

## A Word from our Elders

**Our special collection on November 23<sup>rd</sup> is coming up soon.** Would you consider joining us in giving on Sun. the 23<sup>rd</sup> and praying with us during our 12 hours of Prayer on Sat., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the building? This year's special collection will fund 3 areas: Our Camden Ministry, help us Catch-Up with our Budget, & Staff & Office Renovations. Our goal is \$40,000.

**Our Camden Ministry: (\$2,400 per year):**

I think we all knew that it had been too long since we had a regular food-giving ministry in our neighboring community Camden. Part of this collection will continue our work with already established food distribution points in the city. This now thriving ministry was initiated by the congregation and largely run by Vivian Carter.



**Catch-Up with our Budget: (\$29,000 this year):** You may notice that our collection each week does not normally meet the budget amount. Collections that do not consistently meet the budget means the ministries most important to you, your family and our neighbors dry up and lay dormant until money is available. Instead of going to vibrant, helpful and God honoring works, low collections only barely pay our bills.

**Staff & Office Renovations: (\$8,600) - Staff:** I'm sure we could all agree that we want Mark Finn doing what he does best – ministering to the congregation, following up with visitors and doing Bible studies with them, teaching the Bible and preaching the Word. The more administrative work he has to do, the less of these things he has time for - and believe me, the administrative work is mountainous. We've added a part-time Office Administrator to martial our volunteers, organize and streamline the administrative processes and work through specific projects that don't get done otherwise.

**Office Renovations:** The office space needs renovations – just take a look back there. We can save a lot of money on utilities if we can get this done.

Church, do all you can to go the extra mile. I will. My personal experience with giving big chunks to special collections like this one is this: I give a bit more than is easy and I have never been without food, shelter, warmth

and the love of my family. God is faithful to provide. He always has given me more than I need; there is no reason to think He will not continue.

*Malachi 3:10 – Bring the whole ten percent into the store house, that there may be food in my house. “Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be enough room to store it.”*

Your Brother,

*Tony Ceraso*

on behalf of the Elders

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**Our “Thanksgiving Catch-up” Special Collection:** is coming up **NEXT SUNDAY**, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Join us in prayer for this effort!

**12-Hours of Prayer:** is THIS Saturday, **Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will take turns praying for the future of Collingswood Church in 2015. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for one-hour shifts from 6:00AM to 5:00PM. Dan Swinehart is coordinating this effort. **When we work, we work, but when we pray, GOD WORKS!**

**Thanksgiving Dinners for Others** We are gathering food for Thanksgiving dinners for those in need. Please bring in non-perishable items for a Thanksgiving Dinner and place them in the basket in the lobby. If you want to donate cash get it to Nelson Nuñez, our Deacon of Benevolence. Thanks!

**HELLO Baby Samuel! CONGRATULATIONS** to Thanh, Hoa, Thaleena, & Thatiana and the new addition to their family! Baby Samuel Tinh was born on Monday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 lbs 4 oz., 19” long. CONGRATULATIONS!

**Serve Lunch at New Visions Ministry:** Sat., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00AM to 1:00PM. Want a ride? Meet at the church at 10:45.

**Cathedral Kitchen:** The next time we will serve is Fri. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. See Vivian if you can help.

**Youth Group LOCK-IN** On Fri. Nov. 21 we will be meeting at the our church at 7PM to car pool to Tabernacle for the **LOCK-IN**. It starts at 8PM and goes 'till 8AM the next morning, Nov. 22. Nawana will be able to take people to the lock in on Fri. but we need people to do pick-up on Sat. Let her know if you can help!  
**NOTE:** Anyone who wants tickets for the Gateway school **PLAY** that **Zoe Price** is in on Sat. Nov. 22, please let Nawana know.

**Gingerbread Houses on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Pick up the instructions for your cardboard "house" in the lobby. Also, sign-up there to attend and also to bring candy supplies.

**"Christmas Party"** Sunday, **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The food, the decorations, the "*Talent Show*" — its going to be great! Team 1 is in charge. **Sign-up to bring Food and to be in the Talent Show.**

**Thank You Pat Connelly:** for doing our new directories!  
**Congratualations Bob & Kim** English in the marriage of your daughter Brielle to Kiernan!

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Welcome & Scripture:** Bret Goen (Isaiah 65:17-24)  
**Lord's Supper:** Rich Fabi, Dave Cook, John Derricott, Scott Schoener  
**Scripture Reading:** Darren McEntire (James 2:14-17)

**Nursery: Elaine & Julie** Next Week- Sarah P. & Karen  
**Orange Cleaning Team** Nov. 19-22. Tony & Fay Coordinate

<b><u>OUTREACH/MINISTRY</u></b>	<b>Worship .....</b> 128
Mark Finn – Preacher	Bible Class .....
Church Office- (856) 854-0197	Wednesday .....
<b><u>ELDERS:</u></b>	L.I.F.E. Groups .....
Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876	
Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276	<b>Contribution .....</b> <b>\$1,778</b>
Bret Goen (856) 996-5267	Budget Goal .....

Daily Bible Readers: 21

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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



Baby Samuel

God's blessing of  
 NEW Life