

When It Gets Dark Early

Every fall the dark comes sooner and we adjust body and soul for winter. But Christian, you are ready with a furnace of faith within, fueled by the love of God. Its an abundant reservoir of strength. Four verses in Titus summarize our new position with a dramatic before-and-after comparison:

Titus 3:3-7 “At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and **enslaved** by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. BUT when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of **eternal life**.”

You enter winter having been moved from enslavement to eternal life. What a difference! Its not a makeover but deep Holy Spirit change. It's not something you can buy or eat. Its been paid for and you are already made full. You can't vote for it because there is only one Ruler and he's already in charge. You didn't win in; it was won for you. So buy the Jesus jersey if you want, but remember that his number is 1.

Because of your new position in Christ you have a furnace of faith warming you within. Cold fear is gone. Your place didn't result from negotiation or a deal. It was pure mercy done in love and kindness. No matter how God's name is slandered, no matter how many laugh in the face of love, stay true to him. Acknowledge him before others. Though the love of many grows cold, stay warm in the faith-fueled furnace God has placed inside you.

Because I know him, its going to be a great winter!

Mark

Today: Sr Youth Group & Interested Parties: Meet after Worship to travel to Washington Lake Park for a picnic and fun time. **This Friday, October 21**, Sr. Youth Group meets at the Churchill home from 7-9pm

TONIGHT: Our 2nd Annual Church BOWLING NIGHT: at 5:00PM at the Pinsetter's Lanes in Merchantville. Please **sign-up** for a lane on the bulletin board. All ages are welcome. Come & bowl or just come & watch the fun. Questions? See Becky.

Alberto Juarez Binns: our missionary whom we support in Panama requested sponsorships for 7 Bible students. The cost is \$20 per child and we already have one sponsor. If you want to help, please see Margaret or Tate.

Fall Congregational Meeting & Fellowship Meal NEXT SUNDAY, October 23rd after Worship. We will have our Meeting first, followed by our Fellowship Meal. Our sign-up list in on the bulletin board. We need you to bring: Chili, rice, cornbread, sour cream, and shredded cheese. Delicious dessert is going to be supplied!

UPDATE: Ladies Harvest of Praise Date will be November 12th: "*Abundant Redemption*" will be here on *November 12th* from 9:00AM to Noon. Please sign-up.

Thanks: to everyone for making the College Care Packages & Gift Cards for our students a success! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please continue prayers for our youth.

Jr. High Youth Group: Meet at the church on Friday, October 28th from 7-9pm. We'll have some Halloween themed activities as well as a devo and treats!

Our Fall Special Collection: is coming up November 20th. This is our annual "*Catch-up Sunday*" when we collect funds to close the gap in our budget and for our special projects.

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

Well... Come to our *NEW Member's Class*

November 6th, right after Worship
in the "Teen Room" right across the lobby.

This brief, no-obligation class includes refreshments.

Collingswood Church of Christ

Church Website: www.ccc123.org

300 White Horse Pike
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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)

New Visions "Shelter Personal Care Packages"

for the Homeless: In October we are collecting personal care items for the homeless. We are making Ziplock bags with these items: *disposable razor, trial-size or small bar soap, trial-size deodorant, winter hat, gloves, or scarf.* **Place items in the oval basket in the church lobby.** Questions? See Brenda Collier.

Our Christmas Party: December 11th at 6:00PM

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Welcome & Scripture: Henry Duncan (Psalm 29:1-9)

Opening Prayer: Scott Schoener

Lord's Supper: Rick Boyle, Kevin Finn, Carl Smith, Thanh Ly

Scripture Before Message: Ed Francoeur Jr. (Romans 6:19-23)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

Greeters: Rick Boyle, Hardee Perazzelli, Wini Boyle, Elaine Firman

Nursery: Margaret & Debbie Next Week: Sandra M. & Tina

Purple Cleaning Team Oct. 19-22 **Becky** coordinates

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher

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Worship Total 131

Bible Class..... 81

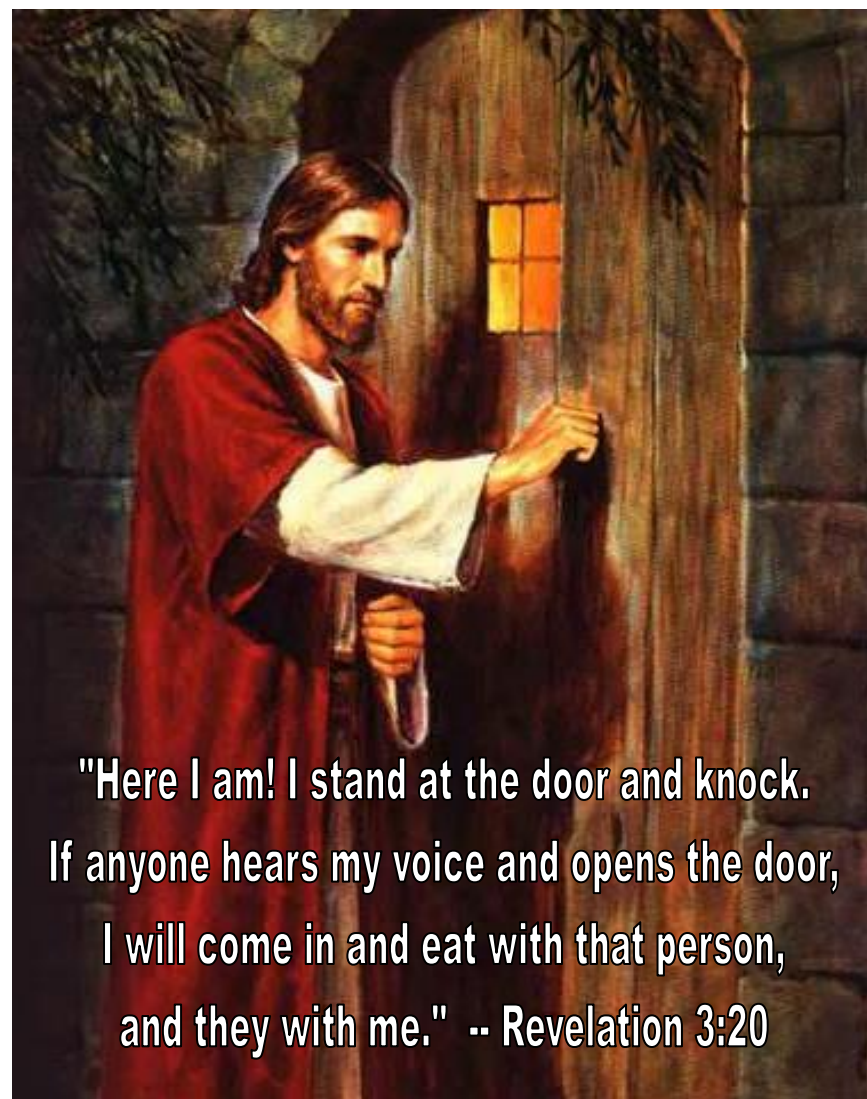
Wed PM..... 46

L.I.F.E. Groups..... 38

Contribution **\$3,940**

Budget Goal\$4,260

Budget Shortfall **\$30,164**



"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come in and eat with that person,
and they with me." -- Revelation 3:20

15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 35