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"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.."

# CROSSLIGHT



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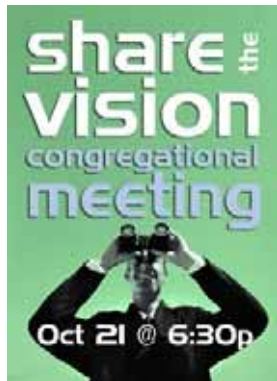
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**BRING ALL YOU CAN!**  
annual food pantry drive  
Harvest Sunday, November 11

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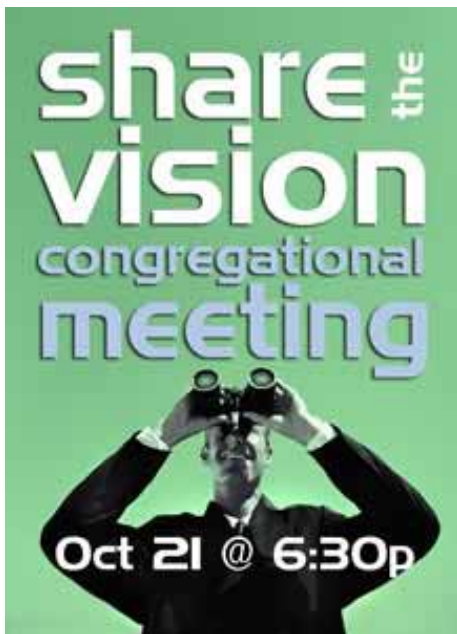
**Every Sunday 8:45 to 11:35a**

Sessions Start at 8:45 and 10:30a

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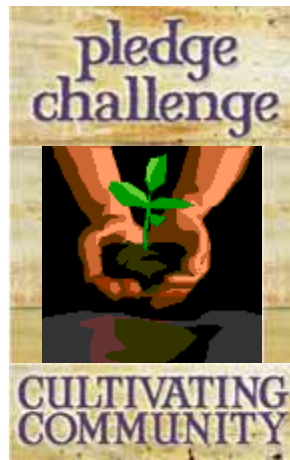


All are invited for the annual meeting of the congregation. We'll celebrate our accomplishments, introduce our 2008 theme, share goals for 2008, and confirm 2008 Team Ministry coaches.

Dessert will be served following the meeting in the family life center. Child care during meeting for children under age 4.

A graphic for the "Identity Theft" sermon series. It features the words "identity theft" in green and black, a fingerprint graphic, and the word "VALIDATING" in orange. Below it, the text says "Sermon Series continues through October 28".

A graphic for the "Walking the Path of Praise and Thanksgiving" sermon series. It features a photo of a hiker on a trail. The text reads "Walking the Path of Praise and Thanksgiving" and "Sermon Series November 4 - 25".



**One family has pledged a month's salary toward debt reduction**  
**We are challenged to match their \$5,000 pledge**

*For the remainder of the Identity Theft Series, let's accept the challenge!*

**It can be simple!**

Pastor Tim delivered the message September 9 from Romans 7 about the realization that we are not who we want to be. He gave an example with M&M's demonstrating "what I do is not the good I want to do." Based on M&M's, it is to match the pledge: \$1.35 per bag, 5 days a week for 5 weeks = \$35 times 150 families = \$5,062



**That's almost too easy!**

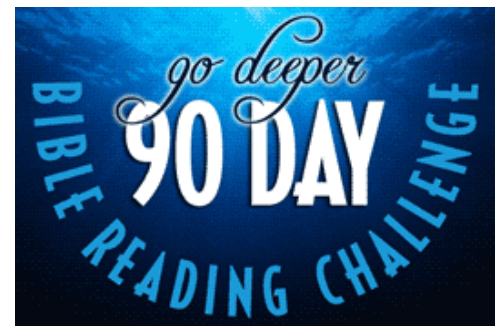
What if you pass the savings of a large pizza each week for five weeks? \$20 a pizza x 5 weeks = \$100 x 150 families = \$15,000. Now we're talkin'!

**Cultivating Community Goal**

Combined with this family pledge, we are striving for \$30,000 to complete our goal of paying an additional \$100,000 on our debt in 2007, saving us \$200,000 in interest and will pay off a portion of our mortgage nearly 8 years early!

**Want to meet the challenge?**

Don't let this challenge take away from your support of the local church and missions. This should be a sacrificial offering to go over and above to meet the pledge match challenge. Seek God about what He would have you do. Label as "debt reduction," drop in the offering plate and we'll add it to the pledge!



If you are one of the 180 or more participants in the Go Deeper 90 Day Bible Reading Challenge, you've surpassed the one-third mark if you're on track! Congratulations! If you're behind, don't give up – just keep reading and establishing a habit that you may not have had 30 days ago!

Hasn't the history of the tribes of Israel been interesting? Just in case we forget something, we get information repeated quite often! And some writers are kinder than others (2 Kings vs. 2 Chronicles).

Can you name the twelve tribes without looking them up? Let's see: Judah, Benjamin, Reuben, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Issachar, Manasseh, Simeon, Levi, (I'm stuck)... Ephraim... ok, I have to look... Zebulun, Dan. Did you count them? There are 13, not 12? Levi doesn't count – do you know why? (He doesn't receive a territory, but is allotted cities within the other tribes). Joseph is missing? Do you know why? (His sons Manassah and Ephraim split his inheritance.)

And I thought I had short-term memory problems! The Israelites take the prize for forgetting what they are suppose to do – zigzagging backward from extreme (short-lived) devotion to the one true God to extreme sacrilege of sacrificing to false gods in the temple in Jerusalem.

You can start the challenge any time! There are plans to read the entire Bible in 90 days, to read to your child key passages in 90 days (with 1 day off a week), or a plan for teens and elementary students (with 1 day off a week). You can pick them up in the foyer while they last, or view them online at our website (follow the sermons link).



## 2008 Forecast & Budgeting

An evaluation of Team Ministry is to occur at this time every year per our church bylaws and be completed by the third Sunday of October. Changes and approval of team ministry coaches, managers and elders are completed at the Share the Vision Congregational Meeting, which will be held at 6:30pm, Sunday evening, October 21.

### Team Ministry Forms Due

If you are a team ministry coach or manager and did not receive a packet for planning for 2008, contact Beth Roberts, or click on the team ministry link at [www.CiceroChristianChurch.org](http://www.CiceroChristianChurch.org). All forms are available online as well as current financial and budget reports.

**Forecast Forms Due October 7.** Please get with your team in the next few weeks to pray about and discuss your team's goals for 2008. After you meet please complete and return the enclosed violet "FORECAST" form to the mailbox labeled "TEAM MINISTRY" in the church office by October 7. If you complete the form, we'll be able to provide details to the congregation about your ministry at the annual meeting.

**Budget Forms Due October 17.** Budgets must be completed and available to the congregation by the end of the year. This takes several rounds of review, so your team's completed green budget form is due to the church office mailbox labeled "TEAM MINISTRY" no later than

October 17, 2007. You may view the 2007 budget and current spending reports on the church website through the financial link on the plum navigation bar. If you need additional information, contact Sherry Strauss, Financial Secretary, in the church office.

## Affirmation Process for Team Ministry and Elders

Beginning October 7, the bulletin will contain an insert that lists the members of the congregation who seek leadership roles as Coaches or Managers in Team Ministry in 2008 and Elders seeking a three-year term beginning January 1.

The time period for congregational review of the candidates for Coach, Manager and Elder ends October 21. Should there be an objection to a candidate, first try to resolve the conflict directly with the candidate as exemplified in Matthew 18:15. Once personal contact has been made and if the objection remains, the objection may be voiced personally to the Elders (list found at the end of this document), who will set a time for both the candidate and the concerned person to meet and discuss their differences in a scriptural and compassionate manner (Galatians 6:1-5). The Elders will determine if the candidate will continue seeking the ministry role. Absence of any objection of a candidate will be considered the congregation's affirmation of the candidate.

Details on qualifications of Elders and Team Ministry Coaches is found in the *Operations Handbook*, a part of the *Bylaws* for Cicero Christian Church. You may obtain a copy from the church office. This same material is also available via [www.CiceroChristianChurch.org](http://www.CiceroChristianChurch.org).

The Team Ministry Cabinet consists of all team ministry managers and coaches. A chair, co-chair, secretary and treasurer are selected each year for one year terms by the Cabinet and Elders.



## 6-8pm, parking lot

*Trunk or Treat* is an October Kindness in Progress Servant Evangelism event. Our community will be invited to visit us for goodies, and you don't have to cart the kids around town looking for loot! Spread the word to your communities that the action will be at CCC!

*Trunk or Treat* replaces *Family Night* on October 31. Regular scheduled classes will resume on November 7.

- ◆ **Decorate** your vehicle – also known as the “candy distribution center”
- ◆ **Dress up** your family in some fun costumes (nothing too scary or inappropriate, please) - view pictures at [www.CiceroChristianChurch.org](http://www.CiceroChristianChurch.org) for some ideas.
- ◆ Fill some containers with **candy** (as much as you can!) or **Christ-centered trinkets or handouts**
- ◆ Meet at **church parking lot** from 6-8p
- ◆ If you want, throw something in the crock pot and **eat at the church** - church will provide paper goods, cups and drinks, you provide the soup or chili at a common “come and get it” table for our trunk or treat participants to share (we're not serving the public).
- ◆ Contest with fabulous non-sugar **prizes** for best costume (kid and adult) and best decorated “candy distribution center” or vehicle.

If you can't join us and want to help, drop some candy or Christ-centered trinkets or handouts by the church office and we'll make sure they get distributed.



# A Note from the Minister of Music



## EMBRACE THE TECHNOLOGY!

Technology today is an amazing tool and I am continually amazed at how God allows us use of many creative resources to touch others for His Kingdom. Here at CCC, we are attempting to utilize some of that technology for His glory and benefit. I wanted to take a few moments in this edition of the newsletter to share with you a couple of ways you can "plug in" as well.

### Audio Sermons

Did you know you can now listen to Pastor Tim's weekly sermons through our church website? Did you know that you can even download those sermons onto your MP3

player? Did you know that you could also download those sermons to your computer, burn them to a CD, and give them to your friends and neighbors? What a great way to share the gospel with other people! What a great way to catch another sermon point or refresh your memory on a certain sermon illustration. Use it! Go to

[www.CiceroChristianChurch.com](http://www.CiceroChristianChurch.com) and click on the guy with the headphones! Thanks to Beth Roberts and Jeff Hendricks for getting this going!



### Worship Blog

Via our church website, I have established a Worship Blog. A good amount of time went by when I wasn't using it, but I invite you to visit it on a weekly basis. Through the Worship Blog you can read



some of my thoughts on worship and life in general as well as get previews of our worship music most weeks. There is an opportunity for you to leave comments as well and I encourage you to be a part of the dialogue.



Something new is happening this December! The Worship Ministry of CCC is putting together a **Christmas Cantata** to be presented in worship on Sunday morning, **December 16**.

**Rehearsals** for this project will begin on Wednesday, October 3, beginning at 7:10 pm. Anyone who is interested in singing for this Cantata is welcomed to join the Worship Choir for this short-term commitment.

No long-term commitment to choir is needed... just join us for this wonderful opportunity. **All ages and abilities** are welcomed to participate!



## Drama Holiday Event on Sabbath for 2007

Exodus 23:10-11 ~

*"Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its produce, but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave, the beasts of the field may eat. In like manner you shall do with your vineyard and your olive grove" ...and your drama ministry*

Do you realize that we have had a holiday musical or dinner theater for six years? Just like God instructed the Israelites, in order for their crops to excel, they needed to let the land rest.

*From our Drama Team Ministry Coach, Elaine Glover:*

In the past couple of days the Lord has been redirecting plans for this season's drama. In years past I have had a great sense of exactly what the Lord had for us to do. However, this year whether it has been my own busy schedule or my lack of discernment but I never received a solid answer to my prayer of "what show should we do." As the time of the Drama Workshop and Rehearsals has drawn nearer it has become apparent that many of our troupe are willing but weary and would appreciate a break this Christmas. After talking with Doug he is supportive of us taking a well deserved "break" this year. Even the Lord rested on the seventh!

Pastor Doug and myself as well as others in the drama ministry will be meeting this fall to seek God's guidance for 2008. We seek to continue this important ministry and outreach event in the future but we want to do it with God's anointing, His blessing and an invigorated cast. Please contact myself or Doug if you have any questions or want to discuss the drama ministry.



**Sunday, November 18, 5:30p  
Family Life Center**

Join us for our all-church **annual Thanksgiving dinner**. Turkey, drinks, & tableware will be provided. Using the first letter of your last name use the following as a guide of what to bring: A-H - salad, I-P - side dish and Q-Z a dessert and of course your whole family.



## Power of Prayer

The scripture assures us that faith brings great ease of mind and perfect peace of heart when it says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusted in thee." Recently the leadership attended a mini-retreat where the emphasis was to learn more about the power of prayer. Each of us read the first four readings from E.M. Bound's works on prayer. After several reflections on our reading and understanding we were assured that the desire to pray coupled with trust in the Lord and an exhibition of faith linked to prayer releases God's blessing. At our weekly Sunday morning elders and leadership gathering we will be using one reading from Bound's work and related scripture to reflect upon in an effort to keep the power of prayer before us.

## Planning for the Future

Our yearly "Share the Vision" Congregational Meeting is fast approaching, scheduled for Sunday, October 21 at 6:30 pm. In our time line for our gathering we have begun 2008 budget planning, looking at spending priorities, plus review and evaluation of the Team Ministry. We are also working on several ideas related to debt reduction, some of which appear in this newsletter from other writers.

## Visitor Rotation

In an effort to address one of our goals for 2007, we discussed in our last newsletter, the elders have developed a new visitor rotation schedule in which the presiding elder and the elder scheduled for the following week will be given a list of first-time visitors to make contact with. You can assist us in obtaining visitation information, as you meet and greet people, by making sure you refer first time visitors to the "coffee grounds" area for their welcome and gift.

## Bible Reading Challenge

The leadership has accepted the 90 day challenge to read the Bible in ninety days. At last count over 180 attenders have been able to take the challenge. It is amazing how this reading challenge can draw us to fulfilling the plea in the scripture for us to "study and show ourselves approved."

## Focus on "Little Things"

Your leadership has been focusing on ways we can do the "little things" that could contribute to the many dimensions of growth for CCC. Some of these areas are:

- ◆ Refining our mission statement, core values, and creating a phrase which would describe what we are about at CCC
- ◆ stronger emphases on the concept of revival
- ◆ becoming a good neighbor through visitation and acts of kindness
- ◆ increased focus on the family
- ◆ establish and reach debt reduction goals
- ◆ energize the recreation ministry
- ◆ take evangelism to the next level
- ◆ take both the men's and women's ministry to the next level
- ◆ build the new membership classes
- ◆ bring awareness to the congregation of the many endowment and estate programs available
- ◆ continue to keep our facility clean and appealing
- ◆ improve our communication skills to our attendees and community.

These are things we can all contribute to in some form or fashion.

Lastly, I would like to welcome Mike House to the eldership. We continue to pray for Mike and his family as they experience the blessings and experiences before them as Mike serves the Lord in this capacity.

Blessings...  
*Mike Jenkins, elder*

## Angel Food Ministries



Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States.

### Blessings by the Box

Angel Food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$25 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of about \$50. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or outdated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork are also available if you order one standard unit. There is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can receive, and no applications to complete to qualify. Angel Food Ministries also participates in the U.S. Food Stamp program.

### How the Program Works

Orders and distribution are handled by church host sites. CCC is using the host site at *Redeeming Love Christian Center*, 1950 East Conner Street (former donation drop off location of Good Will, behind AAA). Orders are collected by the host sites during the first part of each month. Distribution Day is on a Saturday morning in the middle of the month.

***You must pay in advance and you must pick up your product from the distribution site.*** November 1 is the cutoff to have funds at the host site for the November 13 distribution from 9-11am. Bring a large box for your food.

If you want to drop off check, cash or money order and an order form at CCC, do so with Nancy Reed before October 30 for the November distribution. If you want to use food stamps, please deliver your order directly to Redeeming Life.

*If we can build the interest in our area, Cicero Christian Church would like to become a distribution host site.*

Visit [www.AngelFoodMinistries.com](http://www.AngelFoodMinistries.com) for menus and forms.



## You're invited to the Home Fellowship Bonfire PitchIn

On **October 6 at 6pm** there will be a bonfire for everyone currently in a Home Fellowship and for anyone who might be interested in joining one. Mike & Nancy Hutson will be hosting the event at their house, 26085 Schullley Road in Arcadia. There will be hot dogs, buns and drinks provided as well as paper goods. Please bring a covered dish and a lawn chair. This promises to be a great time of fellowship and fun so come on out!



## Leadership Training

There will be a **Home Fellowship Leader Training Saturday, October 27 from 9am to 11:30am** in the Multipurpose room. This will be informative and interactive.

I encourage those who are currently leading to attend as well as those who may be interested in leading a Home Fellowship in the future.

Snacks will be provided and it is suggested that you dress comfortably.

~ Pastor Ben



## BRING ALL YOU CAN! annual food pantry drive Harvest Sunday, November 11

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

### Food Pantry Drive

Bring your filled bags on November 11, 2007. Many local groups refer those in need to our pantry. It is a great ministry to many in our community. Help us help others by contributing items!

We also like to get a few certificates for fuel and perishable items. If you wish to contribute a monetary gift, designate "pantry" in your check memo and drop in the collection plate.

### Items we DO need

#### Canned Vegetables

Peas, carrots, potatoes, mixed (we have corn & beans)

#### Canned Fruits (very popular)

fruit cocktail, pears, peaches, pineapple, applesauce, jelly...

#### Meat/Proteins

canned chicken, tuna, ham, peanut butter  
Complete Entrees (very popular)  
"all-in-one" boxed meals, stews, dumplings, soups, hamburger/tuna/chicken helpers...

#### Sauces

Tomato, alfredo, cheese...

#### Grains/Starches

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

#### Beverages

Fruit juices, canned or powered milk, tomato juice...

#### Baby Supplies

Baby food, powdered formula, diapers...

#### Toiletries

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

*Please DO NOT donate the following items:*

- Items that need refrigeration
- Expired, open or damaged items
- Soft Drinks
- Clothing

"Odd" food items: pigs feet, pickled eggs



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Our Pastor's put in a tremendous amount of time and energy into God's Kingdom and His people. Now it is our turn to let them know how much we appreciate their time, energy and sacrifice. Here are a few ideas of how you can honor our Pastors:

- ◆ PRAY
- ◆ send a card
- ◆ offer to watch their children so they can have time with their spouse
- ◆ gift certificates to a local restaurant or bookstore
- ◆ invite them over for dinner and a movie
- ◆ mow their lawn, rake leaves or help prepare their flower beds for winter
- ◆ take them out to lunch
- ◆ share with them your spiritual growth

These are just a few ideas. Be creative!



Additions to our Church

Martha Ewing  
Debra Meiring  
Nathanael Russell

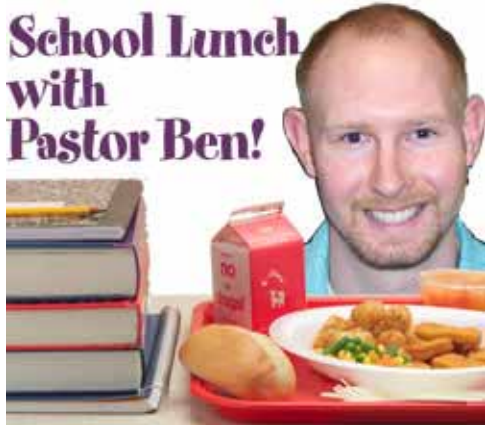




# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to all of those who responded to the letter that I sent out to parents asking them to volunteer in the Children's Ministry. The Children's Ministry at CCC cannot function without the help of parents and others in our church that invest their time, talent and treasure. We still have some opportunities to serve (once a month during the service of your choosing) and in most age groups in the Children's Ministry, so if you are willing to volunteer please contact Ben Radant or JaNell Martz soon.

## School Lunch with Pastor Ben!



I am excited to devote Monday afternoons to eating lunch with the Children of Cicero Christian Church. I hope to spend some time with them and build strong relationships with them as they grow in the Lord. I also want to give them encouragement during the week. I want to be available and accessible to the children I minister to, and this is a way that I can begin to do that.

So if you or your child is interested in me eating lunch with them email me at [benradant@cicerochristianchurch.org](mailto:benradant@cicerochristianchurch.org), or call me in the office- first come first serve basis. - In Christ, Ben Radant

# LOFT

Living On Fire Twenty-four Seven



## College Care Packages

All college students (including commuters) who wish to receive a care package

must submit a current address to the office by October 24.



Middle School to the Indianapolis Zoo, October 6. Youth will need money for admission and food.



Senior High will be going on a wilderness retreat October 19-21. This is a FREE trip for the youth. This weekend is designed for youth to grow in their relationship with God and with each other. Signup by October 14.



Students in grades 5-8 are invited to bowl at Coopers Stardust Bowl in Noblesville on Sunday, November 11 after second worship service. Bring money for fast food and bowling. Sign up in the office or email Chad by November 4.

## what are you doing Wednesday @ 6:02pm

Join us every week for worship, devotions, small group application and game time. A meal is served at 5:30 in the family life center (drop in a buck or two if you've got it), then come upstairs. Open for youth grades 6 and above.

### Prayer Night

Prayer Night will no longer be held on Monday's. Instead, it will be incorporated into the 6:02pm service.



Students in grades 9-12 challenged to attend the Indiana Christian Youth Convention in Anderson starting the evening of Friday, November 16 through Sunday November 18. Details on cost, what to bring, the hours of departure and return will be coming. Sign up by October 10 if you want to go by calling the office or sending an email to Chad.

## WORSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE

### Grades 6, 7 & 8

Join us for a special middle school worship service on Sunday, October 21 at 10:30am in the LOFT auditorium.

## Sunday, November 25 (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."*



*I Samuel 1:27-28*

We invite all families that wish to register to contact Ben Radant or get the form on the Website (forms due November 11). This is a special time where families receive support from the congregation and dedicate themselves and their children to the Lord.



# Crosslight

Christian Montessori

# School

Crosslight Christian Montessori School has started the new school year. Our teachers have been busy keeping track of all the new little smiles in morning and, new this year, afternoon classes.

Preschool is pleased to have Ernestine Smith and Mary Lynn Carson returning for their fourth year. New to the staff is Abbey Brooks who will be teaching math in the mornings and reading and language in the afternoons. Finally, we want to welcome Nicole McGhee as a part-time practical life teacher.

Preschool has an organized curriculum that covers the alphabet while key Bible stories are taught. The alphabetical themes for the beginning of the year are: A-Adam and Eve; M-Moses; T-The Ten Commandments; and C-Creation. We also coordinate these themes with math, science and practical life.

Kindergarten has 13 children this year. Three students are returning to benefit from our small teacher/student ratio. Each one has individual strengths we are trying to use as a base for their level. We haven't necessarily expanded to First Grade, but this will be a good year to re-organize our curriculum for another learning level. The other 8 students are adjusting well to our program.

Kindergarten is participating in *the 90-Day Bible Challenge*. Reading a verse each day has been a nice routine to fall into so early in the year. We are also busy learning our alphabet sounds, numbers, rules of the room and how to make new friends. As we learn about God's creation, we are studying our selves, senses and what makes us wonderful.

Worship & Music Minister Doug Wiggers is also helping in Kindergarten by spending time with the students each week to talk about the basics of music.

We continue to be blessed with the church providing the space for us to grow God's school and are really looking forward to a great year of learning! Come see our larger classroom and office!



Licensed Teacher needed for **Preschool** to replace Mrs. Jessop, who will be leaving us. 20 Hours per week. Contact Jodie Bolinger.



# Crosslight Christian Daycare

## Now Enrolling for Fall

*VERY Limited Availability*

### Before- & After-school care

*for Crosslight Christian School, Hamilton Heights, and Forest Hill in Noblesville.*

*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*

Praise God in the blessings He has given us. We have 63 families this fall totaling 85 kids! May God give us the guidance we need to direct these children and families in the way He wants them to go.



## October Book Fair

We have a couple of months planned for our friends here at CCD. On October 14, we will be introducing our book fair from Usborne Books. We will be receiving a percentage of the profit for the amount of books we sell.

### Field Trip – Carley Elk Farm

We are really excited to be going to the Carley Elk Farm on Thursday, October 25 for an all daycare field trip (ages 3-12 will attend). We will get to tour the farm, see LOTS of animals, go through a corn maze, have a hayride, and pick out pumpkins too.



## Cicero Christian Church can earn a penny every time you searched the Internet?

**GoodSearch.com** is a search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results.

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter Cicero Christian Church as the charity you want to support. The money raised will be added to our debt reduction goal of \$100,000.

GoodSearch has added an additional way for us to raise funds - **online shopping**. If you select the store of your choice via GoodSearch with Cicero Christian Church as your selected charity, you earn additional funds for purchases. And these are stores you might actually shop in! This actually works, although it takes a couple of weeks, we get credit.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

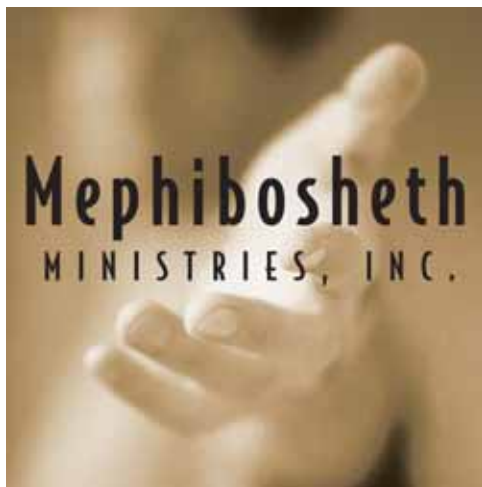


### Our Annual Missions Christmas Card Fundraiser will begin November 25

Label your Christmas cards that you give to those in our church family with the last name first on the front of the envelope (no addresses needed!), group the cards together alphabetically by last name, and drop them off in the box in the foyer with a check made out to Cicero Christian Church for the number of cards times \$.41 each.

The cards will be sorted and available for pickup by recipients starting December 16 through January 6. You may drop off cards as late as Wednesday, December 19 to be sorted; after that, you must place them in the correct place in the alphabetical groups yourself.

This year, Warren and Jan Manchess are heading up this project and doing all of the sorting for **Mission Jamaica**.



Keep up to date with all activities....check out our website:  
[www.mm-abilities.org](http://www.mm-abilities.org)

### The Way Activities Program

Monday & Thursday 9:30a- 2p.

Activities include recreation, field trips, cooking, crafts, gardening, and vocational opportunities. Make a difference in a life of a person who has developmental disabilities. Do you realize that 90% of the people who surround a person with disabilities are paid staff? Volunteer your time...the gift that keeps on giving! You will be amazed at what blessings you'll receive from learning from each other. I have!

### Volunteers Needed

Has God given you a special talent...a hobby that you enjoy? Do you have an hour a month to share your talent or hobby with a us during The Way Activities Program? Please contact Becky Moore at the office of Mephibosheth Ministries (317-984-4653 #30) to schedule your visit. We love to have the opportunity to learn new crafts and hobbies!



A special thank you goes to Susan Hoch for sharing her love of gardening with us and Nancy Reed her passion for scrap booking! We were able to make a scrap book of our summer activities to give to Emma to always remember us by while she is away at Ball State.

### Transformation

What a blessing it was to watch creation transform before our eyes! The Genesis Garden brought many caterpillars, chrysalises and the beauty of the Monarch Butterfly to our program. All and all, we released 6 Monarch's into our garden.



### Kindness In Progress

How fitting for Mephibosheth to take Agapé Therapeutic Riding Center for the Business Blast! Our day program baked a delicious "dump" cake to share God's Love with a deserving business that has given so much to the individuals we serve. Every participant took part in the baking...anywhere from directing us by reading the recipe (making sure we didn't leave anything out!), "dumping" the ingredients into the cake pan, stirring, cutting the butter...etc. We made cards by stamping a "horse" on the outside with our faithful "You've been served" labels. As soon as the cake was done, we all piled into the car and made our surprise delivery...of course when we pulled up, they thought they forgot to put us on the schedule! What a surprise it was for them to get dessert during their lunch meeting. We discovered just how hard it is to receive when you are used to giving...they wanted us to join them. We

decided to take a walk and check out their new waterfall feature on grounds instead. Of course Chuck thinks we are all crazy and in his words have gone back to "Little House on the Prairie" when everyone shared with each other, but isn't that what God has called us to do?



### Friends Unlimited

Are you ready for some football? With the fall season underway, talk already has started....will the Colt's repeat as Super Bowl Champions?

How about you? Can you be a champion for God? We have the #1 Coach on our side...God. By using His Handbook for life, the Bible, we will learn how to live for Him over the next few weeks.

On Aug. 28, *Friends Unlimited* had the opportunity to watch "Facing the Giants" during our Bible Fellowship night. We will further our study continuing through October with these topics:

- ◆ Complete Surrender ~ love, loyalty, and commitment
- ◆ Live on Purpose ~ purpose, meaning, glory, selfishness, honor
- ◆ Pray for Revival ~ prayer, revival, forgiveness, salvation
- ◆ Be An Encourager ~ bragging, quitting, leadership, & challenging others



**Annual Fall Bonfire  
 at Dan & Pam Conder's**

**Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 - 8:00**

Raindate: October 9



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 at 9am**

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

HOPE Family Care Center, Inc. has a new HOME for HOPE clinic located at:

**270 West Jackson Street**  
PO Box 713 Cicero, IN 46034

Our ribbon cutting ceremony and open house took place on September 30, 2007. We are so blessed to be supported by the CCC Missions, local businesses, and private donors. Look for added days and times for service in 2008.

During our November 3 clinic, Visiting Nurse Services will be offering flu and pneumonia Shots from 9 till noon,

For more information call 965-9043 or on line at [hopefamilycare.org](http://hopefamilycare.org).

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

Your donations are tax deductible.

**HOPE Family Care Center** invites you to join our volunteer care team

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Training & Appreciation Day**

**Saturday, October 13, 2007**

**8am to 3 pm** (meals provided)

Special Guest Speaker:

Paula Parker-Sawyer

Indiana Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

Please RSVP to 317-965-9043

# HopeKeepers

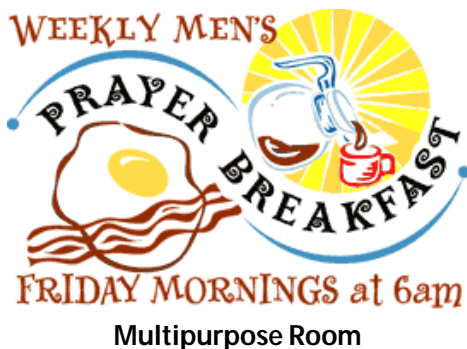
For anyone living with illness pain or physical challenges. This includes arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, fibromyalgia, cancer, walker and wheelchair bound, and many more. The meetings are a source of inspiration of hope for everyone. If you need encouragement or have the desire to encourage others, this is for you. **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday's** of the month. **6-7pm.**



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.



**Every Tuesday,**  
**11:45am-1pm**  
Bring your Bible, \$2,  
and join us



A ministry of Cicero Christian Church in partnership with St. Vincent Foundation's Circle of Friends

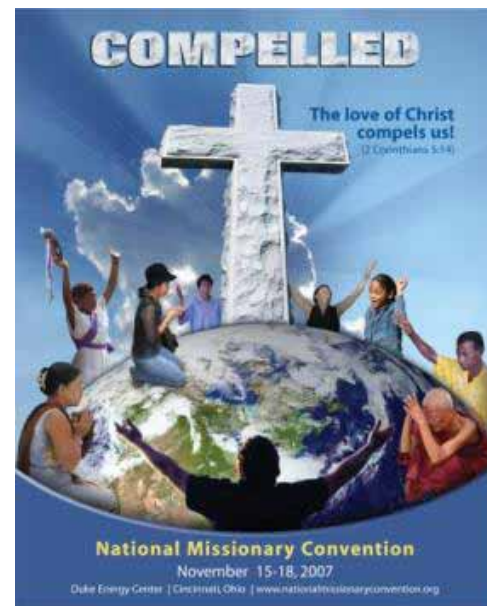
Tomorrow's Future Ministry will be having a "Count your Blessings" event to benefit the St. Vincent NICU (Newborn Intensive Care Unit) during October 7 through November 25.

We will be collecting diapers, sleepers, blankets, booties and hats for the patients in the unit. Your donations can be placed in the crib in the foyer.

In December we are planning a Parent's day out and February will bring a "Rock-a-thon" to our church.

**If you are interested in being a Tomorrow's Future team member,** or would like more information, please contact Lori Seaman at 765-675-1159 or [lorilee3684@yahoo.com](mailto:lorilee3684@yahoo.com).

Look for more events planned for the future and other ways to help this ministry.



You are cordially invited to the 2007 National Missionary Convention to be held in Cincinnati, at the Duke Energy Center, **November 15-18, 2007.**

**COMPELLED!**

*:"The love of Christ compels us."*

*2 Corinthians 5:14.*

Go on line to [nationalmissionaryconvention.org](http://nationalmissionaryconvention.org) for more information and to register.



2007 Budget is \$897,874

**August 5, 2007**

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 302  
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 287  
 General Fund ..... \$18,982

**August 12, 2007**

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 289  
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 334  
 General Fund ..... \$15,143

**August 19, 2007**

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 261  
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 304  
 General Fund ..... \$17,639

**August 26, 2007**

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 286  
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 326  
 General Fund ..... \$12,881

**September 2, 2007**

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 211  
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 245  
 General Fund ..... \$12,726

**September 9, 2007**

9:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 416  
 General Fund ..... \$14,454

**September 16, 2007**

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 245  
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 324  
 General Fund ..... \$15,776

**September 23, 2007**

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 301  
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 246  
 General Fund ..... \$12,231

**September 30, 2007**

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... NA  
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... NA  
 General Fund ..... \$17,074

**2007 General Fund**

Offerings year to date ..... \$647,417  
 Budgeted year to date..... \$673,405  
 Average weekly need ..... \$17,267  
 Average weekly giving ..... \$16,600  
 Average weekly spending ..... 16,018

**Debt Reduction Offerings**

Since March 11, goal \$100,000 ..... \$73,095

**Cicero Christian Staff**

Senior Minister.....Tim Lueking  
 Adult Discipleship Minister..... Dr. Steve Hancock  
 Children's Minister..... Ben Radant  
 Worship & Music Minister..... Doug Wiggers  
 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, Renee Kinder, 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  
 Dunamis Ministries,  
 Show Low, Arizona..... Greg & Beth Smith  
 HOPE Family Care Center, Inc.  
 Director..... Jeff Glover

**CCC Elders**

Mike Jenkins..... 984-3194  
 John Knapp ..... 984-3670  
 Mike House ..... 765-552-7631  
 David McGill..... 984-8111  
 Ron McGill (cabinet chairman) ..... 984-4336  
 Steve Zell (cabinet co-chairman) ..... 984-4778  
 Bill Cunningham..... Emeritus  
 Dan Conder ..... 758-6382  
 Mike Hutson..... mentoring

**Special Events Calendar**

*all calendar events are viewable on our website, www.CiceroChristianChurch.org.*

**OCTOBER**

2 Board Meeting Hope Care Clinic 7p  
 270 W Jackson Street  
 Mephibosheth Bon Fire at Conders 6:30p  
 6 HOPE Care Clinic 9a  
 Middle School trip to Zoo  
 Home Fellowship Bon Fire 6p  
 7 Senior High to Ben & Ari's 12p  
 Team Ministry Forms Due  
 8 Columbus Day  
 17 Budget Forms Due  
 19-21 Senior High Wilderness Retreat  
 21 Annual Vision Casting Meeting 6:30p  
 23 Tomorrow's Future Meeting 6:30p  
 26-29 HHSC Fall Break  
 28 Blood Pressure Screenings both services  
 31 Trunk or Treat 6p

**NOVEMBER**

3 HOPE Care Clinic 9a-270 W. Jackson St.  
 4 Daylight Savings time ends  
 6 Board Meeting Hope Care clinic 7p  
 11 Veteran's Day  
 Harvest Sunday – Bring all you can  
 16-18 Indiana Christian Youth Convention  
 18 Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal 5:30  
 21-23 HHSC Thanksgiving Break  
 22 Office Closed for Thanksgiving  
 25 Baby Dedication Second Service  
 Blood Pressure Screenings both services

**Weekly Events Calendar**

**Monday**

9:30 a Mephibosheth Day Program  
 6:00 p Griefshare; 2nd & 4th Mon, 133  
 7:00P Hope Keepers 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon,  
 7:00 p Elders Meeting; 4th week

**Tuesday**

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  
 6:05 p Family Night Classes  
 7:10 p Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

6:00 a Men's Breakfast

**Sunday**

8:45 a Worship Service, Noah's Park  
 10:30a Community Gatherings, Sunday School,  
 KIDS Church Live, KIT, Noah's Park



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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.

**Reach...Teach...Serve**

## BELIEFS

- Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
- 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.
- 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.

## ACTIONS

- 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 4:11-13*
- We desire 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 4:11-13*
- 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*

*adopted January 24, 2006; revised September 24, 2007*

