

Today's Education & Fellowship Offerings

Children: (Infants - Grades 5)

Noah's Park Nursery, birth through age 3, at 8:45 & 10:30am

Sunday School 8:45a: age 4-kdg room 117, grades 1-2 rm 116, gr 3-5 rm 114

K.I.T. **Children's Worship** for ages 4 through kdg. at 10:30a in Room 117

KIDS Church LIVE **Children's Worship** for grades 1-5 in Gym at 10:30am

Birthday Party for Jesus today at 10:30 for all ages

Youth: (Grades 5 - College)

Sunday School 9:00am: grades 6-8 in room 206, grades 9-12 in room 213

VERTICAL **Youth Worship** Service today at 10:30am in room 218

Adult Education 8:45am

Women in the Word: Minor Prophets, Debbie Reeves, room 112

Faith Builders: Verse-by Verse Hebrews study, McGill/ Schoettmer, room 207

Community Gathering: sermon discussion, especially for those looking to build relationships, Hutson/Strauss, room 220

Christian Conservative: facing today's issues, Jeff Meyer, room 121

Adult Education 10:30am

Standard Bible Lesson Commentary: NT Community, John Knapp, room 133

Elective: The Genesis Story, Bob Hendricks, room 122

Kum Join Us: Character Studies from the Bible, Mike Jenkins, room 107

Community Gathering: Steven Hancock, room 121

Friends Unlimited Disability Ministry: Becky Moore, room 115

Attendee Information for December 21, 2008

Please help us get to know you by completing this removable section and placing in the offering plate. Thank you for being here today!

First Time Guest Return Guest Member of CCC

Name: _____

please update the following if you have new or changed information

Address: _____

P.O. Box / Apartment: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

How did you hear of CCC? _____

I want to meet with a pastor

I want to attend the Discovering CCC Membership Class October 5

Information Request

Children's Ministries Home Fellowships Youth Ministries

Men's Ministry Women's Ministry Mission Ministry

Disability Ministry Music & Worship Recreation Ministry

Other _____

Prayer Requests Subscribe to email prayer chain (include email above)

Place request on email prayer chain

Opportunities to Reach, Teach & Serve

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love Offering

If you wish to contribute to the annual ministerial Christmas love offering, designate "love offering" in the memo section of your check and place in the offering plate. Monetary gifts are accepted through year end.

Longest Night

Candle lighting service scheduled for those experiencing grief. You and your guests are invited to attend tonight at 7pm at White River Christian Church.

Joy Arama

All adults are invited to our New Year's Eve gathering at 7pm in the Family Life Center on December 31. Come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. Bring a snack to share, drinks will be furnished.

2009 Offering Envelopes

The shipment of the envelopes for 2009 was damaged when received therefore 2009 envelopes will be delayed. In the meantime, please use the envelopes in the back of the pew. Please include your name and other information.

Newsletter

With the new bulletin format, we are eliminating the newsletter. The bulletin is posted weekly on our website and will be available in the information rack located in the south hallway. Email content for bulletin announcements to shirley@reachteachserve.org. Keep informed – read your bulletin.

2009 Church Budget Approved

The Team Ministry Cabinet approved a weekly general fund budget target of \$15,637. Details are available on our website or through the church office, including correspondence outlining our current tightened spending constraints.

Christmas Card Exchange Benefiting Damou Christian Mission

Christmas cards can be picked up in the narthex today thru January 11.

WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Service

Don't miss an opportunity to focus on the Christ in Christmas at our annual service on Wednesday at 7pm, an event for the entire family.

One Combined Service NEXT Sunday

Sunday, December 28 we will have one combined service at 9:30am. Blood pressure checks will be from 9 to 9:30am. We'll return to the regular worship schedule on January 4, 2009.

Thank You

On behalf of the Worship Ministries of CCC, thank you to all who came out and filled the church last Sunday night for our *Christmas Night of Worship*. Being able to serve a church that we love is a blessing, and seeing familiar as well as new faces is evidence that you are pursuing the church's vision of reach, teach, and serve.

CHILDREN

SuperStart Weekend Conference

Two-day event for pre-teens in grades 4-6 held in Anderson February 13 and 14. Cost is \$40 per student if registered by January 15, after then \$45. Cost includes conference fee, recreation, ice cream party Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning. CCC will arrange transportation and overnight housing. Leave church 4:45pm 2/13. Bring money for Saturday lunch and T-shirts or items they might want to buy. Sign up and more info at the check-in tables for children's classes. For more information, contact Pastor Ben.

YOUTH

Destination Unknown

The second and fourth Sunday monthly, beginning January 11, our youth 6th grade and above are invited to stay after church until 4pm for an outing (including meal). Bring \$10 and comfortable clothes, meet in the gym at noon.

DISCIPLESHIP

Wednesday Family Night Winter Session

In an effort to help fulfill our vision to reach, teach and serve, we invite you to join us for education opportunities January 7–April 1, 2009. A yummy meal for all is served at 5:30p (request \$3 donation each), classes from 6:15-7:15pm, worship choir practice 7:15pm. *Spring Session is scheduled April 15-May 20.*

Twelve Week Class Session begin January 14, with overview of offerings 1/7:

- **Children's Ministry** kids birth - age three are cared for in Noah's Park led by JaNell Martz. Children ages four through grade 5 experience the best of *Chadder Theater* led by Ben Radant.
- **Youth Ministry** (grades 6 and above): CRASH youth worship and fellowship
- **Adults** – All options are free except where noted.
 - 1) *What in the World is Going On? Ten Prophetic Clues You Can't Ignore* Led by Tim Lueking. Based on the book by Dr. David Jeremiah.
 - 2) *Woman's Study: Becoming a Woman of Purpose*. Based on the book by Cynthia Heald, given as a gift for Mothers' Day. If you have a copy of the book to donate or let us borrow, please drop off in the church office.
 - 3) *Financial Peace University*. DVD series from Dave Ramsey, led by Steven Hancock. No charge for copies of the workbook. Weekly reading from *Financial Peace: Revisited* book by Dave Ramsey. If you want a kit (not required) contact the office (\$109). Class lasts up to two hours, and child care is not available after 7:15p, you may bring kids to the end of class.
 - 4) Three Unique Classes, one following the other:
 - *Chazown: A Different Way to See Your Life* (1/14-2/11). Led by Michael Brooks. Based on book by Craig Groeschel. "Khaw-ZONE," from the Hebrew word for vision: you have been created to live a life of passion and fulfillment for God's glory – find, name, and live out your Chazown.
 - *Nehemiah* (2/18-3/18). Study of the seemingly impossible task of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem. Led by Mike Jenkins
 - *Walk Thru the Pentatuch* (3/25-5/20). Following a special seminar from Walk Thru the Bible at our church on March 22, we'll do an in-depth study of the first five books of the Bible based on their materials.

Walk Thru the Bible Seminar Coming to CCC!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 22. We will be hosting a seminar, *Walk thru the Bible*, Old Testament Edition. Open to other churches and community. Volunteers are going to be needed. If you can serve, see Pastor Steve.

OUTREACH / TEAM MINISTRY

Recreation Ministry Biggest Loser: Cicero Edition

Registration through January 4, fee of \$15 each is due at the first weigh-in January 10, ends March 28. Register as an individual, group, or full team of 8. Forms and rules are available online or at the Information Desk. Prizes to the team and individual biggest losers. For more information, see Robbie Ping.

Angel Food Ministry

January menus are available at the KIP table or online and are due January 7. An order drop box is located the front entrance. Place order and payment in the envelope provided in the box. If you need change during business hours, come to the office.

Thank You

The Donald Eller family: Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits and food.

Prayer Requests

This week's e-mail prayer chain listings are available at Information Desk

To subscribe to the email prayer chain, email prayer@CiceroChristianChurch.org.

Sympathy to Carl and Brenda Harvey on the passing of Carl's father, Ralph

Health Concerns

Joanne Cardwell, Sandra Edens, Ginger Grabowski, Susan Hoch,

Esther Kronenburg, Jim Plummer, Dudley Senefeld, Hank Stern,

Grace Tharp, Betty Widows

Military

Chris Zell, Erik Burkhart, Brad Candler, Matthew Faux, Eric Larsen,

Chris McDonald, D. J. Thompson, Dustin Townsend

Assisted Living / Nursing Home

Harbor Manor: Lois Eller, Leanna Illyes; Sunrise: JR Cowan; Tipton: Pat Ping

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FINANCIALS FOR DECEMBER 14, 2008

General Fund Giving \$20,410

General Fund Average Income \$16,211

General Fund Average Spending \$17,583

50/50 Challenge to date \$49,030

financial and attendance history is available at our website

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Connections This Week

Before you plan an event, schedule all facility use through the church office.

Sunday, December 21

10:30a Youth VERTICAL Worship

12:00 Youth to Zoo

Monday, December 22

No Kindergarten, Preschool or

Daycare 12/22 to 1/5

Tuesday, December 23

HHSC Early Dismissal

No Soup, Salad and Scripture

No Friends Unlimited

Wednesday, December 24

No School HHSC 12/24 to 1/5

7:00p Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 25

Merry Christmas

Office Closed

Friday, December 26

Office Closed

Sunday, December 28

9:00a Blood Pressure Checks

9:30a One Worship Service

Wednesday, December 31

7:00p New Year's Eve Gathering

Church calendar and forms are available online or call 984-4653.

Sermon Notes

Tim Lueking

Wishing for This

Matthew 2:1-11

Big Idea – HOPE CAN S _____ BE F _____, HOPE IS H _____, HOPE
IS IN C _____ A _____!

Big Question – WHAT DO YOU HOPE FOR TODAY?

Three Lessons of Hope
Our Prayer – Ephesians 1:18

Lesson #1 – H _____ I _____

Numbers 24:17; Matthew 12:17-21

Lesson #2 – Hope C _____ only as a G _____ from G _____

Romans 5:1-5; Colossians 1:27

Lesson #3 – Hope is only O _____ T _____ C _____ A _____

I Peter 3:15; I Timothy 4:10

Questions to Consider

Where have you been looking for hope? How can you find the hope you seek today?

Memory Verse

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

Challenge

This Christmas season find one person or family to shower with the blessings of the Lord through prayer, encouragement, and provision.

Finish the devotional guide, "The Twelve Prayers of Christmas" to prepare yourself for the celebration of Christmas.

Welcome to Cicero Christian Church!

December 21, 2008

We extend a genuine welcome to everyone today!

If you are new to our church, we invite you to explore our church and ministries in person or visit us virtually at www.CiceroChristianChurch.org or www.reachteachserve.org

Cicero Christian Church desires to glorify God through Reaching, Teaching, and Serving.

Guest Services

For our first-time guests, please stop at the Information Desk or Common Grounds Visitor Center located in the South Hallway (outside the church office) for information about Cicero Christian Church and to speak with an Elder or Minister.

Assisted listening devices are available at the sound booth (in the back of the sanctuary) for the hearing impaired.

Audio or DVD copies of the service are available to order at the Information Desk or you may download them online at the website.



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