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"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE..."

CROSSLIGHT

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Praise
& Worship

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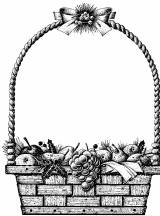
WEDNESDAY



FAMILY
NIGHT

Debt Free Living

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**5th Annual
Pie & Ice Cream
Social / Basket
Auction!**

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Groups
CHOCOLATE BOUTIQUE
Where women taste and see that the Lord is good



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Every Sunday 8:45 to 11:35am

Sessions Start at 8:45 and 10:30am

Corporate Worship • Education & Fellowship • Ministry Service



church
complete
service
schedule



40 Days with Jesus

Are you ready for a spiritual adventure? There are many Christians that desire to be moved by God in a magnificent way. They desire to grow deeper in their faith and experience Him at an intimate level. Maybe this describes you. Maybe you are one of those Christians that desire to be transformed by Christ. Maybe you are one of those Christians that longs to escape your mundane life and trade the ordinary for the extraordinary. If so, then our new series entitled “40 Days with Jesus” is for you. This series will truly challenge you to take your faith and commitment in Jesus Christ to the next level. You will be challenged throughout this series and your spirit will be stirred. The series will be focused on the teachings from Jesus as seen from the “Sermon on the Mount” found in **Matthew 5-7**.

We desire for you to get the most out of this series therefore we have written a 40 Day devotional guide that coincides with the sermons that you hear each week. Each message you hear and each devotional that you read will be focused on helping you accomplish the command found in Matthew 6:33, *Daily Seek God First*.

We want your soul to be nourished and enriched over the next eight weeks therefore we are asking you to make a fourfold commitment throughout this series.

Commitment #1 – Give God the **first part** of your day by reading this 40 Day Devotional guide.

Commitment #2 – Give God the **first part** of your week by attending church.

Commitment #3 – Give God the **first part** of your finances by tithing regularly.

Commitment #4 – Give God the **first part** of your relationships by getting involved in a Home Fellowship or Community Gathering.

The “40 Days with Jesus” series will revive your Spirit in a magnificent way and we encourage you to take this challenge with your small group or family. The spirit of revival is ready to sweep across your life and your family. May God enrich you and bless you as you grow deeper in your faith over the next 40 days. Let the adventure begin!

Pastor Tim



ARE WE PREPARED?

This week I was thinking back to my college days, specifically my first two years (before I got my head on straight). I wasn’t the greatest student – I seemed to be more interested in finding a girlfriend than an ‘A’ – and I would give support to that statement by mentioning I would never really study for an exam until the night before the test was to be taken. This method worked well at my educationally challenged high school but it sure wasn’t floatin’ the boat at college. I do vividly remember praying to my God, the great exam Savior in the sky, to give me the knowledge that I needed to amaze my professor and advance me to the 200 level courses.

I look back on that and want to crawl into a corner – how insulting to God! What a slap in the face to my Creator, the One who ordered creation into place, the One who carefully crafted my body and life, the One who has given the most detailed thought to everyone of His children. I expected Him to rescue me when I had no intention or desire of doing my part to prepare for those big moments of my college life?

Do we do the same when we come to worship Him at church on Sunday? Do we go to bed Saturday night (or wake up Sunday morning!) and say,

“Whoa, look at that...it’s Sunday – time to worship God.

God, I love you (sorry for not being with You the other six days), I need You (sorry for taking You for granted), help me worship You (I promise I’ll give more time to You next week), blah blah blah...blah blah blah.

Sometime this month (no, do it now...please), read the first chapter of Malachi. God is angry and disappointed. How does He feel when we give Him blemished sacrifices on Sunday. Are we preparing ourselves throughout the week to behold His glory with our brothers and sisters on Sunday? Or are we hoping for a miracle – that the God of all gods will just magically “show up” in our hearts on Sunday to give us a great “feel good” moment of the week? Or are we anticipating His anointing throughout the week, physically, mentally, spiritually preparing our bodies, minds, and souls to actively engage with Him.

Just imagine with me for a moment what it would be like if everyone who walked through the doors on Sunday (at every church, not just ours) had prepared themselves for worship throughout the week. My, oh my.....

Pastor Doug



Mark your calendars for Sunday evening, May 20 at 6:30pm, as the Worship Ministries of CCC present an evening dedicated to worshipping God through music. Invite your family and friends to be a part of this Christ-exalting time of worship. It will be a great way to kick-off those warm, summer evenings!



The recent pleasure of warmer weather has drawn our attention that spring is just around the corner. It is amazing how God always seems to get our attention in such a way that we start thinking about the future. Signals of a change in the weather has us anticipating putting the heavy coats in the closet, getting our rakes and garden tools located and ready for use, some overdue housecleaning, and of course, making sure the mower is ready to go. The Word of God acts in a similar manner as it reveals to us the knowledge we need to navigate the changes that occur in our lives. He stated this in the scripture as he used a parable about the weather to encourage his listeners to apply the scriptures to their daily lives (Luke 12:54-59).

One of the purposes for our being is to serve others. When Jesus washed the feet of The Twelve, (John 13:1-17) he stated that he did not come to be served but to serve others. When we serve others we glorify God and by glorifying God we attain joy. This is what we want to be about at Cicero Christian Church. Our attempts to reach out to our community through K.I.P. projects, the House of Prayer, Home gatherings, calling and Community Gatherings are to demonstrate our desire to serve others.

The leadership will be in retreat at the home of Dan Conder on April 14 to focus on identifying what we do best as individual leaders and a leadership as a whole. This concept is highlighted in a book by Marcus Buckingham and Donald O. Clifton, Ph.D. entitled, "Now, Discover Your Strengths".

The leadership has just completed our second "21 days to fast and pray" activity. Each week we would fast one day and daily pray focusing on three areas, that of stewardship, revival, and cultivating community.

The leadership is also focusing upon selecting a few major focus themes to pursue. These in general, deal with developing leadership, developing home grown "Timothy's", outreach to the lost, developing more home gatherings, emphases on stewardship and bible study.

The leadership wishes to thank everyone who responded to our stewardship emphases series and the special offering taken on March 11. That special offering will be applied to the principle on the church debt. Continue to give due attention to Christ's passion as we look forward to this season as it leads to our Easter celebration on Sunday, April 8. Blessings to you and your family.

Mike Jenkins, Elder



DEBT FREE LIVING

You have heard the common complaint from your non-Christian friend: I am not going to go to your church or any other because all they ever do is talk about money! Next time you hear that line tell them: **You are EXACTLY RIGHT and that is why I do attend church!** Talk about throwing someone for a loop. Consider these facts:

- **FACT:** The average American household spends \$400 more than it earns each year.
- **FACT:** In a recent year more than 850,000 individuals filed bankruptcy.
- **FACT:** 56% of all divorces occur as a result of financial tension in the home.
- **FACT:** 15 % of the lessons that Jesus Christ taught discussed the topic of finances.

Does the church talk about money? YES. We talk about money all the time because we want to follow in the footsteps of the Master, Jesus Christ, and teach you how to master your money before it masters you.

Cicero Christian Church wants to continue to help you get debt free over the next few years so that you will not have to be a slave to the lender any longer. Beginning May 2, 2007 during our Wednesday Family Hour we will be featuring to exciting opportunities for the entire community. We will be offering two courses that will be focused on helping you learn how to master your money before it masters you.

Course #1 – Financial Peace University

- This is a wonderful set of classes that has been put together by Dave Ramsey and is a counterpart to the **Total Money Makeover**. There will be a cost of \$90 per family for this 13 week series. This includes an entire package designed to help you get debt free in two years.

Course #2 – Discovering God's Way of Handling Money

- This is a course designed by Crown Financial Ministries that will focus on helping you become a better steward of your finances. The cost for this course is \$10.00 per workbook.

Both courses will be fantastic and entertaining but most importantly they will help you learn God's method for you to master your money.

Come and join us for these special sessions taking place from May 2 to July 25, 2007 at 6 p.m.



I want to thank all of you that made a commitment to start attending Home Fellowships and/or Community Gatherings. There will be a letter sent out to those cards we have received asking you to give us some more information about your commitment. Please fill these in and return them to the church by mailing it into the church office, placing it in a 40 Days with Jesus box at the Home Fellowship table in the church lobby, or placing it in the offering plate.

There will be a new Leader training on May 12. If you would like to become a leader of a Home Fellowship or would like to explore that possibility, then I encourage you to come and participate in this training /workshop. It will be at CCC upstairs in the "Loft" from 9:00am until 11:30am. Please contact Ben Radant if you would like to attend.



Summer Camp season is here! You may pick up a brochure in the foyer or visit the website for our church camp, [Rainbow Christian Camp](#) in Converse, Indiana.

REGISTER THROUGH PASTOR BEN to receive a 50% scholarship on your week of camp from CCC!

Rainbow accepts campers from Kindergarten through those entering college as freshmen.



JOIN US FOR VBS

July 9-13

6:30-9:00pm

VBS will be here sooner than you think and we need your help. There are various levels of involvement. It will be the family style VBS in which your entire

family is encouraged to attend. We need anything from actors, carpenters, to seamstresses, to crew leaders and market place vendors. If you would like to see how you can help out with VBS this year please contact Ben Radant or JaNell Martz.



Sunday, May 13 (10:30 only)

"I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord."

1 Samuel 1:27-28

There will be a Baby Dedication on Mother's Day, May 13. We invite all families that wish to register to contact Ben Radant or get the form on the Website (forms due May 7). This is a special time where families receive support from the congregation and dedicate themselves and their children to the Lord. Bringing up a child in the ways of the Lord is the most important thing that any parent can do. Make sure to be a part of this special day.

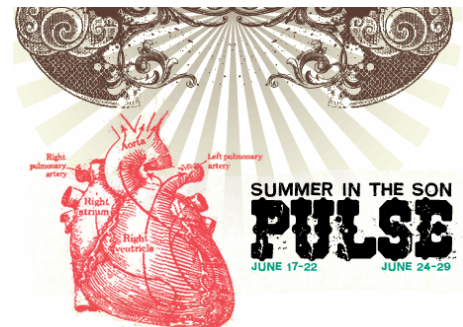


Please come and welcome our intern for the summer. You will have an opportunity to meet Kathy Berger, the Children's Ministry Intern for the summer on May 16. We will be having cookies and punch at 7:30 until 8:00 after Family Night if you would like to stop in and introduce yourself. Kathy attends Johnson Bible College and is working on a degree in Children's Ministry.



Living On Fire Twenty-four Seven Youth Ministry

Upcoming Summer Trips



Sr. High – Summer in the Son (SITS) is June 17-22 at Kentucky Christian University. This year's theme is PULSE. The cost is \$250 per person or \$220 is more than one sibling attends. The sign-up deadline for this trip is May 6.



Middle School – Junior High Challenge (JHC) is July 8-13 at Kentucky Christian University. This year's theme is Bottom Line. The cost is \$250 per person or \$220 if more than one sibling will be attending. The signup deadline for this trip is May 20.



Crosslight

Christian Montessori

School

Crosslight Kindergarten is quite busy this month studying heroes of the Bible. We started March with Moses and the Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer and Easter. We experienced our first "Last Supper" in Kindergarten. Thanks to Pastor Ben for playing the part of Jesus and to Beth Roberts, Diosa LaDuron and Laura Miller for helping make the event a memorable one. It helped the children learn the significance of the Last Supper by actually acting it out. It also helps to understand the importance of Easter. We'll continue our study in April with Daniel, Joseph, Joshua and David.

In science we're enjoying having turtles in our room (thanks to the Henderson family). Lola and Charlie are fun to watch even though they don't do too much. In social studies, we're finishing our study of the continents by making continent posters. They really turned out nice this year and I hope you have a chance to see them hanging in the church.

April and May also brings us better weather to go on field trips. We'll visit Beck's Hybrid Farms in early April to learn about corn, seeds, plants and animals. This is always a nice visit and we appreciate the time the staff at Beck's gives our little ones. We go to the Children's Museum in April and the Indianapolis Zoo in May.

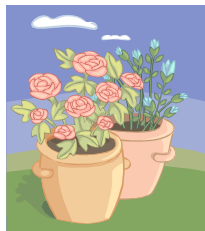
Before you know it, it will be graduation time and the school year will be over. If you are interested in enrolling your child in Kindergarten for the next school year, please call us. Space is limited. Also, we are looking for a part time licensed teacher who might enjoy working with us next year. Please call if you have questions about that position.

Preschool News

Preschool has been very exciting these past few months and is going to get even more exciting in the next few. By the end of March we will have completed our alphabet and will be reviewing our letters in several different fun and creative ways. We have several 5 year olds that are in the beginning stages of reading and we will continue in their phonics books. They are very excited that they can read several sight words and would love to read to any visitors that we may have.

During the first week of April we will be on Spring Break hopefully soaking up the sun. We will have our final conferences with the parents toward the end of April. The children are so excited about Graduation that will take place in May. Crosslight Christian Montessori Preschool's Graduation will be on May 17 at 7pm in the sanctuary of the church. Please come and join us at our graduation ceremony.

It is hard to believe that we will soon complete our third year as Crosslight Preschool. We are still accepting applications for 07/08 school year. We have very few morning spots available for next year. We are also offering an afternoon class for the 07/08 school year. You can call Jodie Bolinger at 984-4653 x28 or go to our website at www.cicerochristianchurch.org and print out the preschool forms.



Crosslight Christian Day Care Annual Plant Sale

Orders will be taken April 13-27 and plant pick up will be Saturday, May 5.

Watch the bulletin and check the information desk for more details.



Crosslight

Christian

Daycare

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE

Children ages 6 weeks through 12 years

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

Bible-based curriculum

Nutritious breakfast, snacks, hot lunches

Inside and outside play area

We have a great before and after school program for your older child too. We provide transportation to kindergarten (HH pm Kdg and Forest Hill Elementary) and are open on those school closure days too! Let us know how we can meet the needs of your family. Stop by and take time for a tour and more information. Director Jenni Roosa or Asst. Director Jody Boyd 984-4653 ext. 25



CCD SUMMER CAMP 2007!

NOW ENROLLING

Space is filling up fast, contact Jenni Roosa or Jody Boyd right away for a spot at CCD Summer Camp.

In house field trips for the little guys (ones and twos), off site field trips for the threes, fours, fives, school agers 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



True or False?

Several years ago, a family attended a church. One of the children was in a wheelchair. After the service, an elder approached the father and said, "Your family is welcome here, but please don't bring the one back in the wheelchair. He's too distracting".

A Sunday School teacher returned a child with autism to his parents and said, "Please don't ever bring your child back to Sunday School. We can't handle him here." The family took turns staying home with him for 4 yrs.

Many churches have a desire to include individuals with special needs, but they don't always know how.

This quiz was shared during our Friends Unlimited Jr. (FUJ) workshop held Saturday, March 17th. It is hard to believe the answers to all of the above are TRUE!! I have heard before at conferences many horror stories of how families experiencing disabilities have been hurt by their church families. It wasn't until this week I came in contact with a mother that was still carrying the scars inflicted on her family by a body of Christ. I am so thankful that He has placed Mephibosheth in an unique church....one that has their arms open to all of God's children, ready to accept and love unconditionally!

The last question brought to mind Rainbow Christian Camp. You see, I also received a call today from a parent of a child with autism. Her church has a disability ministry, but the camp they attend does not accept children with

special needs. I remember my first conversation with Rainbow about a special needs camp....they had the desire to do so, but readily admitted they did not know how. I also thank God for the partnership He has given Mephibosheth with Rainbow Christian Camp.

As I give thanks to God for the unique partnerships He has called this ministry to, my heart also grieves for those unwilling to step outside of their comfort zone and reach out to families in need of experiencing God's unconditional love and acceptance. We have been tremendously blessed by the individuals we serve....I cannot imagine life without their joy and laughter in the midst of their challenging situations. I grieve not for the families, but for those unwilling to walk along side of them for they are the ones missing God's blessing!

Friends Unlimited Jr

We need your help!!! Friends Unlimited Jr is CCC's best kept secret! We have an inclusion team ready to assist children with special needs in their Sunday School classroom, but we need kids!! Do you know of a family that has a child with special needs that does not attend church? We would love to meet them! Please tell them about us or let one of the team know about them!! The team includes: Brenda Balciunas, Jessica Hendricks, Renee Kinder, and Becky Moore. Each week, one of us will be on call to assist children with special needs in their age appropriate classroom. If you would be interested in serving as an assistant in a classroom, please contact Becky Moore.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CAMP !!!

Contact the Office of Mephibosheth Ministries, at 317-984-4653 x30

Back by Popular Demand



5th Annual

Pie & Ice Cream Social / Basket Auction!

April 22, 2007 at 5:30pm

Our 2006 basket auction, with the generous contributions from everyone, raised over \$10,000.00 to help the ongoing programs of Mephibosheth Ministries.

- The Way Activities Program
- Friends Unlimited
- Camp Mephibosheth
- Mephibosheth Ministries Administrative Expenses

We are looking forward to this very fun fellowship evening . Baskets that have been auctioned in the past include numerous theme baskets, such as Bible study, children's games, Nascar and sports memorabilia, Handyman's tool box and more! We have even auctioned several vacations in the Sunshine State!

If you would like to make up a basket alone or with your class, organization, friends or family, or if you have an item to donate, we would welcome you to do so.

Please wrap your basket in cellophane and attach a Donation form available from Mephibosheth Ministries, Inc. giving the approximate value of the basket. This will assist us in financial tracking for contributions.

Deadline for the basket donation will be **Sunday, April 15th**.

If you have any questions, please call: **Office of Mephibosheth Ministries, Inc 317-984-4653 #30**

If you missed the fun last year, we hope you will join us for some mouthwatering pies, great baskets on which to bid, fun, laughter, and fellowship, all while helping Mephibosheth Ministries, Inc!

**Cicero Christian Church
Family Life Center**



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

April 7

Gearing Up for Spring

Receive information on allergies, and get your physicals for camp

May 5

Women's Health

Learn about stress management, Breast Care, and Osteoporosis



Calling all medical and non-medical personnel. We need your help! The pay is lousy, but the rewards are wonderful! If you can talk to people, have office skills, and have a desire to help people in need, then you are who we are looking for. Call Cathleen Vieceli at 984-7174 or Jeff Glover at 965-9043 to sign up today!

Hope Family Care Center, Inc. is a faith-based 501(c)(3) organization.

Your donations are tax deductible.



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.



April, 2007: Focusing on NEW LIFE

New life evokes an image of a newborn baby. How do we meet the practical needs of a newborn and their mother? By supporting organizations that meet the needs of a mother and child in a crisis pregnancy situation, we are

reaching out in a practical way to help those in our community.

Crisis Pregnancy Center is an organization that reaches out to mothers in a crisis pregnancy situation through free pregnancy testing, counseling, ultra sounds, practical information and ongoing support and encouragement. To learn more about Crisis Pregnancy Center, go to their web site www.cicpc.org or pick up information at the KIP table in the foyer.

You are invited to participate in a **Baby Shower for Central Indiana Crisis Pregnancy Center!** Below is a list of items you may donate for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. They will then distribute these items to women who visit their center seeking assistance. When you have purchased these items, place them in the crib by the KIP table.

- Newborn Spring and Summer clothes
- Diapers: sizes 3,4, & 5
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Powders
- Formula (All varieties)
- Diaper Wipes
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Baby Bath Wash
- New Baby Bottles
- Gently used strollers, cribs, pack & plays and bouncy seats
- Cash Donations – place in the box in the crib (make check payable to *Central Indiana Crisis Pregnancy Center.*)

Volunteer counselors - Compassionately listen to the client's needs and present Biblical answers; share the risks of abortion and the Gospel. These counselors have the benefit of going through a nationally-recognized, 21-hour training class

Crisis Line - Answer calls from abortion-vulnerable women. These calls are forwarded to your home while the centers are closed. Requires completion of the counselor training.

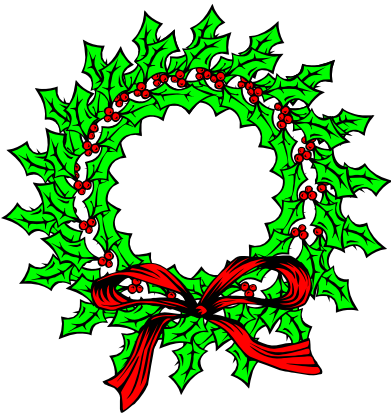


- Conner Dennis
- Betty Lively
- Steve & Peggy Morris
- Stacey Morris

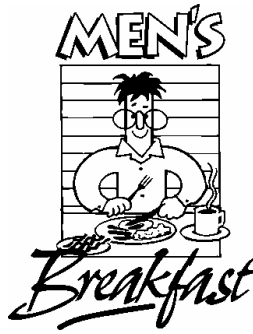
James Wackenhuth



**Every Tuesday,
11:45am-1pm
Bring your Bible, \$2,
and join us –
line forms 11:45,
lesson noon to 1pm**



Joy-Arama
Wants you to experience
“Christmas in July”
Saturday, July 14, 2007
5:00pm Social Hour
6:00pm Dinner
Noblesville Township
Community Building
342 South 8th St.
Noblesville, Indiana
Be watching for more
information



Come to the Men's Breakfast in the Multi-Purpose Room on Fridays at 6:00am and enjoy study and fellowship.



**Saturday, May 12
8:00am – 2:00pm**

The women's team is so excited about the year to come. We have so enjoyed the last events we have participated in with all of you. We enjoyed giggling wondering what exactly was in that shiny pink box at the pound party while remembering our best gift of all is Jesus. Didn't it feel good to hear that Jesus thinks you're gorgeous with Ce Ce at our Inner Beauty event?

While we have enjoyed all of these we are not through yet! Our next big event is to be held on Saturday, May 12. Many of you will remember how much you enjoyed Heart Spa last year. This year by many requests and popular demand we are going to have another Spa day! This time it involves chocolate, need I say more? We want to personally invite all the women of the church and their friends to join us at the Chocolate Spa on Saturday, May 12, (there is a \$12 per person charge).

We are always open to suggestions for events or just how we can serve you better. Please feel free to contact any of us. Koren Razo, Debbie Reeves, Debbie Alley, Teresa House, Cheri Hartwick, Gina McGill, Andrea Pieper, Joyce Hancock, Mary Beth Ping and Sharon Knapp



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; we are in need of food donations.

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.



**2007
Budget is
\$897,874**

February 4, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 256
10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 278
General Fund \$19,606

February 11, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 297
10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 295
General Fund \$19,349

February 18, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 253
10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance276
General Fund \$11,743

February 25, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 261
10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 278
General Fund \$17,852

March 4, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 279
10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 285
General Fund \$17,877

March 11, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 252
10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 328
General Fund \$16,225

March 18, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 281
10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 347
General Fund \$19,331

March 25, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 308
10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 326
General Fund \$13,886

2007 General Fund

Offerings year to date\$195,472
Budgeted year to date.....\$207,202
Average weekly need \$17,267
Average weekly giving \$16,290
Weekly spending..... \$15,130

Prepare the Way (ended 10/03)

Commitment\$831,006
Received to date.....\$695,067

Cicero Christian Staff

Senior Minister..... Tim Lueking
Adult Discipleship Minister..... Dr. Steve Hancock
Worship & Music Minister Doug Wiggers
Children's Minister Ben Radant
Youth Minister Chad Allen
Office Manager, cabinet secretary Beth 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..... Darrell Zaneski
Custodial Assistants Daniel Zell, Erin Fultz,
Matt Green, Paul Martz

Crosslight Christian School

Jesus & Me Child Care Ministry
Director Jenni Roosa
Assistant Director Jody Boyd
Crosslight Christian Montessori
Kindergarten Director..... Beth Rutan
Preschool Director Jodie Bolinger
Crosslight Christian School Board
..... Lacy McGrew (president),
Dr. Steven Hancock, Mike Jenkins, Jim Craig,
David McGill, Wendi Russell

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, Misse Foster
Dunamis Ministries,
Show Low, Arizona
..... Greg & Beth Smith
HOPE Family Care Center, Inc.
Director..... Jeff Glover

CCC Elders

Mike Jenkins.....984-3194
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Special Events Calendar

April

- 1 Palm Sunday
- 2 Spring Break – HHHS
- 3 NO Soup, Salad & Scripture
- 3 Hope FCC Board Meeting 7p
- 4 NO Family Night Activities
- 6 Good Friday Service 7p
- 6 NO Men's Breakfast
- 7 Hope Family Care Center 9-12
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 20-21 "Believe" Middle School Trip
- 22 Mephibosheth Basket Auction 5:30
- 29 Blood Pressure Checks

May

- 1 Hope FCC Board Meeting 7p
- 3 National Day of Prayer
- 5 Hope Family Care Center 9-12
- 12 Chocolate Boutique 8:30a-1:45p
- 13 Mother's Day
- 13 Baby Dedication (second service)
- 27 Blood Pressure Checks
- 28 Memorial Day-Office closed

Weekly Events Calendar

Monday

- 9:30 a *The Way* Day Program
- 6:00 p Griefshare; 2nd & 4th weeks
HopeKeepers 1st & 3rd weeks
- 6:00p Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p Youth prayer,
- 7:00 p Elders Meeting; 4th week

Tuesday

- 7:00 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

Wednesday

- 5:30 p Family Night Meal, gym
- 6:02 p Youth Group
- 6:00 p Family Night Classes
- 7:10 p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

- 9:30 a *The Way* Day Program
- 7:00 p Missions 2nd week., 133

Friday

- 6:00 a Men's Breakfast, MP at CCC
- 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
 - 10:30a Worship Service / Community Gatherings /
Adult Bible Fellowships / Children's Worship



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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.

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.

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, reproof, 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.

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 3:5, Ephesians 5:22-6:4, Deuteronomy 6:6-7*

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