

What's happening at CPC

- ♦ **Discussion of the Gospel**, Sundays, April 11, 18, 15, May 2, 10:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Elder Home Meetings:**
 - Bjerkaas/Scheerer**, Sunday, April 18, 6:00 p.m., Bjerkaas home, please bring a dessert to share;
 - Brod/Clifford**, Sunday, April 18, 6:00 p.m., MC-A;
 - Cruz/Lytikainen**, Sunday, April 18, 6:00 p.m., MC-D, please bring a small snack or dessert to share – drinks will be provided;
 - Sciannella/Wilmot**, Sunday, April 18, 6:30 p.m., Sciannella home, please bring a dessert to share – no childcare;
 - Belliveau/Floyd**, Sunday, April 25, Floyd home;
 - Walgrove/Koch**, Sunday, April 25, 7:00 p.m., Walgrove home, dessert will be provided.
- ♦ **Merge-sponsored Middle Hour** with Kenyan pastor and his family, Sunday, April 25
- ♦ **thrive “True North” women’s retreat**, Friday, April 30–Sunday, May 2
- ♦ **Spring Fling**, Saturday, May 15
- ♦ **Green goodbye dinner**, Saturday, June 5, 6:00 p.m.

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	April 11
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	B Shinholt, K Kahwajy, J Stamps, B Megary, G DeGrafft, N Walgrove
	Projectionist	D Merrill
	Greeters	M LaBelle, G Bayless
	Nursery Captain	J Parlette
	Infant Nursery	L Davidson
	1's & 2's Nursery	P Chao, K Bradley
	3's Nursery	N Erickson
	Prayer Team	D Rowell
	Children's Worship	R Craig, M Cassel
10:00	Infant Nursery	E Hartin, C Rushing J Jacob
	1's & 2's Nursery	D&M McKinney, M Farmer
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	M Dransfield, D&J Rowell, G Ault, J Wilmot, D Green
	Projectionist	A Koch
	Greeters	T Morris, B Megary
	Infant Nursery	P Floyd, S Kahwajy
	1's & 2's Nursery	T McKenna, H Floyd, K Sciannella
	3's Nursery	M Dransfield
	Prayer Team	E Johnson, P Mazerski
	Children's Worship	Family Service
	Financial Sec.	E Davis, J Bauer

Next week Rev. Allen Harris will preach on “Thinking like a Missionary” from Matthew 28:18-20.

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♦ **April 11, 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 in worship or you can entrust them to our dedicated, caring volunteers. We have nurseries downstairs for children up to 3 years old.

There is an opportunity during the first worship service for children age 4 through grade 2 to be dismissed to a children's worship service.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes	
3s & 4s	MC-B
Kindergarten	MC-A
Grade 1	MC-2
Grades 2	MC-D
Grades 3 & 4	AC-3
Grade 5	AC-2
Middle School Girls	AC-1
Middle School Boys	PH-11
High School	PH-04

Adult Middle Hour Classes	
Gospel Discussion	PH-15
<i>A Praying Life</i>	Main hall
Acts	MC-1
Colossians	AC-5
Lies We Believe... Truths We Don't	AC-6
Discovering CPC	AC-4

MC ~ Ministry Center - the brick building facing Route 108
PH ~ Potter's House - the white rancher behind the MC
AC ~ Auxiliary Classrooms - the portable units behind the PH

Portable maps of the CPC campus are now available in the lobby to help you locate classes.

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



"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Matthew 28:18b



Call to Worship
*Jesus, We Enthroned You
Mighty To Save*

Welcome, Greeting, Announcements

*How Great is Our God
It Was Love*

Scripture Reading

*We Will Dance
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Pastoral Prayer

Worship in Giving¹

Scripture Reading

Message

*We Will Dance
Benediction*



¹Children age 4 through grade 2 are dismissed to Children's Worship during the first service.

Worship Leader: Elder Erik Lytikainen
Preacher: Rev. Allen Harris

Prayer Guide

Today begins our **baby bottle campaign** collecting loose change for the Laurel Pregnancy Center. Pray that God will bless this ministry to women facing unexpected pregnancies.

Our staff and elders will be attending the **Together 4 the Gospel** conference this week. Thank God for this opportunity for our leaders to be encouraged and strengthened through fellowship with 7,000 church leaders and teaching from outstanding reformed preachers. Ask God to use this experience to strengthen our ministry at CPC.

Ask God to provide the resources we need to complete the **facility expansion** in a timely way. Pray for the work of our **Building Executive Committee**. Ask God to provide a great contractor to build the expansion **and** the right place for us to meet during the period of time in which we have to vacate the gym.

Pray for the **search committee** as they continue their work to help us find who God has prepared as our team leader.

Pray for **healing** for those in our family who are ill or recovering. Ask God to heal **Anne Dransfield's father** and **Robbie Pennington's mother**. Ask God to draw **Lita Parke's dad** to a personal, saving knowledge of Jesus as he faces a bleak prognosis at Johns Hopkins. Ask God to give these families strength as they take care of their loved ones.

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

Allen Harris

April 11, 2010

THE ULTIMATE MOTIVE FOR MISSIONS

Matthew 28:18

You do not motivate missions by oughts, but rather by a larger vision of Christ.

3 motives for missions:

1. Command: Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8
2. Compassion: Matthew 9:36-38
3. **Compulsion**: irresistibly driven by a larger vision of Christ

Matthew's Gospel: Jesus' compassionate authority ch 8-9

Then 28:18 is climax: ALL AUTHORITY is **given** to Me!

- Acts 2:33-35: quotes Psalm 110 (most quoted psalm in NT; e.g. Jesus in Matthew 22:41-45)
- Acts 2:36: His Messianic work complete—His Resurrection triumph confers incarnate Lord and Messiah
- Acts 13:32-33: declared the Son in power (Romans 1:4)
- Ephesians 1:19-23 His authority & majesty fills the universe

Our salvation is ultimately not about us, but for the praise of His glory and grace (Eph 1:5-6a, 11-12, 13-14)

So we focus not on what God has done for us (God has a wonderful plan for your life), but on what He is doing for the Son (God loves His Son and has given Him authority to head up ALL THINGS—and He is including US in that plan!

See then the link between His authority (Matthew 28:18) and the mandate of missions (28:19): **therefore make disciples**

The larger your vision of Christ, the more you are compelled to join Him in His loving conquest of the nations!

The more you **exult** in Him, the more you want to **exalt** Him. Your life will not simply be Purpose driven, but Person driven. Jesus is making little impact on our nation because He is making so little impact on the Church. David Bryant: He has become our mascot to inspire us, rather than our Monarch to rule us!

Is your vision of Christ growing? Is He larger to you now than He was a month ago? A year ago?

We need to help each other have a larger vision of Christ. That is what compels us to exult in Him, obey Him, want to participate in His conquest of the Nations.

How much do we speak of Him after worship service?

We have just praised Him, and heard of Him.

If we do not speak to each other of Him then, why would we think we would speak of Him to unbelievers during the week?

We need to move from seeing Christ as the Center of all (the center of my life: to satisfy my needs and lead me) to being the Center of ALL (the center of the Cosmos: where is **He** going and how do I shape my life to follow Him?)

Matthew 28:18 (He is ALL) → 28:19-20: I am participating in that Reality.

It simply swallows up my petty ambitions not tied into Him.