

Collingswood Church of Christ

Church Website: www.ccc123.org

300 White Horse Pike
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"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

JOY TO THE WORLD **Worship Schedule Today,** **December 23rd**

- ✓ **Everyone Singing Together** -David Williams
 - ✓ **Welcome to Collingswood Church** -Mark Finn
 - ✓ **More Singing Together**
 - ✓ **Communion & Offering** (participation is optional)
 - ✓ **Today's Message**— *"The JOY in the Manger!"*
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"Christmas Eve Devotional" Tomorrow at 5:00PM

Want to learn more about being a part of Collingswood Church of Christ?

Well... Come to our **NEW Member's Class Sunday**, Jan. 13th right after worship service. This brief, no-obligation class includes a light lunch. Talk to us!

If You Have Any Questions Later don't hesitate to call us at (856) 858-7293 or (856) 456-6222 anytime. You can also check out our website at www.ccc123.org

Our TEEN Group meets on Friday nights at 7:00PM

Teen Group: is meeting this Friday at the Power's home.

Everyone Welcome Wednesday Night at 7:00 PM for our mid-week service. Come as you are; it's an informal time we get together every week to encourage each other. If you want to just come and observe, that's fine.

Welcome to the Church at Collingswood!

If this is your first visit, then just sit back, relax and be our guest – we want your Christmas Sunday visit to be a special one.

As a guest, we only ask that you fill out the Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate, or hand it to one of our ushers.

We are here today because Jesus Christ has given us JOY! It is our hope that you will begin to experience that joy as well.

Mark

Come Back Tomorrow for our...

Christmas Eve Devotional 5:00PM

Join Us NEXT SUNDAY: as we continue our message series on Joy-- *"Your JOY for the New Year"*

January's PRAYER & FASTING Month Focus Is...
Praying for ELDERS and OUTREACH

Please place an anonymous check-mark on the day you will pray & fast for the church. The calendar is posted on the lobby bulletin board.

Upcoming Retreats: See the bulletin board area.

- Ø Jan. 18th & 19th Men's Charge at Gettysburg
- Ø Feb. 29th – Mar. 2nd Ladies Retreat in Cape May
- Ø May 9th – 11th Our Church Retreat at Camp

Camden Outreach: Thanks to everyone who used their Saturday yesterday to help **feed the homeless** and spread the word. You gave some joy and words of hope to the needy. EVERY person, man, woman and child is precious in the sight of God!

Snow Shoveling: Thanks to everyone who signed up to help on snowy days.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Main Prayer: Tony Ceraso, Jr.

Closing Prayer: Nelson Nuñez

Lord's Supper: Dave Cook, Jack Swinehart, Tate Perazzelli

Greeters: Tony Sr., Bret, Margaret Perazzelli, Bibi DeCastro

Media: Jay Nitla & Jeff Powers

Orange Action Team cleans this week, Bill C. is coordinating.

<u>LOCAL OUTREACH/MINISTRY</u>	Sunday 10:30 AM	132
Mark Finn - Evangelist	Bible Class	88
Matt Fortunato - Associate Minister	Wednesday	40
Church Office- 856-854-0197		

MISSION WORK

Alberto Juarez & Adelina Binns - Panama	"On The Move"	\$448
Keith & Grace Gaffner - Eldoret Kenya	Contribution	\$3,924
Larry & Hollye Conway - Nairobi Kenya	Budget Goal.....\$4,160

"On the MOVE" Campaign: Given to Date \$77,775

One Final Note. . .

We puzzle this week over what to give the people around us. We all have so much already. Another gadget, knick-knack, do-dad, or what-not, is not what we need. Gifts can show love, but they often become a substitute for love. Love is what everyone really wants. That's what you want, deep down. That's the gift that God gave you in his Son. He didn't send a card or a wrapped box, he sent himself in Jesus. To give real love, that most coveted of all gifts, you've got to be tuned in to God this Christmas, not someday when we get around to it. The greatest gift you could give another is the gift of yourself overflowing with the love of Christ. TODAY is a great time to start. Yes, in the middle of this busy, dizzy, December, your loved ones most need YOU filled with Christ. Can you start to open your heart to him?

Mark