

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)

Welcome to Our New Members!

ZERO-ing IN

"Only one thing is needed." --Luke 10:42

No Matter How Hard I Tried

A FEW WEEKS AGO I had a very comical experience. I went to Cooper Hospital to visit a woman who had been in a car accident. I was told to come back after 1:00 for visiting hours. When I came back at 2:30 I was told to come back after 5:00 when visiting hours started again. I came back the next day during visiting hours and the patient was sound asleep. I came back the next afternoon during visiting hours when the patient was awake, but all her visitor's passes were given out! No matter how hard I tried I could not get in to visit with her.

Salvation is much like this. You can try and try and try as hard as you can to be the good person you dream of in order to please God. It matters not! Your salvation is a free gift based on the *Goodness* of Jesus. Your *un-goodness* is overlooked on account of God's love. You accept this gift and yield to it, but by no means do you earn it.

This week I went to the hospital with Mark and found out that ministers get a free pass to pretty much any patient at any time. It is a shame I didn't know about this policy. I had to learn what desk to go to and what to ask them. Please, accept the free gift of Salvation. Believe! Trust! Change! Be Dipped (Baptized) into Christ as an ice cream cone in chocolate syrup, being fully covered in His Grace to live a New Life. It is not you living anymore, but Christ living in you.

--- Matt Fortunato

Daily Bible Readers

Last Week – 27 Daily Bible Readers out of 122 people!

This Week

- Ø **Blood Drive:** will be held here on Thurs., Oct. 4th, 2:00-8:00 PM.
- Ø **Youth Lock-In This Friday Oct. 5th from 7PM to 7AM:** Here At the building. Bring your favorite game, movie, snack and friend. **Volunteers Wanted:** who can share some of their time or ideas for the lock-in on Oct. 5th & 6th. See Scott or Chris Schoener 228-9202.
- Ø **Ladies Retreat:** This Friday, at Camp Manatawny (Oct. 5th & 6th). Reg. forms are on the foyer table. Please **let Nancy know** if you are going, she will make hotel reservations for you.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Main Prayer: Dave Lewis

Closing Prayer: Jeff Powers

Lord's Supper: Scott, Tony Ceraso Jr., Darren McEntire

Greeters: Tate, Jack Sw., Bibiana DeCastro, Stephanie Cook

Media: Stanley Amado

Feeding the Homeless in CAMDEN: October 27th : See Matt F.

WOODLYNNE CLEAN-UP – Saturday, October 13th

We will bring Good News & Good Works as we clean up the nearby Woodlynne community with others from the town. Details...

- Time: 10 a.m.-1:00 Clean-up; 1:00 Lunch
- We need helpers to: 1) Provide lunch, 2) Clean the town
- RSVP with the insert by next Sunday, **October 7**

The Women's Shelter Is Very Appreciative: of the school supplies. Thanks to everyone who donated. Supplies donated later will be given them in January when new kids come in.

Budget Update: TODAY we are half-way through our church budget fiscal year. The Lord blessed us with two generous

outside donations this summer. Our regular budget is still lagging, but we have made progress from our difficult position 3 months ago when we last reported. Keep this in prayer.

“On The Move” Half-Time Event

Sunday, October 21st

Are you new to Christ’s church at Collingswood ?

Have you heard about *On The Move* and wondered what it is?

Have you noticed the *On the Move* financial information in the back of the bulletin each week?

Whether you are a newcomer or a seasoned member, you are invited to the “*On The Move*” *Half-Time Event*, which will be held throughout and following the morning service.

Here’s what will happen...

1. We will break bread (and other brunch foods)
2. Enjoy a slide show full of great pictures of our church family
3. Review the *On the Move Goal* (Hint: To Fill the Building and Build up our Members)
4. Give everyone a new opportunity to contribute

Lost & Found: Please check the table downstairs to see if you have lost any of the items there.

Ladies Harvest of Praise: The Harvest of Praise will be on Saturday, October 27th from 9-12. Sign-up on the bulletin board to attend and to bring a breakfast food.

Prayer Warriors: **Bill Willer** in Cooper hospital, **Ceres’** dad passed away, **Pat Schuehler** is in Kennedy Health Care Rehab Facility in Sewell, room 301, ph. 582-3182 (Hours are 8AM-8PM).

Lawn Mowing: This week **Chris Collier** will be mowing.

Orange Action Team is cleaning this week. Bill C. coordinating.

Nursery: **Anna & Shannon** Next Week: Karen & Kathy

<u>LOCAL OUTREACH/MINISTRY</u>	Sunday 10:30 AM..... 122
Mark Finn - Evangelist	Bible Class 81
Matt Fortunato - Associate Minister	
Church Office- 856-854-0197	
<u>MISSION WORK</u>	Small Groups..... 75
Alberto Juarez & Adelina Binns - Panama	“On The Move”..... \$937
Keith & Grace Gaffner - Eldoret Kenya	Contribution \$2,221
Larry & Hollye Conway - Nairobi Kenya	Budget Goal..... \$4,160

“On the MOVE” Campaign:

Pledged . . . \$116,993 Given to Date \$70,977