

Youth NOT Wasted

Youth is the best time to start serving God. When Jesus was in the temple discussing scripture with the teachers he was twelve. Twelve!

The prophet Samuel received the call of God when he was only a boy. At first he didn't realize it was the Lord's call but then he openheartedly responded, "*Speak, for your servant is listening*" (1 Samuel 3:10).

Young Timothy was encouraged by his mentor, Paul, "*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity*" (1 Timothy 4:12).

When God called young Jeremiah he hesitated, saying, "*I am only a child*" (Jeremiah 1:6), but God insisted he was ready.

As David bravely stepped up to challenge Goliath, the king advised him, "*You are only a boy*" (1 Samuel 17:33). The king was wrong. He had forgotten about the power of God to work in anyone he chooses.

I don't know why we hold back our kids in their spiritual life. Are we protecting them, or us? When they start taking action on what we say we believe, it can unsettle us. We usually don't expect enough from them. We can overlook them, forgetting that God is always reaching out to a young person's heart. Perhaps God knows that he can do more in a life before it may grow cynical, cautious, and compromising.

The openness and sincere belief of youth is something Christ is looking for. He says, "*Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven*" (Matthew 18:3).

Our children, our young teens are not too young to be serious about their soul. They even have an advantage in their relationship with God. We often treat them like they have no appreciation or understanding of spiritual things. *They do.*

Fellowship Meal "COOKOUT" NEXT Sunday,

May 29th, 12:00 Noon: Our FIRST cookout of SPRING will be right here in our Fellowship Hall. **Hospitality Team 2 will be in charge** of serving and cleaning-up. Everyone is encouraged to bring picnic-type foods. **Sign-up** is on the bulletin board.

PRAISE GOD! Samantha Smith and Roxana Espiza were Baptized into Christ: last Sunday. We watched as 2 more precious souls were added to God's fold. **Samantha's** address is 14 Montclair Drive, Delran, NJ 08075. 386-264-7765. **Roxana** will be moving the end of the month to Virginia.

TWO Worship Services; ONE Church: Many of our members are worshipping at Our Camp Church Retreat today.

Cathedral Kitchen: We will be serving 3:30-5:30, Tuesday, May 24th. See Vivian for details.

Save the Date: Bridal Shower for Elisha Wall is June 4th, Saturday, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM.

Attention, Men, Save the Date: Sunday, June 5th, you are invited to join the guys to take **Kamal Wall**, Elisha's husband, out to lunch after Worship.

Hannah is Performing in "Cinderella" at the Baptist Regional School in Haddon Heights. Dates left are May 26 & 27 both matinees at 10am and evenings at 7 pm. See bulletin board for information. Youth Group is going on May 27th.

Camp Manatawny Needs Volunteers: for a day or any portion of a day or a weekend to work in the kitchen washing pots, pans, dishes, cleaning the dining hall or cooking. See the bulletin board for dates and details.

Today's Worship Leaders

Collingswood Church of Christ

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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)

Worship Leader: Dave Cook
Welcome & Scripture: Carl Smith (Psalm 4:3-8)
Opening Prayer: Josh Henderson
Lord’s Supper: Gerry Hogan, John Derricott, Rich Fabi, Hardee
Scripture Before Message: Tate Perazzelli (Rev. 21:6-10)
Announcements & Prayer: Rick Boyle

Thank You, Teachers! Our NEW Teachers for the SUMMER QUARTER are . . . Sunday— Cradle Roll: **Karen & Fay, K-1st: Pam & Amanda, 2nd & 3rd: Marguerite & April, 4th & 5th: Josh, Jr. High: Becky, Sr. High: Tate, Adults: Henry Duncan. Wednesday—** Cradle Roll: **Darren, Elementary: Jack, Jr./Sr.: Rick, Adults New Songs: Dave W.**

Has anyone seen the church laundry bag? The church laundry bag and kitchen towels are missing. If you come upon them, please put them in the kitchen. Thank you!

When You Buy Your Groceries Remember the Church Food Pantry Needs RE-Stocking: Cans of Chunky-soup, Spam, Tuna, low-sodium canned goods, powdered milk, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Cereal, Oatmeal, Breakfast-bars, and other non-perishables.

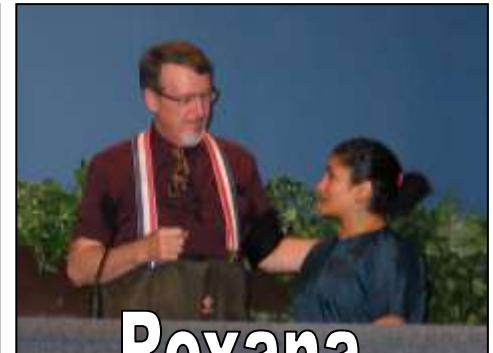
Nursery: Marguerite Next Week: Nina & Hannah
Purple Cleaning Team: May 25-28. **Becky** coordinates

<u>OUTREACH/MINISTRY</u>	Worship 131
Mark Finn – Preacher	Bible Class
Church Office- (856) 854-0197	Wed. PM.....
<u>ELDERS:</u>	L.I.F.E Groups
Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876	
Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276	
Bret Goen (856) 996-5267	
Chet Churchill (609) 560-7179	Contribution \$3,628
Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969	Budget Goal..... \$4,260

Daily Bible Readers: 34



Samantha



Roxana



NEW Life in Christ

