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MATTHEW 5:16

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Every Sunday 8:45 to 11:45a

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Corporate Worship • Education & Fellowship • Ministry Service



**church
complete
service
schedule**



Reach, Teach, Serve

You have had heard it declared from the pulpit and you have heard it whispered in the homes among God's people at Cicero Christian Church. What is it? It is our vision and mission for 2008 to **Reach, Teach, and Serve** our community for the cause of Christ. We have been called to reach the lost in our community for Christ, teach our community about the message of Christ, and to serve our community with the love of Christ.

Our desire is to reclaim the surrendered ground and to carry out God's purpose for His people in this community. His purpose has not changed throughout history and neither has the message that he has given to His people:

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

Friends, the beautiful part about God's vision for His people is that it cannot be accomplished without you in it. You are a crucial component to the health of the church and to success of God's vision being carried out. God has given each one of you a passion, a gift, a talent, and today He is giving you a purpose. We need your help, your prayers, and your involvement to carry out God's vision for His church and this community. This year make the resolution to: Use your talents to glorify God, Begin a new ministry in an area of need, or Get involved in an existing ministry that needs your help. Understand the church needs you, God needs you, and this community needs you to carry out God's message of hope for all people.

Look for these areas to get involved in throughout the course of the year:

- ◆ Outreach Ministry
- ◆ KIP Projects
- ◆ Angel Food Ministry
- ◆ Recreational Ministry
- ◆ Prayer Ministry
- ◆ Tomorrow's Future
- ◆ Children's Ministry

One of the major focus points we are developing for 2008 is summed up in three words – "Reach, Teach, and Serve." These three words capsule the foundational core values and action activities at Cicero Christian Church. These three words can be used to summarize what we want to be about, to "Reach, Teach, Serve" people for Christ. It is the heart of the "Great Commission" from Matthew 28:18-20.

We pray that 2008 will allow us to see the benefits of reaching others for Christ. We wish for the people to hear the Word, respond to it by striving to be more like Jesus in all that they do and demonstrate a life-style pleasing to him. Of course this focus involves us all. Each of us will see, meet, influence, and talk to multitudes of people each week, both on and off the church campus, folks that, whether we realize it or not, may need to be touched for Jesus. How can we do this? What basic rules can we use to be on the look out for those needing a touch of Jesus? Remember the Word says Christians will be known by their love.

I would like to suggest an approach that can be helpful for improving our spiritual awareness for others. No doubt you know of some of these, but I would like to put them on one sheet of paper for our consideration.

People we meet may be displaying signs of need. The countenance of the human face can reveal the condition of the soul within. The Word tells us that the eyes are the "windows" to the soul. If we see individuals sitting alone and their head down we may ask ourselves, do they need a friend? Your speaking to them can make them feel important. If you see such a person walk up to them until they sense your presence then let the first thing they see be your SMILE and hear a warm greeting. If you sense a tentative demeanor your greeting could be the one to give them confidence.

Regarding folks we see on our church campus, studies have shown that attendees first few minutes in new surroundings will help them make up their mind about the place they are visiting. Their being here is no accident but a divine

appointment. Their being here is a miracle disguised as needs. Most people only share their needs with someone they trust and feel cares for them. Addressing their spiritual needs will make them whole. As you can attest for yourself, people need to be made to feel important.

There are many questions in the minds of people who are visiting our house of worship. Some of those questions are: Will our ministry communicate authentic care for them – both physical and spiritual? Will our ministry meet their heart felt needs? Will our ministry address the needs of their family? Do they know anybody here by name that they feel cares for them?

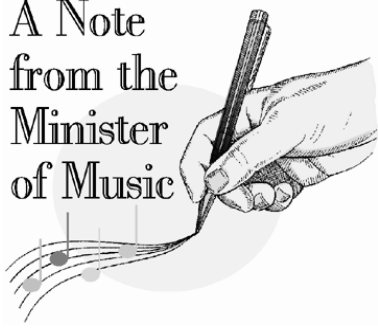
There are several principles of effective ministry. Our contact must have the personal touch. Our contact is the only resource we have to communicate the love of God. If printed materials are desired our spiritual handouts can be a resource for them. Remember programs are nice but addressing immediate needs is key to developing a lasting relationship. Our ministry strives to make relational and emotional "deposits" with those who come through our doors. As you can see recognizing and addressing attendee's needs is everyone's ministry. There is an old axiom which states, "All communication must be redundant and repetitive." The more of us who minister to them the better the relationship building will be.

So, the next time you see a "stranger" in our midst, what can you do to help them receive what they came to seek from being in the house of the Lord? As you approach them say hello, give them your name then wait for a response. Ask them, "How long have you been attending Cicero Christian Church?" Then you can ask, "How far did you travel to be with us today?" As you continue your conversation you may ask, "What are your needs today?" If they have needs ask them if you could have a short prayer with them regarding their needs. Then react to their response.

As you can see, this approach is what we practice when someone comes to visit us at our own home. We would answer the door bell, welcome them into the house, provide for their comfort, and see how we may meet their needs. Remember Jesus' words regarding standing at the door and knocking. (Revelation 3:20)

Blessings to all, Mike Jenkins, Elder

A Note from the Minister of Music



Part of my job as Worship and Music Minister is to oversee the entire Worship Ministry of CCC. This incorporates various ministries such as music, worship services, audio/visual, and a few others. One of these few "others" is the Drama Ministry. As you have heard by now, Elaine Glover resigned in October as our Director of Drama Ministry. While we are all saddened by this news, we wish Jeff and her God's blessing as they both pursue the next chapter in their lives.

The past four weeks have been very busy as I have been working hard and praying fervently over the future of our Drama Ministry. We all know the impact it has had on countless numbers of people over the years – and we pray for that impact to continue. As I prayed, I sensed God encouraging me to form a Drama Ministry Team – a team set aside to help guide and plan this ministry during the coming year. I am excited and encouraged to announce that this team has already met and has established, with the guidance of God, a blueprint to allow the Drama Ministry to rise to the next level of involvement.

Two levels of ministry have been identified that we wish to offer: production-based ministry & sketch-based ministry.

Both areas will serve to honor and glorify God, using the creative and dramatic gifts and talents He has given many. It is our thought that we will use 2008 to gradually vamp the drama ministry to a fully utilized and involved ministry. Our intention is to begin by focusing on worship sketches, small 5-7 minute dramas that will be prayerfully and thoughtfully utilized to support Pastor Tim's sermons and sermon series. These sketches would incorporate a small, well-rehearsed ensemble cast to accomplish that task. As we progress through the year, we see more involvement around Good Friday and Easter with the desire to present Uncle Phil's II in the fall or early winter.

After our first meeting, I truly feel that God used the members of the Drama Ministry Team (Sharon Bailey, Jill Francisco, Jessica Hendricks, Alicia King, Matt Russell, Nancy Reed, and myself) to quickly come together as a team who is focused on seeking God's agenda for the drama ministry, not their own. We feel blessed to have a direction for 2008 and ask that each of you join us to pray over this ministry and the steps it will be taking on its new journey.

If you have any comments or suggestions, the Team and I would love to hear from you. Feel free to contact myself or any of them. We serve God together, and that "together" includes you as well.

Shine on Us

A Musical for Christmas

December 16 8:45 & 10:30a



Candlelight Service



Monday, December 24, 7pm



Dave Snead



ReGroup:

Henry Cloud, Bill Donahue, and John Townsend establish a whole new training paradigm—one that equips leaders and groups

There is a new rescore available to your Home Fellowship. It's called ReGroup. In this revolutionary new curriculum, Henry Cloud, Bill Donahue, and John Townsend establish a whole new training paradigm—one that equips leaders and groups simultaneously and gives them everything they need to start and sustain a life-changing group. All it requires is a small group and a DVD player.

Whether you're a new or seasoned group leader, or whether your group is well-established or just getting started, the ReGroup™ small group DVD and Participant's Guide will lead you and your



group together to a remarkable new closeness and effectiveness. Designed to foster healthy group interaction and facilitate maximum growth, this innovative ap-

proach equips both group leaders and members with essential skills and values for creating and sustaining truly life-changing small groups. Created by three group life experts, the ReGroup™ Participant's Guide includes content to help leaders and group members process the content of the ReGroup™ DVDs that include:

- ◆ Four sixty-minute sessions on the foundations of small groups that includes teaching by the authors, creative segments, and activities and discussion time.
- ◆ Thirteen five-minute coaching segments on topics such as active listening, personal sharing, giving and receiving feedback, prayer, calling out the best in others, and more.
- ◆ More than 20 group dramas where you can watch a small group in action



Family Winter Fun Day



will be held December 8th from 2pm to 4pm at CCC. The whole family is welcome as we plan to go outside and play, (hopefully in the snow), for a little while. Then we will go inside and have some cookies and hot chocolate. After we have warmed back up a bit, we will have some winter crafts and games to play inside for the rest of the time.

Please register online or call in to the front office so that we can make sure we have enough crafts and food to go around. Once again we encourage families to come and play together and share in some winter-time fun.

Stress

We all need relief valves. They can save a lot of time that we would normally take cleaning up the mess caused by personal explosions.

When we installed a new hot water heater, I discovered a local ordinance that says there has to be a relief valve hooked up somewhere in the water system. If for some reason the thermostat doesn't turn off the gas under the boiler, and the boiler is so hot it is ready to explode, the valve will pop off, and pressure will be relieved. Things may stay just as hot under the boiler, but at least it won't blow up all over the house.

One of the most effective, long-range relief valves is to recognize what causes the buildup of pressure. If you see by your calendar that you are in for a few heavy weeks or too many late nights, block out some relief-valve time. This might be a half-day, whole day or

extended weekend. Take yourself out of your normal situation. Place yourself in a situation in which past experience has shown you can forget what is going on. This may mean a day alone at the beach or the mountains, a day with your family, or a weekend away with your husband or wife. It's a big help if couples will discuss their future schedules together to identify where the overload problems are and schedule in breaks in the routine.

In addition to the count-to-10 pressure reliever with which most of us are familiar, there are some others:

Staying ahead of your work is a good way to relieve the pressure of schedules. By scheduling a completion time 10 percent to 20 percent ahead, you have the peace of knowing there's time to recover if things go wrong.

Doing the hard things first, particularly if they have a great deal of emotional content, will relieve the subterranean emotions that tend to plague us in different situations.

Getting enough sleep is a must. Know how long you can get along with a reduced amount.

Do the difficult tasks in phases. Often a "first draft" will get you 80 percent of the way along. Time for "topping off" the finished product can be better foreseen, and meeting the deadline seems less of a task.

Have planned recreation and hobbies. I am a wood carver and a carpenter of sorts. Setting aside time for this activity helps me relax. Other people enjoy different methods of unwinding. One of my close friends has a way of announcing to his secretary when he will be finding some relief. If he says, "I'm going to inspect some real estate at 3 o'clock," you can be sure that you'll find him on the first tee at the golf course.

Admitting and verbalizing the causes for your own irritations (be they lack of sleep, overworking, too much stress or what have you) helps [keep] others from getting emotional with you and triggering unexpected explosions.

Facing up to the fact you really can't do all the things you scheduled and that some of them need to be postponed is probably the best relief valve of all. This can be a humbling experience, but the rewards in personal well-being are great. *Edward R. Dayton*

*"The child to be born
will be holy;
he will be called
Son of God."*



Luke 1:35, NRSV

LOFT

Living On Fire Twenty-four Seven



Youth Christmas Parties Middle School

Friday, December 14, 6-8 pm

High School

Saturday, December 15, 6-8 pm

College

Monday, December 17, 6-8 pm

If you are in Middle School you are invited to:

A LONG NIGHT IN CHINA

**On January 11, 2008 from 7pm to
7 am on January 12.**

There is a charge of \$20 due by January 6, 2008 or it is \$25 at the door. (Sibling discounts are available.)

Middle School Overnighter!



Crosslight Christian Daycare

Need Care? Call us!

We do offer before & after school care for Crosslight Christian School, Hamilton Heights, and Forest Hill in Noblesville.

**Children ages
6 weeks through 12 years**

Open 6a-6p weekdays

Bible-based curriculum

**Nutritious breakfast, snacks, and
hot lunches**

Inside and outside play area

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

What a busy and fun time at CCD. We are starting to talk about the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ! The kids love to hear all about "Baby Jesus" and "the shepherds with their animals", "the barn, you know the one Jesus was in!" and "the big bright star too." Oh the words that come from children.

We are excited to have our **blessing tree** out again this year. Thank you for all the donations that come through each year. We are so grateful to all of you. Please take an angel and then return it with the unwrapped gift so that we know what classroom it is to go too.

Our threes and fours will be going to the Jolly Days at the Children's Museum December 18. It will be lots of fun. If anyone from the church would like to help out the teachers just call or stop by and let us know.

Our Annual Christmas program will be a little different this year. Instead of a program put on by the classrooms, we are all learning different Christmas songs to lead you in the sing-a-long! Again, church family, you are welcome to come join the daycare families and sing a long with us. After, we will have refreshments in the gym and an open house of classrooms for the kids to show their families

where they play and learn all day. We are excited to sing in "big church" for you!

Daycare is closed Monday, December 24, 2007 through Monday, January 2, 2008. We will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2008.

Now Hiring

We are looking for people with a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ; a commitment to pray with teachers and children through out the day and share the love of Jesus; a spiritual growth and continuing growth through weekly church activity whether here at Cicero Christian Church or a Bible believing church; and demonstrate good stewardship to your church through your time, talent, and treasures.

We also need subs that can come in at a moments notice or be scheduled in advance. Lastly, we are looking for someone to help cook for the daycare on Fridays. Contact Jenni Roosa or Jody Boyd at extension 25.

things we will be discussing in Bible section in November). We will also be talking about family member's professions, different types of jobs, going to the grocery store, and learning our directional and positional changes (up and down). The children will be lacing, painting, cutting, coloring, stringing, making vertical lines, etc. We will talk about how important our family is and how thankful we are for what we each have.

In December we would like to invite you to our **Christmas Program on December 13 at 7pm** in the sanctuary. We would love for you to join us and see the Preschool children sing their little hearts out. They have great voices. We will of course be talking about the birth of Jesus and the importance of Christmas. Please come and join us on December 13 for our program. We will be on Christmas break from December 24 through January 4, 2008.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Early November, as we were preparing for parent/teacher conferences, Mrs. Eller and I felt the pressure of teaching. We both feel teaching is such a huge responsibility and when you want to be an effective teacher, you must take the time to identify each child's needs and then meet those needs the best you can. Just as we were getting frustrated and wondering if anyone was learning, two children made a breakthrough in reading. It was an emotional moment for both of the teachers when two, second year students just clicked with their sounds and blends and started reading their readers! They read for two days straight! During work time, rest time, free time and even wanting to take their books to recess. These milestones mean so much to us and we know God continues to watch over us and give us encouragement when we need it.

The class Thanksgiving celebration was a full day of cooking and decorating for the lunch feast. We learned how to peel a potato, measure ingredients for making a pumpkin pie and set a table. While our food was cooking, we enjoyed a visit from "Trapper Terry" (Terry Newman). He brought in interesting animal skins, homemade jerky and other pioneer items the pilgrims may have used. We also took time to make table decorations and learn how to fold napkins. Hopefully



Crosslight Christian Montessori School

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We now have 68 students in Preschool. Wow, God is so good to us. We are just getting into the swing of things in Preschool. The children are learning all of the routines and are very excited about school. They love the glue, staples, tape, play dough, and paint. Our language teacher Mrs. Jessop's fingers are always purple, green or some other color. The children love to get messy language, practical life, and science. We are going to start letting them clean up, wash, and dry their own dishes after snack in practical life. Tom Ping has made our sinks more accessible to the children. We love Tom Ping in Preschool.

We are going to be so busy in November and December. In November we will be discussing the importance of sharing and giving thanks. God has given us all so much to be thankful for in our lives. We will be discussing "The story of Daniel", how Elijah helps a widow, and Jesus is our savior (these are just a few

the children will use these skills at their own homes during the holidays.

For the second year, the Kindergarteners will perform the nativity scene with full costume and music. It's almost as much fun rehearsing as it is performing the final show on stage. If you want to enjoy this celebration of our Lord's birth, you are welcome to attend: **December 20 at 7pm** in the Loft upstairs.

Enrollment for the 2008-09 school year will start in February. If you have any questions about our Kindergarten program, please visit or give me a call at the church, 984-4653 ext 26.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing **high-quality, low-cost food** to families and individuals in communities throughout the United States. Angel Food Ministries crosses all denominational lines and serves as an excellent tool to share the Gospel of Christ to the community.

AFM is a non-profit, volunteer-supported outreach ministry **will be available in January through Cicero Christian Church as a host site.**

Food from the Angel Food's menus are sold by the unit at **\$30 per unit** (we were informed of the increase in cost on 11/17/2007). One unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week, or a single senior citizen for almost a month.



"A Food Ministry With A Servant's Heart"

Looking for **\$60** in groceries for **\$30**?



The Way Activities Program

We have been tremendously blessed by new faces over the past month. We have grown from serving 6 – 8 individuals to a high of 25! God is working in and through the lives of the very special people He has called us to serve along side. Are you interested in experiencing God in a unique way? Do you have an hour a week to serve? We would love to have you join us!

Activities include: music, arts and crafts, exercise, cooking, and vocational / volunteer opportunities.



Leslie loves to crush the Coke cans!



Devon & Jon work hard keeping the Coke Machine filled.



November was a very busy month for us! We hosted a Thanksgiving luncheon on the 15th and then led worship on the 18th during our Awareness Sunday!

Meet Snickers! We have a new addition to our group ... a four legged hamster named Snickers. Heidi and Luther love to have her run around...especially when they get "whisker kisses"!



Friends Unlimited

During the month of November we completed our study on

"Facing the Giants". What a wonderful way to study God's Word! We also spent time in Praising and Thanking God for the many blessings He give us each and every day. Ones that we take for granted so often. I have learned over the years how blessed I am to have had the opportunity to learn God's unconditional love through this ministry.

*"That brought tears to my eyes. You could really tell they knew what was going on and you could tell they were really worshipping God."
quote from a staff person attending Friends Unlimited.*

Mephibosheth Ministries, Inc Holiday Calendar

The office of Mephibosheth Ministries, Inc will be closed for programming the following dates. We look forward to the New Year and what God has in store for us!

December 13 – Last 2007 day program day – Will resume Monday, January 7

December 18 – Last Friends Unlimited for 2007 - Will resume Tuesday, January 8

Joy Arama!

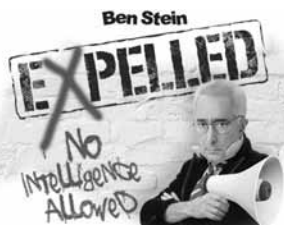


New Years Eve – 50's Style

Joy Arama is hosting a **New Year's Eve event, December 31, 6 to 9pm**. We are turning back the calendar before it is time to move it forward. Our evening is scheduled at **A Summer Place** located north of Tipton on State Road 19 and we will be keeping with their 50's theme. If you want to be really "cool", we encourage you to don your poodle skirts, rolled up jeans, class sweaters, senior cords, saddle shoes, bobby socks....

The menu includes cheeseburgers, fries, cokes, and banana splits served in the diner. Then we'll stroll across the street to the theater for a movie with snacks. All this for \$15 a person! So grab your date or best friend and enjoy an evening set aside for joyful fun and fellowship.

Reservations may be made by contacting a Joy Arama team member: Jane Adkins, Phyllis Bradley, Sue Kannard, or Judy Baird as soon as possible. You will need to present your money and a teenage photo of yourself (will be returned). Seating is limited so sign up early.



In a controversial new satirical documentary, author, former presidential speechwriter, economist, lawyer and actor Ben Stein travels the world, looking to some of the best scientific minds of our generation for the answer to a big question facing all Americans today: *Are we still free to disagree about the meaning of life? Or has the whole issue already been decided... while most of us weren't looking?* The movie is in theaters in February

Parents Day Out

December 15, 1-6pm

Fund Raiser for Tomorrow's Future

A day of child care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years

Sign up in the hallway by Noah's Park

November 25-December 2
(last day to sign up 12/2)

Only 50 spots available

\$10 minimum donation per child
\$25 minimum donation per family

* Crafts, snacks, games, movies *

Adults can sign up to help too!

Do your last minute Christmas Shopping!

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**.



Every Tuesday,
11:45am-1pm

Bring your Bible, \$2, and join us



FRIDAY MORNINGS at 6am

Two Pound Party



Friday, Dec 7 @ 7pm, gym

- An evening of fun for **women of all ages**
 - Bring a wrapped **two pound** "gift" for exchange; package should not reveal content
 - Get a chance to swap "gift"
 - Snacks will be served
- omen's ministry

If you would like to participate in a **cookie exchange**, bring two dozen cookies





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 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

NEW HOURS

Since the beginning of 2007 HOPE and its volunteers have served more than 1,000 souls through wellness screenings, immunizations, physicals, prescription assistance, as well as acute medical care. We are so thankful for all the wonderful things that the Lord is doing in and through HOPE.

Starting in January

Every 1st Saturday for an open access, acute medical clinic starting at 9am

(general medical clinic for immediate needs on a "first come, first served" basis)

Every 3rd Saturday for a Pediatric Clinic starting at 9am

(Serving only Children; newborns to 18 years, on a "first come, first served" basis)

Every 2nd Thursday evening for an open access, acute medical clinic starting at 6pm

(Providing an acute medical clinic for immediate medical needs on a "first come, first served" basis)

Every 4th Thursday evening for a Women's Clinic starting at 6pm

*(Serving only Women, 18 years and older for annual wellness exam, PAP and clinical breast exams by **appointment only**)*

With the increase of hours comes the need for an increase in volunteers, financial donations and continued prayer support. Please prayerfully consider what area the Lord might lead you to contribute.



announcing: Recreation Ministry

On January 20, 2008 there will be a meeting after church for all who are interested in starting a RECREATIONAL MINISTRY here at Cicero Christian Church.

Mike House is the manager of this new team and we're looking for coaches and team players to meet our two goals for 2008: 1) launch an UPWARD sports league by the fall and 2) have four family recreation events during the summer.

UPWARD offers recreation for elementary age children in the areas of basketball, soccer, flag football and cheerleading. We can have a camp to spark interest, and we need to select which sport we would like to form as a league for the fall of 2008. One practice and one game per week during the season.

Opportunities also exist for those interested in forming **informal leagues** (bowling, golf, tennis...) or those who would help organize a **one-time event**, like a fishing tournament. We want to offer recreation choices that appeal to the masses – something as simple as a walking club (8 laps around the church hallway = 1 mile!) to a group who would support each other to train for the next Cicero Tri-Athalon. Did you ever want to learn to ballroom dance? That could be an option too! Dream Big!

Come for a **free pizza luncheon** after church on January 20 and bring your love of sports, recreation activities, coaching and ideas. Contact Mike House for more information.

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. **1st & 3rd Monday's** of the month. **6-7pm.**



Winter Session
starts **January 9**
Meal at 5:30p
Classes at 6p
Wednesday Evenings

Adult studies will include John Ortberg's book on Spiritual Disciplines – "The Life You've Always Wanted" and Women's Ministry presents "Discerning The Voice Of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks" based on the book from Priscilla Shirer, daughter of Tony Evans; plus a topic or two being developed

children and youth also have age-appropriate programming beginning January 23:



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.





2007 Budget is \$897,874

September 30, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 272
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 313
 General Fund \$17,074

October 7, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 266
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 326
 General Fund \$18,935

October 14, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 272
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 322
 General Fund \$13,086

October 21, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 267
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 298
 General Fund \$15,048

October 28, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 285
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 273
 General Fund \$13,045

November 4, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 327
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance 325
 General Fund \$19,534
 Crops (into General Fund) \$ 6,908

November 11, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 287
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 335
 General Fund \$14,230

November 18, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 299
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 363
 General Fund \$25,002

November 25, 2007

8:45 Service/SS/ABF attendance 314
 10:30 Service/SS/ABF attendance..... 320
 General Fund \$20,891

2007 General Fund

Offerings year to date \$794,094
 Budgeted year to date..... \$811,540
 Average weekly need \$17,267
 Average weekly giving \$16,895
 Average weekly spending \$15,972

Debt Reduction Offerings

Since March 11, goal \$100,000 \$90,055

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.

DECEMBER

1 HOPE Care Clinic 9a
 4 Board Meeting Hope Care Clinic 7p
 7 Women's 2 Pound Party 7pm
 8 Children's Ministry Family Winter Fun Day
 13 PreSchool Christmas Program 7p
 14 Middle School Christmas Party 6p
 15 Parent's Day Out 1-6pm
 High School Christmas Party 6p
 17 College Christmas Party 6p
 18 CCD Christmas Program 7pm
 20 Day Care Christmas Sing-a-long 7p
 Kindergarten Christmas Program 6p
 23 One Service 9:30a
 24 Christmas Eve
 25 Office Closed
 30 One Service 9:30a
 Blood Pressure Screenings both services
 31 New Year's Eve – Office Closed

JANUARY 2008

1 New Years Day – Office closed
 5 HOPE Care Clinic 9a-270 W. Jackson St.
 8 Board Meeting HOPE Care Clinic 7p
 11 Night in China – Middle Schoolers 7p
 20 Recreational Ministry Meeting
 27 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 1st & 3rd 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. *I 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*

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