

Where the REAL Teaching Happens

Teaching matters. No one is born a Christian. It's not something you inherit. That is why although it's desirable, there are few families where everyone is faithful. The Christian faith has to be taught. The teaching doesn't have to be eloquent or clever. Everyone has a way of putting the unchanging Gospel into their own words. This proves that we are in a faith available to everyone. As your preacher, I am one voice. In this church we have over one-hundred voices, if we would only use them. Many people are!

Every quarter Karen McEntire takes on one of the toughest jobs in the church. She organizes our Children's teachers. She is an artist and this is certainly an art. Not everyone is eager to volunteer, but as the Sundays and Wednesdays roll past, our teachers know they are truly doing God's work.

Most conversion stories aren't about the draw of a dynamic preacher, but a Christian friend, a faithful Bible Class teacher, an ordinary church member who took time with a young person. Most people decide to follow Christ before they turn 18. I often wonder if adult Bible class and worship times are for babysitting the adults while the real teaching is going on in our children's Bible classes, our teen classes, and our "Children's Church." It would certainly be like the unpredictable Spirit of God to work in that way.

As you move through 2018, appreciate the value of what Karen and all our children's teachers do. And remember to say thank you to God, and to them.

Mark

THANK YOU, Bible Class Teachers:

SUNDAY: Toddler/Preschool: **Sharlotte, Hollye, Elizabeth,** K-3rd: **Sandie & Rich,** 4th-6th: **Stephanie,** Jr. High: **Chris Ann,** High School: **Bill Ceraso**

WEDNESDAY: Toddler/Preschool – **Karen & Darren,** El./Jr. HS- **Vivian,** Sr High: **Tony Sr.**

TODAY The After-Worship LIFE Group Re-Starts....The Next Chapter. See Tim or April with questions.

Youth Group: Friday, Feb. 9th at the building 7-9PM.

Haircuts for Missions: February 10th, please sign-up.

Men's & Ladies Classes Begin Soon! Starting February 18 through April 15, Ladies and Men will each have their own ***Sunday Bible Classes at 9:30AM.***

Ladies' Class: This is always a great opportunity to fellowship, learn & grow together in our spiritual walk. This year we will be doing a study from the book The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love With the God Jesus Knows by James Bryan Smith. (There will be copies of the book available for purchase (\$15), but you do not need to have a copy to participate in the class.) See Becky Finn with questions or to purchase the book.

❖ **Ladies Prayer Time:** On Wednesday nights at 8:00PM there will be a time of prayer during the weeks of our ladies' class. Please meet in the Jr-High room promptly at 8:00 and we will end promptly at 8:30. Prayer cards are available for women to provide requests starting Feb. 18th in Ladies' Class. Also, email or text Nawana with any prayer requests/questions/suggestions during the week: 856-906-5076 or NawanaC@yahoo.com

Our Next "Fellowship Meal" is Sunday, Feb. 18th.
Team 3 will be in charge of set-up and clean-up.

Deacons & Elders Meet Feb. 19th: on Monday, at 6:30 PM. Dinner is included.

Our March Fellowship Meal will be a "Congregational Meeting," on March 18th.

Baby Shower for Sarah Gafgen-Smith Feb. 25th

after Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered at **Babies-R-Us & at Amazon.com.** **Please Sign-up to bring food.** Questions? See Pam Goen or Donna Mansdoerfer

Members, Get Our Church Directory on Your

Phone: Download **Instant Church Directory** from your app store. We need to have your updated email address in order for you to log in. See Scott or Becky for questions or assistance.

A "Shout-Out" to Larry DeSimone:

We don't usually notice all the ways Larry serves us at Collingswood. He takes our church photos, he opens and closes the building, he helps bring up communion on Sundays, he makes the coffee. He is always a cheerful presence. Take a moment to thank our brother, Larry.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Welcome & Scripture: Henry Duncan (Psalm 71:9-16)

Opening Prayer: Darren McEntire

Lord's Supper: Scott, Carl Smith, Tim Jones, Logan McEntire

Scripture Before Message: Joel Lewis (1 Cor. 11:7-12)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Rick Boyle

Greeters: Dave C., Hardee P., Debbie P., Lillian N.

Nursery Elaine & Fay Next Week: Wini & Jaela

Orange: Cleaning Team Feb. 7-10. Tony & Fay Coordinate

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Minister

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Worship 121

Bible Class..... 53

Wednesday..... 39

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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)

Thank you, Lord



for Our
Children's
FAITHFUL
Teachers