

## From a Surviving Church to a SENDING Church

Dan Swinehart has served us faithfully in directing our missions efforts for many years. He has now handed off a solid program of missions to new leadership. In this transition, to my great joy, it has become clear: **the passion for missions in this church runs deep.** Seeing our own John Flickinger visit us this month, and recently taking on support of Katherine in France means we have turned a corner. We have now sent our own people to spread the Gospel in our nation and other nations. Almost without realizing it God has changed us from a needy church trying to survive, to a sending church projecting Christ's message thousands of miles from home. This is *huge!*

We provide substantial support to Keith and Grace Gaffner in Africa. We are the sole support for Alberto Binns in Panama. We are exploring new areas to help such as the Dominican Republic.

We do this to be faithful to Jesus' command that we ***“go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”*** (Matt. 28:19). This is no optional afterthought. It is the heart's desire of our Lord. He loves people... ALL people of every nation and culture. He has laid on us a new paradigm. We are not separate nations, but a huge human family with God as our Father. This is the unifying hope of the world that makes us all brothers and sisters.

*Mark*

**NEW Missions Team:** Dan Swinehart is passing the torch to a new team. Be sure to thank Dan for all his years of service. He still plans to act as a liaison between the African Missions and the Collingswood Church. Jeff Powers and Tate & Margaret Perazzelli have stepped forward to lead our future efforts in Missions as a team. Keep an eye out for their regular updates on foreign and local missions. Offer them your help and suggestions. We look forward to great things in missions!

***Tony Ceraso***, On Behalf of the Elders

**YO, GUYS! Camp Manatawny Men's Retreat** is coming soon. We will again *rent* a van and take our guys up on **Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>** and return the next day, **Saturday**, staying over-night. Men, you can refer to the [Manatawny.org](http://Manatawny.org) website for more details and to **sign-up** and **pre-pay the \$40.** It includes dinner, snacks, 1 night's lodging, then breakfast & lunch on Sat. **ALL MUST REGISTER AND BE PAID IN FULL BY Sept. 2.** After Sept. 2, there will be a \$25.00 late charge fee.

- ***Boys ages 5-12 are \$20 & have their own special program.***

### **The Jr. and Sr. High Kids:**

- At 7:00 PM on Wednesday nights, Teen Class will meet across White Horse Pike under the big tree. If it rains, they will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Children's Church RE-Start NEXT SUNDAY**

Children's church will begin again on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>! In the meantime, there are sermon "notes" and crayons available for children during Worship. If they complete the Sermon "notes", they can get a prize in the lobby.

**Cathedral Kitchen THIS Tuesday:** We will serve on Tues., Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. See Vivian with any questions.

**A NURSERY Reminder:** The **Nursery** is available for children **3 years and younger**.

**Haircuts for Missions:** Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

**New Address for Jack Swinehart:**

927 Champion Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08107

**Thank You, Howard** for once again cleaning our carpets all around the building. Looks great!

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Worship Leader:** Gerry Hogan

**Welcome & Scripture:** Carl Smith (Psalm 24:1-10)

**Opening Prayer:** Josh Henderson

**Lord's Supper:** Bret Goen, Darren McEntire, Rich Fabi, Jack S.

**Scripture Before Message:** Ben Churchill (Romans 5:1-5)

**Announcements & Closing Prayer:** Tony Ceraso, Jr.

**Greeters:** Dave Cook, Jack Swinehart, Sue Gill, Debbie Powers

**Nursery:** Margaret & Jaela Next Week: Norma & Nina

**Purple Cleaning Team:** Aug. 31 – Sept. 3 Becky Coordinate

**OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn – Preacher

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**Worship Total..... 144**

Bible Class..... 78

Wed..... 40

**Contribution ..... \$3,742**

Budget Goal ...\$4,260

**Weekly Bible Readers: 24**

**Collingswood Church of Christ**

Church Website: [www.ccc123.org](http://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)

