

What's happening at CPC

- ◆ **Congregational meeting** this morning, 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Lord's Supper** tonight, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Upward basketball & cheerleading** begin January 8&9
- ◆ **Women's Inductive Bible Study Workshop**, January 9, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- ◆ see **Jesus PrayerLife Seminar**, Friday and Saturday, January 15-16, Mt. Airy, MD

You will find details of these events along with many other announcements and our calendar on our website: www.columbiapres.org

Thank you for serving today!

Serving		January 3, 2010
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	A Edwards, D Chandler, H Bradley, M Tucker, D&D Nace
	Projectionist	J Lyons
	Greeters	K&D Plantz, P Divinnie
	Nursery Captain	A Dawson
	Infant Nursery	K Grothe, M Bayless
	1's & 2's Nursery	B&J Amason
	3's Nursery	E Rodgers
	Prayer Team	England family, J Jacob
	Children's Worship	Family service
10:00	Infant Nursery	W Cole, I&A Malkin
	1's & 2's Nursery	P DeRosa, L Parke, D Lamolinara
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	J Schaefer, B Singer, R Kraus, M Plantz, D Floyd
	Projectionist	J Myers
	Greeters	B Megary, T Laury
	Infant Nursery	B/K Morton, I Calvert
	1's & 2's Nursery	T Allen, P Childress
	3's Nursery	S/J Loiacono, S Cole
	Prayer Team	E Johnson, W Cole
	Children's Worship	Family service
Financial Sec.		K Singer, B Warner
Lord's Supper tonight:		Projectionist: E Rodgers
Nursery: E Scheerer, M&J Schellin		

Next Sunday Youth and Families Ministries Director Dan Halley will preach on *An Unexpected Storm* from Mark 4:35-41.

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◆ **January 3, 2010**

*We want to know Christ,
to know His hope,
and to know His power.*

Ephesians 1:17-23

Good morning! Welcome!

We are here to worship God who created us, redeemed us after we rejected Him, and holds on to us forever. Our only reasonable response is to worship Him.

This morning

You are warmly invited to keep your children with you during worship or you can entrust them to our dedicated, caring volunteers. We have nurseries downstairs for children up to 3 years old.

Adults and high schoolers will be together this morning at 10:00 a.m. in the main hall for the congregational meeting.

Children's Sunday School Classes, 10:00 a.m.	
3s	MC-C
4s	MC-B
Kindergarten	MC-A
Grade 1	MC-2
Grades 2 & 3	MC-D
Grade 4	AC-3
Grade 5	AC-2
Middle School Girls	AC-1
Middle School Boys	PH-11

Worship Services ~ 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. II Corinthians 4:16-18



Welcome
Call to Worship
Jesus, I Come
The Glories of Calvary

Prayer
What a Savior
Breathe

Prayer
Worship in Giving
Special Music

Scripture Reading

The Sands of Time Are Sinking TH 546

Sermon

It Is Well with My Soul TH 691

Prayer

Mighty to Save
Benediction



Worship Leader: Elder Tom Brod
Preacher: Rev. Allen Harris

Prayer Guide

Praise God for the birth of **Elliott Chase DeRosa** on Tuesday, December 29. We rejoice with Anthony, Prisca, and big brothers Josiah and Anderson.

Pray for wisdom for the **pastor search committee** as they begin this process.

Upward & Elevate basketball games and cheerleading begin on Friday and Saturday. Pray for safety in travel and play. Pray that all the many details and logistics would be covered. Pray that players, families, coaches, referees, and guests will see Jesus clearly in this ministry.

Ask God to use the process of **expanding our facility** to build His kingdom and to honor His name. Pray that we will **give** to the Phase 2 building fund as God leads. Pray as well that God will provide a **great contractor** and the **right place for us to meet** during the period of time in which we have to vacate the gym.

Thank God for our **worship team**. Thank Him for giving these men and women musical talents, desire to share them, willingness to commit much time for rehearsal and leading us, and hearts that desire to glorify God.

Pray for good **health** for those among us and our loved ones who have been ill or injured.

Pray for **comfort**, particularly during the holidays, for those who have lost loved ones recently.

If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, email us at office@columbiapres.org.

Allen Harris

January 3, 2010

FOCUS

II Corinthians 4:16-18

Look to 2010. Two things we know will be true:

1. You will get older. Your body will age and decay.
2. You will have troubles. Afflictions.

The distinctive Christian perspective will make all the difference in whether you have joy in spite of this or not.

Paul nowhere articulates this perspective better than in

II Corinthians 4:16-18.

- I. As your body grows weaker, your spirit grows stronger (v16)

Renewed daily

How?

- II. As you consider 3 great contrasts concerning your troubles:

(Remember Paul knew severe troubles, so he has credibility: see 11:23-28)

- A. Their OUTCOME: **Troubles vs** _____ (v17)
“achieving”? Not merit, but simply the spiritual principle:
As Humility → Exaltation (remember Magnificat:
Luke 2:46-55)
Cf. Philippians 2:5-11

So Suffering → Glory for followers of Christ

Egs: Romans 8:16-17

I Peter 4:12-13

Matthew 5:10-12

James 1:2-4

The Day of Revelation 7:15-17 is coming.

One year closer.

- B. Their WEIGHT: Light in comparison with _____ of Glory (v17)

Even Paul's sufferings (eg: 1:8: same word: “weighed down”) will seem like a feather in comparison with the weight of Glory revealed in him. And you.

Picture a scale...

- C. Their LENGTH: **Momentary vs** _____ (v17)

What are 70-80 years in comparison with eternity?

Picture a dot and an infinitely long line...

Meditate on that

- III. So this year FOCUS (v18)

Fix your gaze. Rivet your attention.

- A. NOT on what you see with your eyes: this world

Everything you see is so very temporary.

- B. BUT on what you see with Scripture-instructed eyes of faith: the new Heavens and Earth.

That is **eternal**.

Set aside 10 minutes a day this year to think on this. The altered perspective will change your life.