

Education is now *Transformation*

Our education ministry is now our *Transformation* ministry. “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**” (*Romans 12:2*). “We, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are **being transformed** into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, **which comes from the Lord**, who is the Spirit” (*2 Corinthians 3:18*).

Transformation is a Bible class ministry for adults. We (Matt and Mark) are very excited about this ministry. We are praying for God's blessing. We need strength, wisdom, and courage. We need your support. We need grace! We need to grow and learn—to be transformed. *Transformation* is about individual *and* group growth. “But grow in the grace *and* **knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen” (*2 Peter 3:18*).

Following God is ultimately not about education but transformation. In the end we will be transformed to be like Jesus. In the meantime we are in the process of Spiritual transformation. Education is one of the ways we reach that goal. We must be educated about God's grace to us. We must be educated about our condition before God. About what God calls us to. About our ultimate destiny. About the world's ultimate destiny. About the meaning and purpose of life. About my role in the world. Education is a *part* of Spiritual transformation. Bible class is a place for this. We must start and end with God's Word.

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in **knowledge** and **depth of insight**” (*Philippians 1:9*). “And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the **knowledge of God**” (*Colossians 1:10*). In Bible class we grow in knowledge of God, knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and depth of insight. The standard and source is God's perfect Word, the Bible.

What are our goals for *Transformation*? (1) To offer season-long classes (three months) for you to join. (2) To emphasize the Bible and have our agenda shaped and guided by the Bible.

How can I be a part of *Transformation*? (1) I can join a Sunday class for the entire season. (2) I can join the Wednesday evening class, even though I don't normally attend. All I can say is this: more of God's Word is better than less of God's Word. If you *can* come, please come and seek God's help in your life. Perhaps this could be the unexpected blessing of 2010?

Transformation is a grace of God to you. We are thankful to grow with you in honor of God and his wonderful salvation. “So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, **but only God, who makes things grow**” (*1 Corinthians 3:7*).

~ *In love and peace, Matt and Mark*

Tonight: 6:00 PM, The Young Adults: meet at the Cooper's home in Pitman. **Carpooling from our building is at 5:30.** See Matt Fort for details.

Today: Youth Group is away at the Winterfest Christian Youth Rally in Gatlinburg, Tennessee!

Friday: Youth Group meeting at the building 7 PM

Ladies Spring Retreat March 5-7: Ladies, if you have not yet signed up for the ladies' retreat March 5-7, please stop by the table after worship today. If you need to make financial arrangements, please see Nancy Swinehart. You won't want to miss this special weekend!

We are Looking for Volunteers for Our Camera Crew this Year: Please see Becky Fortunato (397-3556) if you would like to take pictures for the bulletin each week for a 2-month shift. We need photos of special occasions and daily life at Collingswood Church.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Gerry Hogan

Main Prayer: Tony Ceraso Sr. **Closing Prayer:** Matt Fort

Lord's Supper: Bill Gill, Jay Nitla, Justin Henderson, Tony D.

Greeters: Scott, Hardee Perazzelli, Chris Schoener, Bibi Williams

PRAYER LIST: That God would open our eyes to **the lost** and for us to **share our faith** this year; **Bill Willer** who had a stroke and is in Jefferson Hospital complex in a regular room now; **Allen Jones' brother, Bob**, having heart problems; Stanley's mother, **Sydella Butcher** recovering from surgery; **Bill Gill's dad** is back home and doing better, **Fred Boyle** is doing better; **Jack Churchill** is battling cancer, **Maryanne**, Tony Sr's cousin, who had a set-back in her fight with cancer. Though we pray for many physical needs we pray most of all for the eternal souls of each of these people.

Nursery: Next Week: Becky Finn & Sandy Willer

Green Action Team cleans this week. **Hardee** coordinates.

LOCAL OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn - Evangelist
Matt Fortunato - Associate Minister
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ELDERS:

Rick Boyle (856-986-4876)

Tony Ceraso, Jr.

Jack Swinehart

Worship 137

Sun. Bible Class 110

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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)



The Shovelers



A prayer of blessing for

the parents & teens going to Winterfest



Baby Bella's first time at church

Jean McKeever Places Membership