

Finding LIFE in This Season

What season? *This season!* This season of living on earth, where there is sickness, hurting, and pain. This season of crime, injustice, and suffering. This season of death, disaster, and loneliness. Pain. Abuse, abortion, abandonment. Depression, divorce. Anger, loss. This season of wars and rumors of wars. This season of hurricanes and earthquakes. Car accidents, drug addictions. Strife in the home – strife in the nation – strife with other nations. I've experienced it, you've experienced it. I've seen it, you've seen it. What!? Find life in *this* season! How do I find life in death's world?

What life? *There is hope!* You can live. You can be alive and feel alive. You can have life – now & forever! Obviously, upon reflecting on the previous paragraph, one thing is sure: whatever or wherever life is, it is not in the things of this world. We need external help. An external helper must internalize itself in our world. *We need help; therefore we must be helped; therefore we need a helper.* Do you need help? Or are you sufficient and joyous as you are? Is everything okay for you just the way it is? As for me and my house, we need help!

How do I find it? *How do I find the helper?* I can only share that which I know to be true and that which has changed my life – or better said, that which has *given* me life. That “*God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*” The Son Jesus, though external to our world, internalized himself in our world. He became one of us. He shared in our season, in this tragic season of sorrow and tears, on a Roman cross. He was buried in the ground he created. But then something wonderful happened. LIFE! His life was restored. New life was his. He came out of the ground in glorious victory over the demons and devils of death and sin. He shares his life with you – look for the Son of life and you will find life in this season.

Matt

*Happy Easter! H E is
R I S E N !*

We are so glad that you are here to worship with us!

EASTER EGG HUNT after worship (5th Grade & below)

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

Well... Come to our NEW Member's Class
NEXT Sunday, April 11th right after worship service.
This brief, no-obligation class includes a light lunch.
Talk to us!

Wednesday Bible Classes: 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Classes for ALL ages. Adult class is ***The Letters of 1 & 2 Peter***

Friday Youth Group is going to Cherry Hill East High School. Check with Scott and Chris for details!

Saturday Hair Cuts for Missions. Please sign-up on the bulletin board for your time slot .

Our Church Retreat May 7th - 9th: The Sign-up Sheets are up. Choose where you want to sleep. Come **join us** for fellowship, food, games, kid's bedtime stories, scary night-time walks, romantic night-time strolls, music, board and card games, soccer, softball, basketball, foosball, telescopes out, RISK, praying, singing, devotionals, Sunday Service.

- If you could **HELP** with soccer, basketball, softball, or foosball, please tell Tony Jr.
- If you have any **general questions** see **Tony Jr.** If you have **food questions**, please see **Becky Fortunato.**

LADIES: Monthly Meeting: will be on Saturday, April 24th at Nancy's home at 9:30 AM. Please remember to give any donations for our missionaries and college students **to Nancy or Becky.**

YAY! We Are Up-dating the Directory: Help us by *proofing you phone numbers and email addresses TODAY!* The **quick phone list** and **our email list** are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If your information is correct, please place a **checkmark** next to the info. If it is incorrect, please write in the **correct info.**

Would You Like to Update Your Church Directory Page? With new contact info, a new picture, or a new spotlight section? If so, contact Becky Fortunato or Fay sometime this week.

Junior and Senior High Retreats are Coming Up:

Junior High Retreat is April 16th to 18th for Grades 6-8

Theme: **"MASTERPIECE"**- Speaker: Andy Hower.

Senior High Retreat is April 23rd to 25th for Grades 9-12

Theme: **"WHERE ARE YOU GOING AND DOES IT MATTER?"** Speaker- John Mark Niehls.

They run from **7:00 pm Friday to 1:00 pm Sunday.**

➤ **Registration forms** are on the desk in the hallway. Or go to www.manatawny.org to download forms or register online.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dale Sherry

Main Prayer: Bret Goen **Closing Prayer:** Matt Fortunato

Lord's Supper: Nate Wiewora, Tate, Kevin Finn, Hardee, Heinz

Greeters: Rick Boyle, Nelson Nuñez, Wini Boyle, Val Henderson

Nursery: Lydia, Anna, Shannon Next Week: Norma & Brenda

Green Action Team cleans this week **Hardee** coordinating

LOCAL OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn - Evangelist

Matt Fortunato - Associate Minister

Worship, total.....115

Bible Class.....101

Wednesday.....47

Church Office- (856) 854-0197

ELDERS:

Rick Boyle

Tony Ceraso, Jr.

Jack Swinehart

(856-986-4876)

Contribution.....**\$3,155**

Budget Goal.....\$4,175

Our Collection to help Haiti: \$1,295

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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)



God's Resurrection LIFE

The tomb is empty, He is risen!