

# The Cedar Chips

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Reflections with Kent . . .

I don't know when I first heard the phrase - "You can lead a horse to water but..." I do remember not liking that idea. I like to be in control. I like to be a driver and so if I have to I will stick that horse's head right in the trough and she will drink. Right. I tried that once with my daughter Kelsey's toddler palate and a hamburger. She was a chicken nugget girl for years after that. I embrace the horse to water proverb without question now. I realize how little I actually control.

It seems particularly fitting to remember you can't make them drink when talking about evangelism. We can't make anyone come to Jesus. We can lead them to Jesus but the rest is up to God. In fact we believe that all it may take to bring someone to know Jesus is a nudge. Each of us may be one link in a long chain of nudges and we never know which little nudge might be used to close the deal. Thinking about reaching people this way seems less scary and more biblical. We don't save anyone - that is up to God but we each can be used by God to bring someone one nudge closer.

Tim Keller helps me gain perspective on evangelism in a recent article entitled "Religion-less Spirituality." He writes about how we nudge people toward truth and the difference that can make:

*Pushing moral behaviors before we lift up Christ is religion. The church today is calling people to God with a tone of voice that seems to confirm their worst fears. Religion has always been outside-in—"if I behave out here in all these ways, then I will have God's blessing and love inside." But the gospel is inside-out—"if I know the blessing and grace of God inside, then I can behave out here in all these ways."*

*A woman who had been attending our church for several months came to see me. "Do you think abortion is wrong?" she asked. I said that I did. "I'm coming now to see that maybe there is something wrong with it," she replied, "now that I have become a Christian here and have started studying the faith in the classes."*

*As we spoke, I discovered that she was an Ivy League graduate, a lawyer, a long-time Manhattan resident and an active member of the ACLU. She volunteered that she had experienced three abortions.*

*"I want you to know," she said, "that if I had seen any literature or reference to the 'pro-life' movement, I would not have stayed through the first service. But I did stay, and I found faith in Christ. If abortion is wrong, you should certainly speak out against it, but I'm glad about the order in which you do it."*

*This woman had had her faith incubated into birth at our Sunday services. In worship, we center on the question "what is truth?" and the one who had the audacity to say, "I am the truth."*

We want to be people who nudge others toward the Gospel. This is good news that God loves us and wants to lavish his grace upon us even before we come to terms with our bad behaviors. Sounds like Paul when he said *"But God demonstrated His own love for us in this, while we were still sinners Christ died for us."* (Romans 5:8)

This is the truth toward which we nudge our family and friends. The rest is up to God.

Nudge people toward living water and I believe they will want to drink.

~Pastor Kent



# This Month's Vision

## *Nudge*

We want to see the lost saved and we believe that God saves those who come to faith in Jesus. We also believe that God uses each of us to reach those He wants to save one nudge at a time. Come to worship and discover the ways God can use you to change a life forever.

August 7 – *Nudge the World*

August 14 – *Nudge Your Neighbor*

August 21 – *The Beauty of the Nudge*

August 28 – *The Power of a Nudge*

September 4 – *Nudge Tools*

**Worship Every Sunday  
@ 8:30 or 11:00**

## *Worship @ The Bridge*

Our daughter congregation the Bridge worships Sunday @ 10 AM at the Hotel @ Kirkwood Center, 7725 Kirkwood Blvd SW. Please pray for us as we continue our search for that person who will be the first Bridge Pastor. Also pray for our fall kick-off when we reach out once again to new Kirkwood students. Visit us some Sunday and worship with us to see what God is doing at the Bridge.

## *Summer Reading Program*

Have you been following Jesus through the 90-day summer reading program? It is not too late to start. We are reading together through the book of Luke and also meditating on short devotionals written by the members of CHCC. This daily reading program is available online at [www.chccca.org](http://www.chccca.org). It can come to you by email, Facebook or with weekly handouts available at the welcome booth.

## *Consistory News and Notes*

Last August one of our Elders had a prompting from God. She clearly heard God say, "Build Capacity." At that time nobody had any idea what that might mean. In the months that followed the CHCC consistory entered a season of discernment and prayer to explore this prompting. Since January we've been prayerfully seeking to discern clearly God's future for us as a congregation. We know that God is already at work within our community and we want to discover how we can join God in those places. Our prayer is that we would see clearly – with 20/20 vision and then step forward in faith as we discern God's leading between now and the year 2020.

Our discernment has led us to four overlapping visions about God's work in our midst.

1. *Build Volunteer Capacity* – we believe God is calling us to a season of leadership development and volunteer growth. God is at work to grow people more deeply and then get the right people engaged in ministry so that by 2020 we will have 80% of our congregation serving in the right place.
2. *Build Outreach Capacity* – we believe God is calling us to sharpen our outward focus in both evangelism and church multiplication. God is at work to find and save the lost in Cedar Rapids so that by 2020 we will see dozens of people come to faith in Jesus and we will see two new congregations formed.
3. *Build Financial Capacity* – we believe that God is calling us to grow in generosity and reduce our debt. By aggressively seeking to grow our generosity as a congregation we believe that God will greatly reduce our debt by 2020.
4. *Build Facilities Capacity* – we believe that God wants to enhance our facilities so they can be used more effectively to reach our community. Part of our 20/20 vision is to discern what additional building space God is calling us to complete by 2020.

We believe these are big visions given by God. We also believe that these that these visions must be accomplished in complete dependence on God in order for them to succeed. God is at work and we are determined to join with him. We invite the congregation to join us in prayers for clarity as we follow God's vision.

*Reminder: Consistory Nominations due August 7.*

~Pastor Kent

## Compassion Update



### WATER OF LIFE

Water cleanses, nourishes and allows us to survive. Thousands of children world-wide are severely ill; many will die due to the lack of safe drinking water. But Compassion's *Water of Life* filtration system will provide at least one million gallons of clean drinking water – more than enough to last the lifetime of a child. This new filtration system is simple to use and can be set up in minutes (video at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVvZcPQTGpY&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVvZcPQTGpY&feature=player_embedded)).

A *Water of Life* filter uses the technology developed for kidney dialysis. Each filter is composed of microtubes with pores hundreds of times smaller than the diameter of a human hair. These pores remove deadly bacteria allowing *only* clean water to pass through. The *Water of Life* system effectively eliminates parasites and bacterial contaminants that cause cholera, typhoid, E. coli, amoebic dysentery and many devastating diseases.

Dirty water from lakes, rivers, ponds or puddles is poured into the system's bucket. As the water flows through the filter, it becomes completely safe to drink. To clean, the user simply disconnects the primary filter unit and rinses it with clear water. Interested in learning more? We will be happy to share how you can be the water of life to others.

Courtesy of Compassion International:

<http://blog.compassion.com/safe-drinking-water/#ixzz1Rj4td5b9>

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## Caring Corner

### I'M IN TRAINING

Jennifer and I were driving in Iowa City recently and came up behind a University Cambus. In the rear window was a sign with this message: "I'm in training."

Why do you think that sign was in the back of the bus? Perhaps to get motorists to overlook any interruption of traffic caused by the bus not moving as fast as the speed limit allowed. Perhaps to remind motorists not to get too close in case the trainee had to make a sudden stop caused by uncertainty of the location of the next stop. Perhaps to alert motorists that they should find another route to get to their destination. Or, perhaps to encourage other motorists to do what we did, to offer a prayer that the training would go well.

As I thought about that sign it occurred to me that all of us might consider the sign, "I'm in training" on our back and on our chest. As we continue our journey of "Following Jesus," what would be some of the training we would need?

First, we need to know the route. Jesus said "*I am the way.*" (John 14:6) The route Jesus took was surrender: "*Not my will but Thine be done.*" (Matthew 26:39) Jesus said, "*inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me.*" Matthew 25:40) Follow the route Jesus took.

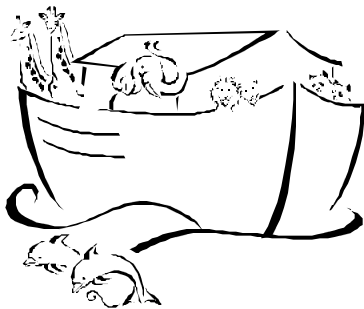
Second, as trainees, we need to know the rules to follow. Jesus said there were two rules: "*Love God and love others.*" (Luke 10:27) Do those who follow us know that we love God? Do those who follow us know that we love others? When we think about loving God, what does that look like?

1. Frequent worship. When we love God we are going to want to learn more about Him. We will want to spend time with Him. Do we worship Him more than once or twice a month?
2. Daily reading His Word. God's Word is a "lamp unto our feet." (Psalm 119:105) God's Word is the roadmap for our faith. God's Word is the window into God's love.
3. Serving others as God leads. Have you found your place at Cedar Hills Church where there is a match between your interest and the needs of others? If not, let's talk.

Let's start training this August for our roles as Followers of Jesus.

God loves you.  
~Pastor Doc

## Noah's Ark Preschool News



Summer school flew by! We have had lots of fun! We had a fantastic 'wet day' to celebrate the last day of school.

Enrollment has been slower this year. There are still spots remaining in our 3 and 4 year old programs. If you know anyone who is interested please have them call us at 396-3125 or email us at [noahsark@chccrca.org](mailto:noahsark@chccrca.org).

August is one of my busiest months at preschool. Even though we don't have the children here, we are incredibly busy gearing up for the next school year. My staff is also busy re-certifying all their credentials. Our orientation night is set for August 16.

Summer seems to be slipping away! Slow down and enjoy the rest of your summer, I know I will.

In Christ,  
Leslie Clauson, Director

## Children's Ministries

### TEACH KIDS TO PRAY

*"Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'" (Luke 11:1).*

The Children's Ministry is placing "Prayer" as a priority this school year. Sunday School will be using "Prayer Stations", All Stars for Jesus will be "Praying in Color." Children's Church is learning a prayer that the children can memorize. All of these program ideas are wonderful, but unless you (parents) are praying in your home, these examples may not stick with your children.

One of the best ways to challenge kids to pray is to challenge parents to pray more. When children see their parents praying, they will be motivated to give it a try. Let your kids see the impact God's presence has on your life. Put prayer as your FIRST RESPONSE, not your last resort.

Don't forget that Prayer and Word are bound together. Read Nehemiah 1- 2:6, to see how he used prayer in his life. For you to grow in prayer, you must grow in reading the word. Use the bible vocabulary to teach children to pray for God's *will*, and *wisdom*.

Praying is an ATTITUDE; knowing that God is with us at all times. He sees and knows us so well. He is just waiting for us to talk to him. Establish regular times with your children to "check in" with God about the events of their day. Remind your child to pray about the experiences and feelings they had during the day.

By establishing routine times to talk to God – not out of obligation but out of love – kids can learn to pray without ceasing.

Sunday School starts back on September 11.

All Stars for Jesus starts back on September 14.

~Kris  
Director of Children's Ministries



## ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST

### Information Specialists:

|        |       |                          |
|--------|-------|--------------------------|
| Aug 7  | 8:30  | Leanne Moen              |
|        | 11:00 | Dianne Martens           |
| Aug 14 | 8:30  | Jack & Kate Ulmer        |
|        | 11:00 | Anita Bosch              |
| Aug 21 | 8:30  | Carol Ruedy              |
|        | 11:00 | Lonnie & Nancy Blackwell |
| Aug 28 | 8:30  | Gary & Jan Matson        |
|        | 11:00 | Tracy & Annette Sankot   |

### Nursery:

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| Aug 7  | 8:20  | Camille Loughner              |
|        | 10:15 | Baber Family/Kellen Brown     |
| Aug 14 | 8:20  | Paulsen Family                |
|        | 10:15 | Brown Family                  |
| Aug 21 | 8:20  | Mottinger Family              |
|        | 10:15 | Baber Family/Jessica Wise     |
| Aug 28 | 8:20  | Deveri Johnson/Emily Ellis    |
|        | 10:15 | Opperman Family/Carly Clauson |

**Coffee Shop:** Sign up for a shift: [office@chccrca.org](mailto:office@chccrca.org) or stop by on Sunday! Bring treats or help serve. 1st shift-7:30am, 2nd shift-10am.

### Greeters:

Check your mailbox for Greeter's Schedule.

\*Please arrange a substitute if unable to greet.

### Children's Worship:

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| Aug 7  | 8:30  | Gaffney Family                 |
|        | 11:00 | Crawford Family/Tehya Johnson  |
| Aug 14 | 8:30  | Gleason Family                 |
|        | 11:00 | Libby Gleason/Kelsey Clauson   |
| Aug 21 | 8:30  | Hanson Family/Jessi Schoettmer |
|        | 11:00 | _____/Tehya Johnson            |
| Aug 28 | 8:30  | Shaw Family                    |
|        | 11:00 | Mead Family/Libby Gleason      |

### MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*2011 Stewardship Goal: To grow in generosity.*

We know that God is a good and generous God, and that everything we are and have belongs to God. Because of this we live as generous and responsible caretakers of all the resources God gives us. In response to God's abundant giving, we increasingly submit our resources to Christ's Lordship, displaying a spirit of generosity and cheerfulness in supporting the work of the church.

### YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL DATA (through June)

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Total Contributions | \$373,870   |
| Total Expenses      | \$387,744   |
| Net Loss            | (\$ 13,874) |

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| July Contributions<br>(through July 24) | \$ 76,263 |
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| August Budget Goal | \$ 67,000 |
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*CHCC Coed Softball 2011 Season  
Tuesdays @ Cleveland Park*

Support the team for the last 2 games!

August 2 @ 7:00pm

August 16 @ 7:00pm

*“He who did not spare His own Son,  
but gave him up for us all -  
how will He not also, along with him,  
graciously give us all things?”*

*~Romans 8:32(NIV)*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AUGUST?

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Sundays**

|         |                     |             |
|---------|---------------------|-------------|
| 8:00am  | Prayer Time         | 138         |
| 8:30am  | Sanctuary Service   | MPR         |
| 9:45am  | Coffee & Fellowship | GS          |
| 11:00am | Celebrate Service   | MPR         |
| 6:30pm  | SUMMIT              | GS/Multiple |

### **Mondays**

|        |                        |         |
|--------|------------------------|---------|
| 9:30am | Attendance Team        | 138     |
| 5:00pm | Open Hands Food Pantry | 112,116 |
| 6:30pm | Celebrate Worship Team | MPR     |

### **Tuesdays**

|        |                       |         |
|--------|-----------------------|---------|
| 6:00pm | Boy Scouts of America | GS, 135 |
| 6:45pm | PRISM@                | 117     |

### **Wednesdays**

|         |                        |             |
|---------|------------------------|-------------|
| 9:00am  | Women's Bible Study    | 117         |
| 10:00am | Open Hands Food Pantry | 112,116     |
| 6:00pm  | Sanctuary Worship Team | MPR         |
| 6:40pm  | Sanctuary Choir        | MPR         |
| 6:30pm  | LINK                   | GS/Multiple |

### **Thursdays**

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| 9:00am | Spare Timers             | GS  |
| 6:30pm | Boy Scout Parent Meeting | 138 |

### **Fridays**

|         |                        |         |
|---------|------------------------|---------|
| 10:00am | Open Hands Food Pantry | 112,116 |
| 7:00pm  | Alcoholics Anonymous   | MPR/GS  |
| 7:00pm  | Overeaters Anonymous   | 138     |

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **Wed Aug 3**

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| 6:30pm | CHiCC Team Meeting | Panera |
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| <b>Fri Aug 5</b> | Wedding Rehearsal | MPR |
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### **Sat Aug 6**

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| 8:30am | Retiree Breakfast      | Scott's Restaurant |
| 3:30pm | Wedding - April Schenk | MPR                |

### **Sun Aug 7**

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| 12:30pm | Families Helping Families | GS/Outdoors |
| 4:00pm  | Financial Peace Preview   | 114/113     |

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| <b>Fri Aug 12</b> | Wedding Rehearsal | MPR |
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| <b>Sat Aug 13</b> | Wedding - Crystal & Jacob | MPR |
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| <b>Mon Aug 15</b> | Cedar Chips Due | office |
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| <b>Tue Aug 16</b> | Noah's Ark Orientation | 113/114 |
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| <b>Sat Aug 20</b> | MMOM Sale | All-Church |
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| 8:30am | Men's Breakfast | MPR |
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### **Sat Aug 27**

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| 9:00-11:00am | Leadership Community  | GS      |
| 11:30am      | CHiCCs - Making Meals | Kitchen |

## AUGUST TEAMS & OTHER EVENTS

### **Mon Aug 1**

|        |                          |     |
|--------|--------------------------|-----|
| 5:00pm | Stephen Ministry Leaders | 138 |
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### **Tue Aug 2**

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| 10:00am | Ministry Staff    | 138 |
| 6:30pm  | SUMMIT Leadership | 116 |

### **Wed Aug 3**

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| 5:30pm | Deacons Meeting | 138 |
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### **Sun Aug 7**

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| 6:00pm | Church Multiplication | 138 |
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### **Mon Aug 8**

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| 6:00pm | LINK Leadership     |     |
| 7:00pm | Food Pantry Leaders | 112 |

### **Tue Aug 9**

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| 11:15am | Staff Tactical   | 135 |
| 7:00pm  | Nominations Team | 138 |

### **Thu Aug 11**

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| 6:30pm | Boy Scout Parent Meeting | 138 |
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### **Sat Aug 13**

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| 10:00am | Loving Stitches | 137 |
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### **Sun Aug 14**

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| 4:00pm | Consistory | 137 |
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### **Tue Aug 16**

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| 11:45am | Staff Meeting | 138 |
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### **Thu Aug 18**

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| 7:00pm | Nominators Team | 138 |
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### **Sun Aug 21**

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| 4:00pm | Financial Peace Class | 113/114 |
| 6:00pm | Church Multiplication | 138     |

### **Mon Aug 22**

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| 5:00pm | Noah's Ark Board   | 138 |
| 5:30pm | PMB Sewing Guild   | 137 |
| 6:00pm | Sunday School Team | 114 |

### **Tue Aug 23**

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| 6:00pm | Adult Discipleship | 138 |
| 6:30pm | Exec Team Meeting  | 111 |

### **Wed Aug 24**

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| 6:00pm | Welcome Team | 138 |
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### **Thu Aug 25**

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| 9:15am | MOPS Steering Team  | Nursery/GS |
| 6:00pm | Ministry Management | 138        |

### **Sun Aug 28**

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|--------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 9:45am | Sunday School teachers/parents | All SS Rooms |
| 3:30pm | Elders Meeting                 | 137          |

### **Tue Aug 30**

|        |              |     |
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| 6:30pm | Exec Meeting | 111 |
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## Worship Ministries

There is a book published entitled, "Worship Evangelism" that I had to study as a seminary student. It was such a popular paradigm for looking at worship, that entire churches and ministries were built off the idea. But something happened to the author. She became so conflicted by the flaws in the worship evangelism concept that she shut down the entire ministry and declared, "It doesn't work." In a lengthy statement to the many she had taught, trained, and guided over the years, she lays out her reasoning: culture has changed. The non-religious no longer see the church as the place to explore religion. The Body is so consumed with herself, there is no room left for the seeker. Ouch. "But as culture has become incessantly more spiritual and adamantly less religious, we...have become convinced that the primary meeting place with our *unchurched* friends is now outside the church building."

The ways we used to draw people to worship just no longer work. We actually have to leave the building and go where they are. And when we gather for worship, it has to be authentic. We will not plan performances to draw any one in. It just doesn't work. It steals many sheep but converts few.

We've been working at intentionally engaging our hearts and minds in worship. We've been working in changing our mindsets so that worship is not about us, our preferences, likes, dislikes, five favorite songs, but instead on giving Him the honor, glory and blessing due his name. This is, after all, what its all about. When this happens, its authentic worship. You just can't create that. And visitors in our midst can immediately identify what is fake and what is not.

I am not the audience of worship. The moment I make it about me, I'm playing in idolatry of self. Idolatry is bad. It is so dangerous, God put it on the Big Ten list of commands for the Israelites. The moment I think I can't worship God because my personal tastes have not been catered too, I am guilty of idolatry. Because then I have made it about me.

August is about evangelism. We will learn how to "nudge" people to God. This may require risk on the part of many and cause us to walk in places to which we've never been. But this I know, the *unchurched* are just outside the doors of our building, eagerly waiting for someone to lead them to the Truth. That someone is you.

~ Leah  
Director of Worship

## Youth Ministries

Our youth ministry is in a time of transition. With any change there is grief and anxiety. What we have known is replaced with the unknown. Transition can also be a time of renewal and growth as we evaluate and reflect on what matters most to us. We build on the strong foundation that has been established and also discover new opportunities. We recommit to those things that are most important to us. In that regard I want to make it clear – our students matter.

**We want to impact children and youth with the love of Jesus.** On this issue we will not waver.

I met with a group of youth sponsors and parents last night and I was thrilled to hear their passion to love and nurture the students in our congregation. They shared what they thought was most important:

- Building relationships with adults and students.
- Creating comfort with faith — a safe place to grow.
- Learning how to live faith out in the world — share it with others.
- A strong foundation that will take students beyond high school.
- Biblically base detaching using God's Word — not just life lessons.
- Structure with time for large group fun and small group learning.
- Once a month outreach/fun activity.
- A place to bring friends.
- Opportunity for students to grow in leadership.

I could not agree more and so we committed to plan and implement youth ministry at CHCC in the fall that will aim at these values. In August we will regroup and be ready to serve our youth again in the fall. We will accomplish this by building three teams – SUMMIT Team, LINK Team, and a Parent Booster Club. If you have any desire to participate in impacting students on one of these teams, please contact Pastor Kent at 396-6608 or [Kent@chccrca.org](mailto:Kent@chccrca.org).

None of this happens unless God pours out his blessing so we appreciate your prayers to that end for students, parents, and youth sponsors.

Pastor Kent



# The Bulletin Board



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL MENTORING PROGRAM**

Current research shows that if students make a bond with several adults in their church, the chances of those students staying in the church for a lifetime doubles!

Introducing a new program called "Mentoring." We are starting small with hopes to expand this program. We are asking any member of our church to volunteer for only 15 minutes a month . . . to change the life of a child!

The last Sunday of the month, our Mentors will come to the Sunday School rooms and retrieve their 3-4 students, who have been assigned to them and take them somewhere in the church to bond with them. Take an interest and show love to the students!

We need approximately 20 volunteers.

Contact Kris Crowther for info: [kris@chccrca.org](mailto:kris@chccrca.org) or 396-6608.



## **LADIES - SAVE THE DATE ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**

November 20 at 3:00PM and 6:30PM

Even in this hot weather, the planning is beginning! Please mark your calendar and save the date. If you would like to help, we welcome your assistance!

Please contact:  
Sally Donnan at 396-9842 or  
Kris Crowther at 396-6608



## **LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY**

Attention all ministry team leaders and ministry team members!

Join us  
August 27, 9-11AM

Leadership Community is to equip you to serve effectively and make an impact on the lives of others.

Don't miss it!



## **CEDAR CHIPS ONLINE – IN COLOR**

Would you like a link to the Cedar Chips emailed to you each month? *Go Green* and choose to view the Cedar Chips online!

Email or call the church office ([office@chccrca.org](mailto:office@chccrca.org), 396-6608) and let us know we can print one less copy and add you to the special mailing list! Enjoy the Cedar Chips in color!

# The Bulletin Board



## ***MORE 2011 GRADUATES:***

### **High School Graduate:**

*Emily Thuerauf*, graduated from Mount Vernon High School and will be attending Central College this fall. Her parents are Bob and Karen.

### **College Graduates:**

*Lindsey Ellenson*, graduated from Central College in Pella, IA with degrees in Exercise Science Health Promotion and minor in Business Management. Her parents are Ken & Lisa Ellenson. Lindsey will be working at Amana Golf Course will she looks for a job in her field.

*Jon Thuerauf*, graduated from Coe with BA in Athletic Training. He is working at Ability Physical Therapy. His parents are Bob and Karen.



### ***RETIREES BREAKFAST***

Sat, August 6, 8:30AM  
Scott's Family Restaurant  
1906 Blairs Ferry Rd NE

*RSVP to Joan Koele at 3396-6510*



### ***CHCC CHOIR REBIRTHED***

Attention, attention, all singers: The CHCC Choir is being re-birthed and welcomes any singers to join the ranks!

The choir will sing in the 8:30am service, leading a variety of songs and anthems with a mixture of instrumental accompaniments. The choir will also help lead the congregation, singing at the beginning of the first service. Anyone interested in singing in the choir is welcome to join. The start-up begins August 17th and 24th at 6:40pm to prepare music for Sunday, August 28. Practice schedules will be available at the first practice with the choir singing about every third Sunday.

If you have questions, direct them to Randy Whitehead or John Drzycimski, the directors. Spread the word!

John Drzycimski: 390-4678



### ***PRAYER SESSION***

Monthly Prayer Sessions will not meet in August but will resume:

Sunday, Sept 11, 3PM

Email prayer requests to:

[prayer@chccrca.org](mailto:prayer@chccrca.org)