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Every Sunday 8:45 to 11:35am

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Elder Recommendations

In accordance with the Bylaws and Operations Handbook of Cicero Christian Church, John Knapp and David McGill are presented to the congregation for affirmation for the position of Elder.

Elder terms begin January 1, 2007 and last three years. The time period for congregational review of the candidates for Elder ends October 15. 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 on the back of the bulletin), 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 are found in the Operations Handbook, a part of the Bylaws for Cicero Christian Church. You may obtain a copy from the church office, or the content is available at www.cicerochristianchurch.org. In addition to the Handbook guidelines, new Elder candidates complete an evaluation and mentorship with the current Elders.

Another change in Eldership, effective September 30, is with Wade Candler, who submitted his resignation at this time to aid in the planning process which takes place every fall. We are grateful for the service that Wade has performed for Cicero Christian Church since 2003, and are excited to see how the Lord will use Wade and Phyllis in the next area of service, locally and in Florida, where they spend the winter.

Seeking Reaffirmation:



John S. Knapp

John (62) and his wife, Sharon, have been married since 1963 and have two grown children, Beth Ann and Tim. John is a life-long Hamilton County resident, and graduated from Jackson Central High School (Hamilton Heights High School). John is retired from GM. His path to leadership started young, he was raised in the church and was a Junior Deacon, then a Deacon, and he has served as an Elder for CCC since 2000 after transferring membership in 1999. John is compassionate and caring, and these characteristics serve him well in his part-time retirement job working for Hartley's Funeral Home.

Seeking Ordination:



David McGill

David (36) is also a life-long Hamilton County resident and a graduate of Hamilton Heights High School. He has attended Cicero Christian Church since he was an infant, and accepted the Lord through baptism in 1984.

David attended Embry Riddell University and Indiana State. He is a financial advisor and operates a branch of Comprehensive Financial Consultants in Cicero. David and his wife, Gina, were married in 1995, and they have three children: Christian (8), Carter (6) and Kennedy (5). He has a love of flying and is involved with a mission that provides air flights. David is seeking eldership because he wants to shepherd the flock. He has a great desire to see the church succeed, souls saved, and disciples made, as well as being involved in the church sending out disciples and missionaries. Dave has been mentoring with the eldership since the spring of 2005.



**October
15
6:30 pm**

Greetings from the eldership: We are fast approaching our annual congregational meeting on the 15th of October. We will be welcoming our Managers and coaches of Team ministry, introducing our new and returning elders and get a panorama of the vision for CCC in the year 2007 and beyond. This leadership will be dedicated to the ministry of CCC through their time talent and treasure.

The elders and leaders are planning a quarterly retreat for this fall. These retreats focus on sharing time together and drawing closer to the Lord through studies to benefit our growth as leaders and chart the future for CCC.

Don't forget the Team Ministry Fair on October 22 with teams having information booths telling about their specific ministry. With our K.I.P. emphases team ministry is a natural way to help show our desire to reach out to the community.

The Elders K.I.P project is ongoing in that we purchased over 500 packets of flower and vegetable seeds to give to individuals as we move about the community. Some were given to people that we buy products from and sell product too. Others were handed out at festivals, auctions and flea markets. The opportunities are endless and the conversations with new acquaintances are priceless. What a blessing we receive by handing someone a free packet of seeds. Blessings to you -- Mike Jenkins

Search Team Report

We have received 60 resumes

We are at various stages of investigating 10 candidates.

Have conducted visitations, conference calls, had guest leaders, and conducted interviews with various candidates.

Will be focusing on the 10 candidates to find the one that the Lord has picked for us through the investigative process.

An update will be given October 8 to the congregation during the worship services.

Continue to pray for the search team: Mike Jenkins, Mike Alley, Marcia House, Brian Swart, Sharon Piper



The Family Night series on "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" is going well and we invite all who are not attending to come join us. The study focuses on learning how to pray using the pattern of the Lord's Prayer. Each evening at about 6:00p, after the Family Night meal at 5:30p, we are taking time for worship, large group teaching and activities, and small group activities around each table.

Our goal is to move our church further on its journey of becoming a church that is saturated by prayer so that we can each draw closer to Christ and the Body of Christ at CCC can become spiritually stronger.

My prayer and hope is that we will fill up our Family Life Center every Wednesday from now through December 6 (with a week off for Thanksgiving) as we learn together from the prayer Jesus gave us how to pray more effectively.



Watchman on the Wall Prayer Ministry

The past couple of months have been very beneficial in expanding our knowledge on prayer. Prayer is sometimes viewed as a task that must be done. However, prayer is the result of an intimate relationship with God. It is through prayer that we converse with God and that relationship is built and sustained.

Scripture says "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8 (NAS). As you spend time with your God and He spends time with you, prayer will become more than a task. It will become an important and precious time that you will guard and value.

Remember to pray for your Pastors as we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month.



www.cicerochristianchurch.org

You are now able to go on our Web Site and read the CrossLight Newsletter. Go to News & Notes on the home page and click on Newsletter. We also have back issues there for your viewing.

You'll need to download the Acrobat Reader to open the file, but a link is there for you to follow.

Starting January 1, 2007, if you still want a newsletter mailed to you, contact the office. Otherwise you will not receive a copy through the mail.



We now have 13 Home Fellowships! Praise God for how He is growing this ministry as we seek to become the biblical community God desires us to be. One of the best ways to answer Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23 is to develop Home Fellowships that fulfill the "one-another" verses in Scripture. I thank all those who are participating and look forward to strengthening the groups we have and developing more in 2007. For more information on Home Fellowships please go to the churches' web site under *Home Fellowships*. You will find items such as our *Quick Start Guide*.

I encourage all Home Fellowship leaders (husbands and wives) to join us for the last Home Fellowship Leader meeting of 2006 on October 14. If you are interested in starting a Home Fellowship please call or email me and attend the last Home Fellowship Leader Training on November 11. Pastor Bill

Our current Home Fellowships are:

Leader	Day	Time	Contact
Tom & Sherry Strauss	every Friday	6:30p	219-3035
Bill & Linda Bergstrom	every Friday	6:30p	219-3491
Steve & Joyce Hancock	every Thursday	7:00p	219-3125
Ben & Devon Radant	every Thursday	7:00p	877-1057
Jeff & Beth Roberts / Matt & Wendi Russell	every other Saturday or Sunday	5:00p	765-292-2271
Warren & Jan Manchess	every other Friday	6:30p	984-4523
Mike & Judy Jenkins	one Sunday evening monthly		984-3194
Ron & Bev McGill	one Tuesday or Thursday evening monthly		984-4336
Carl & Brenda Harvey Tim & Katherine Lueking	Every other Sunday afternoon	after church	984-5732
David & Gina McGill	Every other Friday	6:30pm	984-8111
Gino & Debbie Small	to be determined		765-292-2700
Chad & Cheri Hartwick	to be determined		984-3944
Wade & Phyllis Candler	Every other Friday	6:30pm	776-0384



Share Your Recipes

Would you share your favorite recipes with our community and our church? One of the KIP (Kindness in Progress) projects for the Hancock Home Fellowship is providing free recipes for our community and our church. We plan to post the recipes on our church web site and let the community know that they may use whatever they wish. If you would share some of your favorite recipes for use in one of our KIP projects, please email Steven Hancock (stevenahancock@usa.net) or give a written copy to Janet Bangs or Steven Hancock. We will make these available to our entire community and everyone in our church via our church web site.



October 8-21

Distribute door hangers with church event information in various neighborhoods. Contact the office for assignments.

Grocery Bagging



KIP Event

Kroger – Noblesville

Our local grocery store has allowed us to bag groceries for their customers. Watch for more details on this event!

Great Pumpkin Giveaway

October 21 – 10am-noon at CCC

We will give away 500 pumpkins to our community. A great community outreach project to get involved in!

How can you help? You can help by assisting in giving the pumpkins away, providing drinks and cookies to families as they pick up their pumpkin or in distributing door hangers announcing this and other outreach events.

Contact Steve Hancock and let him know how you wish to be involved.

October 31

Trunk or Treat



October 31 – 6-8:30 pm at CCC

Trunk or Treat is a great way to provide a fun atmosphere for children and their family. Simply fill up your trunk or bed of your truck with candy and goodies for the trunk or treaters who will visit your car or truck. You can purchase inexpensive Christian items from CTAinc.com, orientaltrading.com or autom.com. Be creative in getting the message of the gospel out to the children.

You can also decorate your car or truck for this event. Ideas such as a bible story, something significant to your bible hero or other creative ideas. Please no scary displays we want to provide a positive message and atmosphere.

Contact Nancy Reed if you desire to take part in Trunk or Treat.

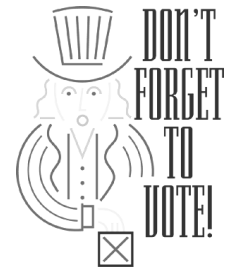
Pray for our ability to serve our community through our school!



November 12 at CCC

We will be honoring those men and women who have given of their time and lives to serve our country. During our regular services, we will be enjoying patriotic music and specials from the choir. The veterans in attendance will receive boutonnières. After the 2nd service we will be hosting the veterans at a luncheon in their honor. Along with a memento of our appreciation of their service, we will be providing military bibles that the veterans can sign and then the bibles will be sent to our troops in Iraq.

We have the opportunity to give back to the veterans through our gift of service. Help is needed in the following areas: set up and tear down of the FLC, meal preparation and greeters. Contact Nancy Reed if you or your Home Fellowship group would be interested in serving.



Voter Commitment

October 10

Register to vote in fall elections.



October is the month that we will focus on Team Ministry. Our annual evaluation of team ministry occurs in the fall, and we will have a Team Ministry Fair Sunday morning, October 22.

As in the past, there will be displays in the Narthex and down both hallways. Each Manager and Coach should be praying about how you would like to display your ministry. Please be as creative as you can so that we can showcase our ministries and recruit volunteers. Reserve your space through Pastor Bill.

REMEMBER: THE TEAM MINISTRY FAIR IS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Before the Ministry Fair, on **October 4 at 7:30pm**, Pastor Bill will be having a meeting of all Managers and Coaches to explain our new tools that I hope will help us recruit and keep volunteers.

Remember: The Special Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:30

To help everyone explore their gifts and passion for ministry we have developed two new guides. These guides will be made available in October but for a sneak preview please go to our web site and look under Ministries and then Team Ministry. There you will find Team Ministry Tools such as Exploring My Gifts and Passions Guide and links to three different web sites that will help you discover and understand your spiritual gifts.



BRING ALL YOU CAN! annual food pantry drive Harvest Sunday, November 5

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 5, 2006. Many local groups refer those in need to our pantry and 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.

What 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, beef,
peanut butter

Complete Entrees (very popular)

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

Sauces

Tomato, alfredo, cheese...

Grains/Starches

rice, pasta, boxed cereals, corn bread,
crackers, flaked potatoes ...

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

What we DO NOT need:

Items that need refrigeration

Expired, open or damaged items

Soft Drinks

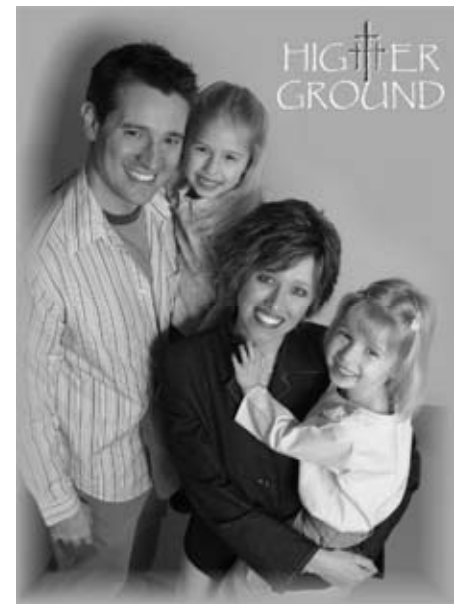
Clothing

"Odd" food items: pigs feet, pickled eggs



**Sunday, November 19, 5:30p
Family Life Center**

Join us for our 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.



After dinner, we will gather in the Sanctuary to enjoy a special time of praise and worship to our Savior. Christian recording artists, Robbie and Denise Grimes, along with their daughters, Courtney and Jady, will be sharing part of their lives through their original music, dramatic skits and testimonies.

We have enjoyed hearing Robbie, Denise and their family perform before and we look forward to sharing this special time with them again.



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY**

Lunch Bunch

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, I'll have a sign-up on the church website very soon. You can always email me at benradant@cicerochristianchurch.org, or call me in the office. I will start scheduling Lunch Bunch meetings as soon as possible. I will only be able to go to one school a day, so it'll have to be a first come first serve basis. I really look forward to spending more time with your children and building them up in the Lord through relationship.

-In Christ, Ben Radant

How to Shape Your Child's Character

You can dramatically shape your child's character for life if you do so on purpose. With a plan. There's gold in your child's heart, but you have to know how to make it shine. To get started:

List "golden" attitudes and actions that are important to you. Thinking of your children, what do you consider to be the most important and basic character traits? What kind of person do you want your child to become? To think this through, begin by focusing on character traits that are part of your child's make-up. Then add on as you go.

An initial emphasis on "golden" attributes that are natural for your child will give this new adventure a positive start.

- Is your son compassionate — caring about someone who got?
- Is your daughter generous — offering to give a one of her toys or snack?
- Is your son responsible — offering to take out the trash or make his bed without being asked?

- Is your daughter forgiving — willing to overlook an offense?

The more we are aware of and search for golden qualities in our children, the more we will discover. Imagine the difference it could make for your children to know you are intent on catching them at their best.

Develop a plan. Determine to teach your child the importance of character. Using terms that he or she can understand, describe or define each trait. Don't assume your child knows what it means to be "responsible" or "patient." Explain it in a language she can understand. Here are a few simple definitions for some favorite golden attitudes and actions.

Golden Attitudes

- Patience: Waiting without complaining
- Kindness: Being nice to others
- Generosity: Giving your time, treasures or talents
- Forgiveness: Overlooking a wrong
- Compassion: Caring for someone in need

Golden Actions

- Obedience: Carrying out instructions without question
- Honesty: Telling the truth
- Responsibility: Doing what is right
- Kind words: Speaking words that honor others
- Sharing: Giving something away

Model the traits in your everyday life. Look for ways to live out the traits as a family. Reinforce the traits by planning relevant activities. Plan a way to "live out" a character trait that you want your children to learn. It is much easier for them to grasp a concept if they see it in action. For example: Have each family member take a turn at dinnertime to say what he or she likes best about another person, (Kind Words). Or you could box up toys and clothes that are in good condition to give to a church or other charity, (Sharing). Yet another example would be to Have each family member wait to buy something he really wants. See if the desire goes away, (Patience).

Create a reward system. Children love to be encouraged with affirmation and blessings. To show your child how valuable character is in your home, develop a reward system. Then start mining for gold. Explain to your children that you are looking for "golden" attitudes and actions. With God's help, commit to learning a new trait each month. Be on the lookout for those glimpses of gold! —*Renee Swope*



Living On Fire Twenty-four Seven

IT'S COMING
October 11, 2006
6:02 -7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY LOFT YOUTH GROUP

The LOFT is kicking off its Wednesday night program on October 11. The LOFT service will be held upstairs in room 218 and is for middle school and high school students. The youth will eat at 5:30 in the gym and then go upstairs. The youth band will lead in worship, followed by a lesson and application time. After the service the game room will be open for youth to hang out until 8:00. See Chad for more information.



10am-5pm Indianapolis Zoo

Youth in grades 9-12 are going to the zoo. Cost \$10 plus money for food.

Noon-3 pm Cooper's Stardust Bowl Noblesville



Youth in grades 6-8, are going bowling. Cost: \$8 plus money for food.



**Youth Prayer
and
Community Service**

Monday Evenings

6:30 - CCC
with leaders
Buck & Barb
Green



Crosslight Christian School



Crosslight Christian Daycare

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

Thank you to everyone who helped with, attended, and donated items to our family fun night back in August. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the games, activities, food, raffle, and the live concert! It was a lot of fun and we enrolled a new family! We are thankful for you and your support to our ministry.

Enroll now and spin the "Join Now" wheel for a free week of tuition or vacation or free registration!

Crosslight Christian Daycare is having our **annual book fair** Oct 11-23. A variety of Thomas Nelson books will be on display during that time as well as order packets with catalogs. Checks are to be made out to CCD (Crosslight Christian Daycare). Your purchases will help us make money for the daycare and get us free books and Bibles for our classrooms.

Before and After School Care

Remember 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



Crosslight Christian Montessori School

We are really busy at Crosslight Preschool and Kindergarten. Preschoolers are anxious to learn as much as they can with the many manipulatives available for their age group. Preschool is an exciting place to watch children learn their boundaries away from home. The Montessori Preschool teachers are there to help the children's personalities unfold, not necessarily to form them. Each child has been placed here by God's hand for us to nurture and teach.

God has blessed our school with a caring and observant Preschool staff. Jodie Bolinger as the Director focuses on teaching math and sensorial. Ernie Smith teaches science and Mary Lynn Carson assists all the teachers. Deanna Jessop is full time and teaches language. Her 35 years of elementary teaching are invaluable! New to the staff this year is Angie Knight who teaches the bible lessons and practical life activities. Together they have been busy getting all the children acclimated to the school routine.

Kindergarten is now located upstairs in room 213. Beth Rutan is the Director and lead teacher for 14 curious Kindergarten students. Diosa LaDuron is a teaching assistant. Moving upstairs was a necessity for the preschool to grow. We want to thank everyone who assisted in expanding the program. The new students are busy learning their new responsibilities and boundaries. Being "older" also means more work, yet independence. Along with learning ABC's and 123's they will be learning time management with their daily contracts. Work first, play later.

As our school continues to grow, we are thankful for the blessings God has given us. God is in control!



Have you seen someone at the church but you can't put a name to them? We can solve that if everyone has their portrait taken for our Pictorial Directory.

Volunteers are needed to make this a successful adventure. Contact Shirley Whisman.

Sittings are available: **Tuesday, November 7 through November 10, Monday, November 20 and Tuesday, November 21, also Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25.** (If needed we will have Tuesday, November 27 and Wednesday, November 28 available) Weekdays from 2:30-9pm and Saturday the sittings available go from 9:30am until 4:00pm. November 24 and 25 would be a great time to schedule your family because college students are home during the holiday. Your portraits will be back to you by Christmas. All scheduling can be done on line or contact Shirley Whisman.

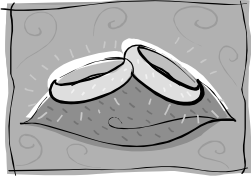
Each person or family photographed will receive an 8x10 color photo of their choice and a church directory. Our new directory tells our story with: quality portraits of church members, activity pages depicting our church life and ministry, church leadership information, and a roster of our church families. You will receive a professional portrait session right at our church. During your one-hour session, you will be professionally photographed, view your images, have the opportunity to purchase portraits.

We need you to make our directory complete! You do NOT need to be a member to have your portrait taken.



Christmas Decorations

Any Community Gathering, Home Fellowship or Small Groups that are interested in taking a section of the church to be responsible to decorate and take down contact Shirley Whisman or Nancy Reed for information.



Wedding Hostess

Anyone interested in helping with weddings as a hostess see Shirley Whisman. Duties are working with the wedding couple in making decisions for the church and to make their day a special day.



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!



Prayer Ministry

Pray with a minister at the House of Prayer

Tuesday at 7am or Friday at 7:15am

Prayer Walk

Sunday at 8am – meet in room 112

Open 24 hours daily

contact the church office for keycard



Men's Breakfast

Don't Forget! Friday Mornings 6 am at CCC in the Multi-purpose room.



Worldview Weekend

November 17-18, 2006

Dayton, Ohio

Don't miss this exciting and informative weekend. For details and registration online, go to www.worldviewweekend.com



Every Tuesday, restarting September 5

11:45am-1pm

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



One Friday night a month, join your lady friends in the Family Life Center for craft night. Bring your current craft and work on it while you fellowship!

October 20, 7pm
November 17, 7pm

Women in the Word

Adult Bible Fellowship

Sunday mornings at 8:45 in room 208. In-depth study of Ezekiel led by Debbie Reeves



Adult Bible Study

The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience

Why don't Christians live what they preach?

Sunday mornings at 8:45 in room 207 beginning October 1. Led by David & Gina McGill and Mike & Teresa House

HOPE

Family Care 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



Saturday October 7, 9am- 1pm

No appointment necessary. If you'd like to schedule one call 984-7174. All regular medical clinic services will be available. No appointment necessary.



**FLU AND PNEUMONIA SHOTS
Saturday, November 4, 9-noon**

Visiting nurses of Indiana will be here giving Flu and pneumonia shots. The shots are \$20 & \$25 each (cash or check). If you have insurance the visiting nurses can provide a receipt that you can turn into your insurance company.

Check in at Mugs & Hugs. No appointments necessary.



Calling all medical and non-medical personnel. We need you

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 Viecelel at 984-7174 or Jeff Glover at 965-9043 to sign up today!



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

We are taking a break through the month of August but please join us in September.

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.

Uncle Phil's Diner Rehearsal Schedule

Date	Event	Time
October 1	Rehearsal	4-8p
October 8	Rehearsal	4-8p
October 15	Rehearsal followed by Congregational Meeting	2:30-5:30p
October 22	Rehearsal	4-8p
November 5	Rehearsal off books!	4-8p
November 12	Rehearsal	4-8p
November 19	NO Rehearsal All-church Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:00	
November 26	Rehearsal Christmas Parade in Noblesville not mandatory	4-8p 1pm
December 3	Rehearsal	4-8p
December 8	Performance	TBA
December 9	Performance	TBA
December 10	Performance	TBA



Christmas at Uncle Phil's Diner Interactive Dinner Theatre

An Evening of Food and Fun From the Fabulous 50's

December 8, 9 and 10

Seating begins at 6, meal at 6:30

Come and join us as we take a trip back to the 50's. The cast and crew of Uncle Phil's wants to create a warm, fun and welcoming environment for the members of our church, community, family and friends. Put on your Poodle skirts and leather jackets (optional) and come ready to enjoy some classic diner food and an evening of **great Christmas entertainment**.

Invite your friends and family to come to the hottest spot in town!

Tickets go on sale November 1st

Seating is limited so **buy your tickets early!** \$8 adult \$4 child 10 and under or buy a table for 8 for \$60 and invite your friends! Tickets can be purchased from the office and include dinner, dessert and a full evening of music and fun in the Family Life Center at CCC.

Don't forget Uncle Phil's Canned Food Drive- bring two cans per person to the performance. You'll be glad you did.

See the cast of Uncle Phil's Diner in the Noblesville Christmas Parade



November, 26

Parade begins at 2pm in Noblesville.



Friends Unlimited

Where does summer go? We have had some wonderful fun activities happen during August on Tuesday nights .Special Olympics fun night on the 1st, Carnival fun night sponsored by CCC's youth group and finally our very own **FRIENDS GOT TALENT NIGHT!**

We had so much fun sharing the different gifts and abilities God has given us that we did 2 nights! We had everything from a pet tarantula to classical music on the piano. Sharing our gifts with others reinforced the lesson taught in Matthew 25: 14-30. I'm almost sure that I could see and hear the Lord saying... "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness."

Now it's back to business....After spending a year in study of the Visual Book of Matthew and the life of Jesus, we have decided to go back into the Old Testament and study a few of our Bible heroes such as Elijah, Elisha, Daniel, and Joseph before Thanksgiving. Won't you join us Tuesday evening and share in the fun. 95 people were in attendance last week!!

WELCOME!

What a special evening we had September 12th! The angels were rejoicing with the name of Robbie added to the book of life. Robbie shared at Friends that "someone" had been telling him deep inside that it was time for him to be baptized. When asked who that "someone" was he said "I would say it is God don't you think!" He proceeded to tell me that if he didn't follow through, he would go down "there" and he didn't want to do that!

Everyone was blessed as Robbie shared his testimony with the entire group of how God had been talking to him through reading his Bible and going to Walmart and emptying his pockets as they were collecting for those in need. As they prepared for the baptism, Dustin Worthman came up and played the organ. I'm sure everyone walked out of the sanctuary with a different perspective that night.....you never know what God has in store!



I am excited to introduce to you our new name for the Adult Day Program ~ The Way under the leadership of Missee Foster.

One of my favorite songs says that "...people come into our lives for a reason; bringing us something we must learn. And we are drawn to those who help us most to grow, if we let them and we help them in return." I believe that I was drawn to Mephibosheth Ministries, Inc.; or more simply, lead there by God. As Director of **The Way**, I have a lot to learn and a lot to give.

I am Missee Foster, the new Director for **The Way**. I am the fourth of eight children. I have two sisters and five brothers. My youngest brother, Sam McNew, was born with Down syndrome. I was fourteen years old and a freshman in high school when he was born. I had no idea the impact that Sam would have on my life.

In 1991, I married a wonderful man named Joe Foster. We have three children; two daughters, Raine (13) and Roman (8), and a son, Justus (12). Justus was diagnosed with autism when he was three years old and Roman has a learning disability. My brother had taught me acceptance, compassion and understanding. My children, however, have taught me to see the world in a whole new way. We've learned to take life one day at a time, and to truly enjoy each other. Without the incredible support of my family, I could not have accomplished even half of the things I've done.

I have had desire to empower and enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities for as long as I can remember. Spending my time developing a program that offers positive learning experiences is not a job for me – it's a passion. I believe that God gave me a gift. I cannot turn my back on that gift. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Director of **The Way**. The participants of this program are a joy and a blessing. I look forward to getting to know each of them.

Missee Foster
The Way Director
Mephibosheth Ministries, Inc.
317-984-4653 ext. 30

THE WAY Volunteer Opportunities

We have a need for loving, compassionate volunteers to give time to individuals with developmental disabilities. **The Way** is a unique, day program filled with fun, learning, song and laughter. Your skills could be a wonderful addition. You will receive support and training. There is a place for everyone at **The Way**. You will receive more than you give; the participants are truly gifts from God.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mondays 9:30am – 2:00pm every week | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 9:30am – 2pm every week |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mondays 9:30am – 2pm twice a month | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 9:30am – 2pm once a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mondays 9:30am – 2pm once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 9:30am – 2pm twice a month |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help with music | <input type="checkbox"/> I can play an instrument for the participants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have an idea of how I can help | <input type="checkbox"/> I can volunteer part of the day |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 10-12 or <input type="checkbox"/> 12-2pm |



2006 Budget is \$1,010,113

2006

July 30, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 304
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 262
 General Fund \$12,416

August 6, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 318
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 266
 General Fund \$17,406

August 13, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 254
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 257
 General Fund \$11,331

August 20, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 263
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 276
 General Fund \$12,169

August 27, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 308
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 290
 General Fund \$15,482

September 3, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 264
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 189
 General Fund \$14,504

September 10, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 287
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 311
 General Fund \$15,757

September 17, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 322
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 288
 General Fund \$16,164

September 24, 2006

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 329
 10:20 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 273
 General Fund \$20,387

2006 General Fund – 39 weeks

Offerings year to date\$605,320
 Budgeted year to date.....\$757,585
 Average weekly need \$19,425
 Average weekly giving \$15,521
 Average weekly spent (38 wks) \$16,084

Prepare the Way (ended 10/03)

Commitment\$831,006
 Received to date.....\$684,983

Contact the office with any questions about attendance or financials

Financials available on our website.

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 *Hire Pending*
 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.....Ricardo Melendez
 Custodial AssistantsDaniel Zell, Erin Fultz,
 Matt Green, Paul Martz

Crosslight Christian School

Crosslight Christian Daycare (formerly Jesus and Me)
 Director Jenni Roosa
 Assistant Director Jody Boyd
 Crosslight Christian Montessori
 Kindergarten Director /School Exec. Dir Beth Rutan
 Preschool Director Jodie Bolinger
 Crosslight Christian School Board
Lacy McGrew (president),
 Dr. Steven Hancock, Mike Jenkins
 Jim Craig, David McGill, Tracey Beck, 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
 AssistantsKay Newman, Molly Mohr
 Dunamis Ministries, Show Low, Arizona
Greg & Beth Smith
 HOPE Family Care Center, Inc.
 DirectorJeff Glover

CCC Elders

Wade Candler776-0384
 Dan Conder 758-6382
 Mike Jenkins(cab. chairman).....984-3194
 John Knapp984-3670
 Ron McGill (cab. co-chair)984-4336
 Steve Zell984-4778
 Bill Cunningham.....Emeritus

Special Events Calendar

October

3 Hope FCC Board Meeting 7pm
 4 Church Cabinet Meeting 7:30pm
 7 Hope Family Care Center 9-12
 7 BLOOD DRIVE in Family Life Center
 9-1:00pm
 15 Annual Congregational Meeting
 6:30 pm
 20 Women’s Craft Fellowship 7pm
 21 Great Pumpkin Giveaway
 22 Team Ministry Fair
 28 Hope FCC Volunteer Appreciation
 and Training
 29 Blood Pressure Screenings
 31 Trunk or Treat

November

4 Hope Family Care Center 9-12
 4 Flu & Pneumonia Shot Clinic 9-12
 7 Hope FCC Board Meeting 7pm
 7-10 Directory Portrait Sittings
 12 Honoring Veterans
 17 Women’s Craft Fellowship 7pm
 19 Thanksgiving Dinner 6:30pm
 Higher Ground Concert following
 20-21 Directory Portrait Sittings
 24-25 Directory Portrait Sittings
 26 Blood Pressure Checks
 27-28 Directory Portrait Sittings

Weekly Events Calendar

Monday

9:30 a *The Way* Day Program
 6:00 p Griefshare; 2nd & 4th weeks, 133
 HopeKeepers 1st and 3rd, 133 (on hiatus)
 7:00 p Elders Meeting; 4th week

Tuesday

7:00 a Prayer Meeting, House of Prayer
 11:45a Soup, Salad & Scripture, resumes Sept 5
 6:30 p Friends Unlimited, gym

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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
 10:20a 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.

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.

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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