



THE CHRISTIAN ALERT

November 19, 2018

Do you believe that life is too complex to limit our understanding of it strictly by what we can know through the use of our senses? Are you of the opinion that there is an inherent spiritual quality woven into the fabric of creation? Are you familiar with the distinctive view of life our faith presents?

At the heart of the Christian view of time is an ultimate moment through which everything else in creation finds its meaning. This unique moment is the incarnation, death and resurrection of Christ. For Christian faith the universe revolves around this central reference point.

The apostle Paul develops this notion in his letter to the Colossians when he says we look at the Son "and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible ... got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment" (*The Message*, Colossians 1:16-17).

Jesus Christ is the cosmic center of all history. The church claims everything before Christ finds fulfillment in him, and everything since Christ finds its meaning by pointing back to him.

This Christian understanding of life is important because it plays a significant role in the worship of the church. The historic and unrepeatable Christ-event is the context which informs and gives meaning to time. Therefore, in worship the present moment becomes sacred as we encounter the past event of Jesus and allow it to shape the future.

So if you feel there must be more to life than what is apparent to the eye ... if you are looking to break free from the daily grind to dance to the beat of a different drum ... I invite you to worship this week as we seek that quality of life which is eternal in the realm of the One whose kingdom knows no end.

ELDERS' THANK YOU

The Elders send a BIG thank you to so many who made the annual Andy Hopkins' Scholarship Pasta Dinner such a success with approximately 200 dinners served!

Ken Armstrong, Ron Criddle, Mike Keller, and Dave Sponaule cooked a delicious dinner. Many yummy desserts were provided, too. Casey and the Youth Group worked before, during and after the dinner. As always, many other wonderful folks worked throughout the evening to make the dinner run smoothly and enjoyed by all.

Sincere thanks to everyone who came to enjoy the fellowship and good meal. Your support of this annual event provides not only two scholarships each year to seniors at Champion High School, but also keeps Andy's memory in our hearts in the midst of our Church where he grew up and was so active and loved.

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Lord's Day Happenings – November 25, 2018

10:30 am Worship

Scripture: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Sermon: "God Wins!"

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday, November 19- 11 am Rebekah circle

6:30 pm Finance meeting

6:30 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, November 20- 10-11 Grief Group

Thursday, November 22- Happy Thanksgiving

NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday, November 26- 6:30 pm Youth decorate

Wednesday, November 28- 7pm Visionary Council

Thursday, November 29- 10 am Ladies Aid

6:45-8pm Bible Journaling

7 pm Choir Practice

Friday, November 30- 6-7pm WZ Celebration of Literacy in the Disciple Center

WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2018 MEETINGS

Sunday, December 2- Baby Layette Dedication

Monday, December 3- 7 pm Youth Group

Thursday, December 6- 10am Ladies Aid

6:45-8pm Bible Journaling

7pm Choir Practice

Friday, December 8- 9-10:30 Breakfast w/Santa

10:30 Friends in Faith Cookie prep

DOOR SECURITY UPDATE

In light of recent events, and as a method to protect our congregation, the Trustees will be locking the main doors to the building at the beginning of our worship service. An effort will be made to monitor the outside door after Harry Brown leaves his post, so members are not inadvertently kept from entering for worship. We do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause; but we expect the preacher will be in the building and worship will start promptly at 10:30.



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree will be up on Sunday, November 25th and Sunday, December 2nd. Please pick a scroll from an angel on the tree to buy a gift for a child. Pink is for \$10.00 gift, green is for a \$15.00 gift and blue for a \$25.00 gift. After selecting a scroll please register your name in the appropriate space on the paper you will find on the table next to the tree. All gifts need to be wrapped and returned to the church by Sunday, December 9th. Please attach the scroll to the outside of your gift. This is very important so we know who is to receive each gift.

Servers for Sunday, November 25, 2018

Elders – Jean Smith, Brenda Cligrow
Diaconate –Janet Crawford, Sara Elmore, Logan Elmore, Sophia Elmore, Jerry Smith, Tammy Hurst, Mike Nigrin, Cindy Hixenbaugh, Jef Fisher, Adam Fisher

Prepare and Serve- Abby Fisher, Tricia Fisher

Worship Leader- Dr. Gary Barnes

Communion Bread- Hazel Moldovan

Greeters – Rayetta & Jerry Smith

Nursery – Chelsea Thomas

Children’s Church- Casey Lewis rehearsal

Acolyte- Natalie Emerine and Amara Kim

Media – Sharon Armstrong, Karen York,

Sound – Mike Keller

Counter Team – Janice Dykes, Debi Patchin

Captains – Barb and Mike Wilkinson

Servers for Sunday, December 2, 2018

Elders – Nancy Countryman, Jerry Hixenbaugh

Diaconate –Janice Bruner, John Cligrow, Stacey Gardner, Pat Mollenauer, Dave Gargas, Vicki Gargas, Kylie Gardner, Natalie Gardner, Morgan Hardman, KylieTeuscher, Karlie Klingeman, Shyanna Cerny

Prepare Only- Rayetta Smith

Worship Leader- Lynnette Keller

Communion Bread- Jean Smith

Greeters –

Nursery – Chelsea Thomas

Children’s Church- Casey Lewis rehearsal

Acolyte- Anna Cokrlc and Nicole Emerine

Media – Dale, Denis

Sound – Dave Sponaugle

Counter Team – Janice Dykes, Debi Patchin

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, December 8th from 9:00-10:30am. Join us for a pancake breakfast, a craft and put in your Christmas requests to Santa! Donations will be accepted.

KEEP THE CHANGE

Beginning Sunday, November 25th, the youth will be starting a “Keep the Change” campaign. If you would like to participate, please take a container in the Parlor and collect your pocket change and bring it back on Sunday, December 16th. Donations will benefit the youth’s mission trip this summer.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS



To order a red poinsettia for this holiday season in memory and/or honor of special loved ones, simply put this note with your check in the church offering tray ... or you may call the church office. Cost is \$7, payable to Champion Christian Church. **Please be sure to mark your envelope “Christmas Poinsettia”**

Order deadline is Sunday, December 9, 2018!

Your Name _____

Telephone _____

In Memory/Honor _____

THANK YOU

On behalf of all the many foot-steps, that will travel thru the “DISCIPLE CENTER” of future GENERATIONS in FAITH. Their gratitude of Thanks to this congregation for investing in our future church ministries.

“DISCIPLE CENTER” Grand Opening Committee, FANTASTIC JOB for all your great efforts over the last few months. Resulted in an overwhelming feed-back of success, Saturday night.

We have accomplished a project that included: media, entertainment, acknowledgement of church ministries.

Highlighted many aspects of our church as a very active church and – have given our Pastor a great opportunity to show how he has guided this congregation in a forward direction in his 20 years (plus) tenure !

With God’s Speed,
Be Blessed by God’s Love.
Denis Dunbar



YOUTH CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX

The Youth will be delivering Christmas cards among our congregation friends and family. The blue mail box will be in the narthex on November 25th to drop your cards in to be delivered on December 9th. Please have all cards with a donation of your choice in the “mail box” no later than Thursday, December 6th.

FRIENDS IN FAITH COOKIE SALE

Friends in Faith will be having their Christmas cookie sale. Fill out the order form and place in the offering tray, give to Casey or call the church office. **Payment is due at pickup on December 9th.** All orders are due by Sunday December 2. Thank you for your support.

Please fill out order form and place in offering tray.

Orders due by December 2, 2018

MARK YOUR CALANDER: Pick up and payment will be December 9th after worship.

# of dozen		\$4.00 each
_____	Buckeyes	\$ _____
_____	Snickerdoodles	\$ _____
_____	Peanut Butter Blossoms	\$ _____
_____	M&M cookies	\$ _____
_____	Snowballs	\$ _____
_____	No Bakes	\$ _____

Total amount due at pick up on December 9th
\$ _____

Name: _____