

CHRIST CHURCH

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From a pastor's desk:✠

Have you heard of the new reality TV show entitled "My Diet Is Better Than Yours?" Apparently it is a competition to help people lose weight and get into shape where trainers are challenging their dieters to win. I'm guessing that the winning diet will not be a pure milk diet. That might work for infants but a mature body needs solid foods to grow and remain healthy. In fact that is exactly what we are told in the book of Hebrews. ✠

"Anyone who lives on milk, being still and infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil." Hebrews 5:12-14 ✠

The writer of Hebrews of course is not talking about physical food which feeds the body, but rather spiritual food which feeds the soul. How is your diet? The food that we are encouraged to devour of course is the Word of God! And the passage tells us that it is through "constant use" that we train ourselves with the Word. ✠

This scripture also says that "Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness." What I have noticed is that young Christians have trouble identifying and accepting the reality of the righteousness that has been given to them. It seems as though it requires time and maturity for us to actually live out our new identity and the righteousness that is ours.

We need the revelation of the Word fed to us on a regular basis for the truth to become our own. Thank God for the Holy Spirit who takes that Word and makes it alive in us. ✠

It is through constant use that we train ourselves to distinguish good from evil. And in our society, much of what is evil is accepted as good and that is not healthy! ✠

We can't afford to live without a good daily diet of the Word. If you don't have that, ask God to help increase your appetite for His voice in your life. Then look for opportunities to join others in a diet that will not only satisfy but enable us to grow to be more like Jesus! ✠



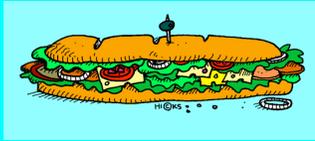
WINTER 2014/2015 SNOW CLEARING SCHEDULE ✠

B. Peter/ M. Boyle 12:00pm January 28 thru 12:00pm February 5 ✠
 A. Smith/S. Fosgard 12:00pm February 5 thru 12:00pm February 13 ✠
 Joe Fish/John Fish 12:00pm February 13 thru 12:00pm February 21 ✠
 S. Moseby/ N. Verbruggen 12:00pm February 21 thru 12:00pm February 29 ✠
 M. Boyle/B. Peter 12:00pm February 29 thru 12:00pm December 31



SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

It's that time again! The youth will again be making their delicious sub sandwiches following church on Sunday Feb. 7th. The sign up sheet is up in the rear entry, please specify your desires there. The proceeds from this years sale will go to support this summers mission trip. Thank you in advance!



ANNUAL MEETING!

We will be holding our annual meeting on Sunday, February 7th. Following worship we will serve a light lunch followed by the meeting. We hope that you will join us for the meeting at which we will celebrate the blessings of God over the past year and ask for His continued blessing as we move forward. The meeting typically lasts less than an hour.



NURSERY NEWS

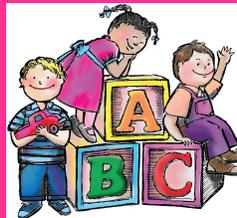
One of the signs that a church is growing is the need to care for the infants and toddlers in the nursery. Thank God that we have that need! However as the body of Christ it is important that we all work together to make sure that our little ones are cared for and that their parents also have the opportunity to participate in our Sunday School and Worship services.

It would be easy to reason that "I have a right to opt out of help in the nursery because... (I have to deal with kids all week long, or I've done my time when I raised my kids, or I came to church for me, etc.) I think that we could all come up with reasons not to serve, however Jesus sets the example for us when he made time and embraced the children, blessing them and showing His love for them.

When you are called and asked to help, please see this as an opportunity to serve the Lord as we provide for the care of our little ones.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me."

Matt. 25:40



OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

We have just begun an exciting study in Adult Sunday School on the book of Hebrews. Why don't you plan to join us as we dig deep into God's Word? In addition we have Study Groups that are meeting on Tuesday nights dealing with Living a Victorious Life, Activating the Anointing of the Holy Spirit, and Parenting by the Book. And on Saturdays we are offering "Sharing your Faith".

In addition to those opportunities, the women meet to study on Thursdays at 9:30am at church and the men on Tuesdays at 6:00am at IHOP.

If you have any questions regarding these studies please contact one of the pastors or elders for more information.



NURSERY GUIDELINES

When serving in the Nursery it is important to remember that we are there to interact with the children and guide them in their activities. This will require giving them our full attention. That does not mean that every second we will be physically involved with the children. When a child finds an activity that they enjoy and can handle independently, we can allow them the opportunity to do so. However, in the interest of safety we must be watchful and aware of them at all times. It is always good to turn on music to create a fun worshipful atmosphere for the kids. There is a cd player and cd's in the bookcase above the puzzles.



KROGER BRINGING HOPE TO THE TABLE

A special thank you to all those who helped collect money for Gleaners and food for our pantry at Kroger! The money goes into our Gleaner account to use to purchase food. We brought all the food donated back to our pantry to give away. Thank you for your help!



NEED FOR SOMEONE TO OVERSEE THE NURSERY MINISTRY!

Sarah LeRoy had been the director of the Nursery Ministry. With her departure we now have need of a replacement for her. If you would be willing to consider filling this position please feel free to contact Sarah to find out what is involved.



WATER FOR FLINT

Our neighbors to the north are struggling through a very difficult time with the situation of their polluted water. Can we help? We will take the loose offering from this Sunday and use it to purchase water to send up to Flint. If you would like to contribute to the cause, we will continue to collect through our offering during the month of February. Simply mark your donation to "Flint Water" and we will use it to purchase bottled water that will be shipped to Flint.

