

Collingswood Church of Christ

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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)

March is OUTREACH Month

Dan challenged us last Sunday to be a “*Church that Makes a Difference.*” It was a great start to our March emphasis on outreach. He showed us the results of a lot of church growth research, but the **bottom line was: DECLINING churches have forgotten why they exist and GROWING churches understand that they are here to seek and save the lost.**

He took a survey during his message on how we as a congregation first started coming to church. Dave Williams tabulated the results by our show of hands:

Question: Why did you first start coming to church?

146 Total Attendance

Walk-ins	6%
Church Programs	1.3%
The Preacher	.5%
Special Need	1.3%
Sunday School	0%
Revival Meeting	2.75%
Friends & Family	88%

The results speak for themselves. The greatest influence for reaching lost souls is YOU. It’s not the person standing up front, but the Lord Jesus in YOUR own heart. Isn’t this what

Jesus already told us when he said to “go and make disciples”? What a great realization for us. The greatest untapped natural resource in America isn’t oil in Alaska, but God’s people sitting in church. You ARE the salt of the earth! All around us we have lost friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers— let’s get out of the salt-shaker.

Mark

Ladies are Out this Morning: Today, many of our ladies are worshipping at the Collingswood Ladies Retreat in Cape May. Our prayers go with them as they grow closer to Christ and one another. What a blessing they are to this church each and every week! Our ladies are the BEST!

THIS WEEK:

Ø **FRIDAY:** Youth Group meets at the Building.

Ø **SATURDAY:**

1. **Camelback Snow Tubing March 8th:** Join the Senior High School Age Youth Group for a day of fun in the snow.
2. **Hair Cutting for Missions:** Please sign-up on the bulletin board to get your hair cut by Margaret.
3. **TIME Change:** Saturday night, turn your clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time!

Ø **NEXT SUNDAY, March 9th:** **YOUNG ADULT GROUP FORMING** See details below.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP FORMING

Attention Young Adults! We are forming an official Young Adult Gathering. If you are out of H.S. & looking for Christ-centered interaction & fun, this is the place for you. Our first meeting is **Sunday, March 9th at 12:30 at the Fortunato house.** Lunch will be served. Google to 8 Cordelia Ave, Westville, 08093 OR see Matt or Becky Fortunato. Mfort20@hotmail.com. Thanks, Matt.

There Will Be **NO** "First Sunday" Pot Luck Today!

Freedom from Past Failure

"Though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity" –Prov. 24:16

TWO FAILURE TRAPS: (1) Our Pride, (2) Our Past

How to move forward after failure:

1. Don't RUSH IT – restoration is a process.

"I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, SHAPING it as seemed best to him." --Jeremiah 18:3-4

2. Come to GOD – it's the only way to start over!

"Cleanse me...and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow....Hide your face from my sins and blot out my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God." --Psalm 51

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Gerry Hogan

Main Prayer: Jerry Clark

Closing Prayer: Tate Perazzelli

Lord's Supper: Jack Swinehart, David López, Rick Boyle

Greeters: Tony Sr., Bret Goen, Becky Finn, Margaret Perazzelli

Media: Stanley Amado, David López

Nursery: Lisa & Allison Next Week: Debbie & Val

Blue Action Team cleans this week. Anna Coordinates.

LOCAL OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn - Evangelist

Matt Fortunato - Associate Minister

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MISSION WORK

Alberto Juarez & Adelina Binns - Panama

Keith & Grace Gaffner - Eldoret Kenya

Larry & Hollye Conway - Nairobi Kenya

Sunday 10:30 AM..... 146

Bible Class 87

Wednesday 66

"On The Move" \$1,798

Contribution **\$3,781**

Budget Goal..... \$4,160

"On the MOVE" Campaign: Given to Date \$83,632

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