

## Weather That Whispers and Shouts

THERE'S ALWAYS A STORM somewhere in the world. Unless it affects us directly, like Hurricane Sandy, we don't pay much attention. Remember the blizzard in January 1996? Every person had to stop. Those who battled the elements had to fight to get anywhere, house to car, car to destination. Some couldn't get back home.

These rare events remind us of who is in charge: God is. He's in charge not just on exceptional days when everything must stop. He's in charge of the normal days that we don't even notice. The sun rises. It sets. There's the moon. Gentle breezes blow. A little rain. All from our Creator.

Long ago God made a deal with humans promising never again to destroy the earth by flood waters. He marked his promise with the rainbow, which we still see to this day. The LORD declared, "**As long as the earth endures, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease**" (Genesis 8:22). He is still keeping his promise.

Paul and Barnabas taught crowds of pagans, "**He has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your heart with joy**" (Acts 14:17). Regardless of whether you follow him, he gives to everyone his good gifts of creation for enjoyment.

In a terrifying storm Jesus turned to his shaken disciples and said, "**You of little faith, why are you so afraid?**" He then shouted down the wind and the waves with a command. His stunned friends sputtered, "**What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!**" (Matt. 8:26-27).

The weather whispers and sometimes it shouts. The message is the same: "God is in charge. God loves you." For all our advancements, we still can't control the weather. He does. Don't wait for the shout. Marvel at the daily whisper of creation. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

*Mark*

## **THIS is Our Month of "Prayer & Fasting"!**

Please Sign-up with an anonymous check-mark on the day you will pray and fast. KEEP the prayers going!

**Cathedral Kitchen:** Our date to serve is *this* Thurs., Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:30PM. Questions? See Vivian.

**Youth Group:** will meet at the Schoener home on *Friday*, January 29<sup>th</sup>. See Scott & Chris with any questions (228-9202).

## **Homeless Will Be Served a BIG Breakfast at "New Visions" by Collingswood Church!**

**Monday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>,** (NOT tomorrow, but the *next* Monday). We will be cooking and serving a big breakfast meal for these cold and hungry souls. You can meet at the church at 8:30 for a ride, or drive to 555 Atlantic Avenue, Camden, NJ, just 10 minutes away. See *Brenda* with any questions.

**Our Next Fellowship Meal is February 21<sup>st</sup>:**  
**Team 4** is in charge!

## **Church Directories Are Being Updated** Note:

1. UPDATE: To **update** your personal directory page, please use the beige bulletin *insert* and fill in any information or "spotlight." If you need a new picture see Larry. Give your forms to Donna or Fay **by Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**.
2. FIRST TIME: If you have NOT been in the Directory before or are a NEW member, **blue forms are in the lobby.**

See *Larry* for your picture.

Give your form to Terry Little by **Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**Baby Shower for Alyssa Finn, February 7<sup>th</sup>:**

Alyssa's Baby Shower will be Sunday, **February 7<sup>th</sup>** right after Worship. Lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet is posted to help with bringing food. They are expecting a BOY. She is registered at "Babys-R-Us." If you have any questions, see Kathy Churchill.

**Did YOU Know that in February, we will be at the HALF-WAY POINT in paying off our Church Mortgage?** God has been FAITHFUL!

**Elders Planning Meeting:** is this Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Goen's home!

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Worship Leader:** Carl Smith

**Welcome & Scripture:** Nelson Nuñez (Psalm 139:23-24)

**Opening Prayer:** Dave Cook

**Lord's Supper:** Tony Jr., Jess Nitla, Scott Schoener, Thanh Ly

**Scripture Before Message:** Ben Churchill (Rev 3:14-19)

**Announcements & Prayer:** Bret Goen

**Nursery: Sandra M. & Debbie** Next Week- Elaine & Alexia

**Green Cleaning Team:** Jan. 27-30 Leader: Hardee

**OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn – Preacher

Church Office- (856) 854-0197

**ELDERS:**

Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876

Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276

Bret Goen (856) 996-5267

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**Worship ..... 131**

**Bible Class ..... 76**

**Wed. PM.....48**

**Contribution ..... \$2,796**

**Budget Goal .....\$4,260**

**Daily Bible Readers: 41**

"IF you continue in my WORD you are really my disciples. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" --John 8:31-32

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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)

