

Staring Into the Sky?

The apostles did it. Sometimes we do it. Get stuck. At worship we are in a great group huddle, connecting with God and getting our instructions. We look to him. That must be first, but don't get jammed up there. Step out and serve him.

The resurrected Jesus gave instructions to his followers. *Okay, guys, here's what I want you to do next....*" Then he ascended to go back to be with his Father, and our Father in heaven. His stunned companions kept gazing up into the sky. This went long enough that God sent a couple of angel messengers to snap them out of it. ***"Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky?"*** (Acts 1:11). Realizing Jesus had put the ball in their court, they headed for Jerusalem just like Jesus had told them. Amazing things followed.

Jesus has given you a word too. Listen to him, but don't just stand there staring up into the sky. Rise from prayer and walk to service. Unclasp your praying hands to touch lives. Move your eyes from God to people. See him and then see the task. If you are saved, you have a ministry from him.

There is a fantastic friction between worship and action, prayer and service that warms to a holy fire. It won't happen with our bungling, well-meaning actions, nor with staring into the sky. It takes hearing God and moving on it.

Mark

TODAY: A Wedding Shower for Katherine Finn right after Worship in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Want to learn more about being a part of Collingswood Church of Christ ?
Well... Come to our NEW Member's Class
TODAY, right after Worship
in the "Teen Room" right across the lobby.
This brief, no-obligation class includes refreshments.

Upcoming Events

- 1. Our Camp Manatawny Church Retreat**
May 20-22. This is a special time when just our congregation and friends go to Camp for the weekend (or for a day) to relax, fellowship, eat together, play sports, board games, go on hikes, etc. Join the fun! Sign-ups for overnight accommodations are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.
- 2. VBS:** is **July 17-20.** The Youth Group from Sylvan Hills Church of Christ in Arkansas will be helping us. We will need to house and feed the team for the 5 days they are with us.
- 3. Haircuts for Missions: Friday,**
April 15th, 10AM – 6PM
- 4. Cathedral Kitchen:** Serving dinner to the poor. April 26th, 3:30-5:30

Last Week for Church Directory Changes: see Fay or Donna if you have information changes, or Larry for a new photo.

The Children's Church Teaching Schedule is available out in the church lobby.

Baby Eli thanks you for your prayers and your visits ...and Kevin and Alyssa want to thank you too.

Everyone is well and we praise God for another precious life in our church family.



Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Welcome & Scripture: Scott Schoener (Psalm 146:1-10)

Opening Prayer: Rich Fabi

Lord's Supper: Tim Jones, Bill C., Lee Graves, Logan McEntire

Scripture Before Message: Jiony Colon (Rev. 12:7-11)

Announcements & Prayer: Rick Boyle

Nursery: Laura & Norma Next Week- Sandra M. & Brenda

Purple Cleaning Team: April 6-9 **Becky** coordinates

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher

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Worship 179

Bible Class 91

Wed. PM..... 50

Contribution..... **\$3,170**

Budget Goal \$4,260

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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)



400 Easter Meals for the Poor