

This Dream Will Become Reality

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today." (Dr. Martin Luther King, August 28, 1963)

"God does not show favoritism." –Romans 2:11

Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right." –Acts 10:34-35

Dr. King's speech more than fifty years ago called on all people to live out what we say we believe. As a minister he knew this was doubly true for those of us who wear the name of Christ. The scriptures confront prejudice and our distrust of people different than us because it is as universal as the rest of our sinfulness.

Jesus began a church for all people and rolled out a gospel that immediately began to break down "the dividing wall of hostility" in their society and every society since (Eph. 2:14). If our message is not bringing people together under Christ, it is not the gospel of Christ.

Dr. King's vision for all our children living free of racial and societal divisions appeals to our greatest hopes. We love our children and want them to live in a better world. That won't happen until we let our hearts be transformed by God's love. It is our role as his people to model right now in society and in the church what God will ultimately bring about. To this day the gospel is going out and saving people of "all nations" (Matt. 28:19). And in heaven there will be uncountable multitudes "from every nation, tribe, people and language" standing with the Lord and with each other (Rev. 7:9).

With or without you, this vision, which has always been God's vision, will become reality. It is happening now in God's true kingdom, and in the end will be fully realized. It will happen because God has said it, it is right, and he will accomplish it. Sweep clean every vestige of prejudice from the corners of your heart! God, our Father determines who our brothers and sisters are, not us. We are one in Christ.

Mark

January Fellowship Meal is NEXT Sunday:

right after worship. Just **sign-up** to bring your FAVORITE MAIN DISH or Side Dish!

Team #2 will be in charge of setting-up and cleaning-up... and will provide desserts.

Are You Out of High School & Not Quite 30?

If so please text Tiana Nuñez (856-562-9033) and let her know that you would like to be on her list to be notified of get-togethers and activities for that age group. **Even if** you are normally away at college please let **Tiana & Justin** know.

Note: A NEW Young Adults Class Meets at 9:30am
Sunday mornings down in the Fellowship Hall.

"January Month of Prayer & Fasting"

Calendar is Posted! Just put your anonymous checkmark on the day you will fast & pray for the church. **We have 1 Saturday that needs to be covered**, but we do welcome multiple participants on the same day also.

Youth Group: The next time we meet will be on Friday, **Jan. 26th** at 7pm at 730 Belmont Ave. here in Collingswood for Movies and Popcorn.

"New Visions" Homeless Breakfast is coming up Jan. 23rd at 555 Atlantic Ave, Camden, NJ. We always need volunteers. See Brenda Collier with any questions.

Baby Shower for Sarah Gafgen-Smith Feb. 25th after Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? See Pam Goen or Donna Mansdoerfer.

We Need SNOW Shovelers: Chris Ceraso runs the Snow-blower but we need SHOVELERS. Please sign-up on the bulletin-board.

2018's Monthly Volunteer List is Posted!

Please choose a month to help out in some way.

Our Prayer List: Please pray for comfort for those who have so many worries right now. Gerry & Margaret in their loss of loved ones. Laura for faster healing, Vinod for strength, Rick, Margaret & Sandie Fabi for healing, Velma, Josephine & Anne for physical comfort. They need you, Lord, to bring joy to their lives. Thank you Lord for your love!

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Welcome & Scripture: Bret Goen (Psalm 69:1-6)

Opening Prayer: Howard Mansdoerfer

Lord's Supper: Josh H., Henry D., Carl Smith, Wayne Ross

Scripture Before Message: Jess Nitla (1 Cor. 10:1-8)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

Greeters: Scott & Chris S., John Corbett., Lizzy C.

Nursery April & Fay Next Week: **Brenda & Nawana**

Yellow: Cleaning Team Jan. 17-20 Norma Coordinates

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Minister

Church Office- (856) 854-0197

Worship 96

Bible Class..... 58

Wednesday 39

ELDERS:

Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876

Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276

Bret Goen (856) 996-5267

Contribution..... **\$4,701**

Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969 **Budget Goal** **\$4,260**

Daily Bible Readers: 19

Oops! What happened to all our Bible readers?

You need God's Word in 2018.

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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)



LUKE

*“Since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the **certainty** of the things you have been taught.” --Luke 1:3-4*

