same feelings. At Grief Share, you'll learn valuable information about recovering from your grief and renewing your hope for the future. For more information contact Shirley Bales at 877-3118.

Hope Keepers

For anyone living with illness pain or physical challenges. This includes arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, fibromyalgia, cancer, walker and wheelchair bound, and many more. The meetings are a source of inspiration of hope for everyone. If you need encouragement or have the desire to encourage others, this is for you. **1st & 3rd Monday's** of the month. **6-7pm**. Access to focused community support groups will continue as attendance is sustained and leadership is available.



2006 Budget is \$1,010,113

2006

April 2, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 305
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 288
 General Fund \$17,927

April 9, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 281
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 341
 General Fund \$15,438

April 14, 2006 Good Friday

Service of Shadows..... 250

April 16, 2006 Easter

7:00 SonRise Service..... 90
 8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 528
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 490
 General Fund \$21,545

April 23, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 313
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 311
 General Fund \$16,003

April 30, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 339
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 345
 General Fund \$14,448

May 7, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 316
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 335
 General Fund \$17,472

May 14, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 349
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 390
 General Fund \$13,948

May 21, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 280
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 288
 All Praise Worship Event 313
 General Fund \$14,211

2006 General Fund – 21 weeks

Offerings year to date\$339,379
 Budgeted year to date.....\$407,930
 Average weekly need\$19,425
 Average weekly giving\$16,161
 Average weekly spent (20 wks)\$15,901

Prepare the Way (ended 10/03)

Commitment\$831,006
 Received to date.....\$681,883

Contact the office with any questions about attendance or financials

Cicero Christian Staff

Senior Minister.....Tim Lueking
 Involvement Minister.....Bill Bergstrom
 Adult Discipleship Minister..... Dr. Steve Hancock
 Children’s Minister/Youth Coord..... Ben Radant
 Interim Worship & Music Minister..... Doug Wiggers
Accepting Applications
 Youth Minister *Accepting Applications*
 Office Manager, cabinet secretaryBeth Roberts
 Financial Secretary, cabinet treas.....Sherry Strauss
 Secretary Shirley Whisman
 Worship Coordinator.....Nancy Reed
 Music Librarian Lisa Jamison
 Children’s Ministry Assistant.....JaNell Martz
 Property Manager.....Tom Ping
 Custodian..... *Accepting Applications*
 Custodial Assistants.....Daniel Zell, Erin Fultz,
 Matt Green, Justin Collar

Crosslight Christian School

Crosslight Christian Daycare (formerly Jesus and Me)
 Director Jenni Roosa
 Assistant Director Jody Boyd
 Crosslight Christian Montessori
 Kindergarten/First Grade Director Beth Rutan
 Preschool Director Jodie Bolinger
 Crosslight Christian School Board
 Lacy McGrew (president),
 Dr. Steven Hancock, Mike Jenkins
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Missions

Missions Team Chairman.....Bev McGill
 Cicero Christian Church supports several “living link”
 missions throughout the world.
 A full list is available from the
 missions team or the church office.

Mephibosheth Ministries, Inc.
 Director Becky Moore
 Assistants Kay Newman, Molly Mohr
 Dunamis Ministries, Show Low, Arizona
 Greg & Beth Smith
 HOPE Family Care Center, Inc.
 Director Jeff Glover

CCC Elders

Wade Candler 776-0384
 Dan Conder 758-6382
 Mike Jenkins (cab. chairman) 984-3194
 John Knapp 984-3670
 Ron McGill (cab. co-chair) 984-4336
 Steve Zell 984-4778
 Bill Cunningham..... Emeritus

Special Events Calendar

June

3 Hamilton Heights Graduation
 Hope Family Care Center 9-12
 6 Hope Family CC Board Meeting
 7pm
 11 Graduation Sunday
 Promotion Sunday
 17 Able/Owens Wedding
 24-July 1 Youth Mission Trip
 to Arizona
 24 Joy-Arama 4p at VanMeters
 24 Shields/Stephanoff Wedding
 26 Open House for Ginger Grabowski

July

1 Hope Family Care Center 9-12
 4 Office Closed
 17-21 Vacation Bible School

Weekly Events Calendar

Monday

6:30 a Prayer Meeting, House of Prayer
 9:30 a Mephibosheth Day Program
 6:00 p Griefshare; 2nd & 4th weeks, 133
 HopeKeepers 1st and 3rd, 133
 7:00 p Elders Meeting; 4th week
 7:00 p Adult Volleyball/Basketball

Tuesday

6:30 a Prayer Meeting, House of Prayer
 9:30 a Women’s Study, 118
 11:45a Soup, Salad & Scripture, gym
 6:30 p Friends Unlimited, gym
 6:30 p Youth prayer, 218 (moved from Mon.)

Wednesday

5:30 p Family Night Meal, gym
 6:05 p Family Night Classes thru July 12

Thursday

9:30 a Mephibosheth Day Program
 7:00 p Missions 2nd week, 133
 7:00 p Gym reserved for Basketball

Friday

6:00 a Men’s Breakfast, Arni’s
 7:15 a Prayer Meeting, House of Prayer

Sunday

CHURCH COMPLETE every Sunday 8:45 to 11:35am
 8:45a Worship Service / Community Gatherings /
 Adult Bible Fellowships / Sunday School
 10:20a Worship Service / Community Gatherings /
 Adult Bible Fellowships / Children’s Worship
 6-8 p Youth Group grades 6-12



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CORE VALUES

Cicero Christian Church strives to equip members for the ministry at home and in the mission fields, in order to magnify God's name.

Summary Mission

Cicero Christian Church wishes to bring people to Jesus and **membership** in his family, develop them to Christ like **maturity** and equip them for the **ministry** in the church and life **mission** in the world, in order to **magnify** God's name.

BELIEFS

Cicero Christian Church:

- Believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
- Believes the Gospel plan of Salvation as taught in the New Testament is:
Faith: To believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God and our personal Savior.
Repentance: To repent of all past sins and turn from them.
Confession: To confess before man that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Baptism: To be immersed in water for remission of sins, being thereby buried with Christ that we may put on Christ and rise to walk in the newness of life.
Faithfulness: To be faithful to Christ, His Church, and His teaching for our daily living until He calls us home to live with Him for eternity.
- Believes both the Old Testament and New Testament are the inspired Word of God and are profitable for doctrine, re-proof, correction, and instruction in righteousness.
- Recognizes the New Testament contains the only authoritative rule of faith and practice for the church today.
- Regards its people not as the only Christians, but as Christians only, seeking to avoid sectarianism and denominationalism.
- Keeps the Lord's Supper weekly as a testimony to Christ, offering each Christian the opportunity to accept Christ's invitation to partake after self-examination.
- Exercises a spirit of love toward all men, irrespective of differences, theological or personal.
- Invites into its fellowship all who will commit themselves to the lordship of Christ by the terms of His New Testament.
- Contends for Christian liberty in all areas where the Lord of the Church has not spoken.
- Hopes that its congregation can help restore the truth and simplicity of the Church as established by Christ and organized by His inspired apostles, as revealed in the Word of God.
- Welcomes the inquiries of any who seek the way of God in an atmosphere of reverence and freedom.

MISSION

As Spirit-led citizens of the kingdom of God and in grateful submission to Christ, the members of His church purposefully live to extend God's love and grace to others. Therefore, in obedience to Christ's directions, the members of Cicero Christian Church will always endeavor to:

- Reach and teach by our words and deeds each person in our community who is outside of Jesus Christ, and reach out worldwide by our mission supported endeavors;
- Help believers obtain spiritual maturity in Christ through Bible study and personal application;
- Provide for joyful worship of God and fellowship with His family; and
- Maintain an effective influence in our community by practicing Christ-like love.

PRACTICES

Cicero Christian Church believes the Body of Christ is made up first and foremost of families, home fellowships, community gatherings and a strong worship setting. Therefore, we will adhere to the following core practices:

- We believe every member should be encouraged to participate in a home fellowship. *Hebrews 2:11, Hebrews 10:24-25, Romans 12:10*
- We believe that the family is the foundational unit of the Body of Christ, and we wish to focus our efforts on strengthening the family first. *Ephesians 6:1-4*
- We believe that the edification of the Body of Christ requires the type of community fellowship we see described in the Book of Acts, with the home as the foundational structure. *Acts 2:42, 46*
- We encourage every attendee to become a member of a ministry team and promote the "every member a minister" concept. *1 Peter 4:10, Ephesians 4:11-15*
- We require every member to participate in a believer's membership class. *II Timothy 2:15*
- We believe that Biblical thematic teaching and preaching is an effective way to teach God's Word through a family based ministry model and therefore will encourage our preaching minister to coordinate with Community Gathering and Home Fellowship leaders to facilitate teaching along a central theme each week. *Philippians 2:2*
- We are fully persuaded that the gospel is to be spread locally and around the world by every member of the Body of Christ and that it is the duty of the elders and ministers to equip the saints for this work. *Ephesians 4:11-15*
- We believe all believers are gifted by God to serve others to build up the Body of Christ. *Ephesians 4:15-16*
- We seek to equip the heads of households and teach them how to effectively lead and nurture the family unit. *I Timothy 5:5, Ephesians 5:22-6:4, Deuteronomy 6:6-7*



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