

**What's happening at CPC**

- ◆ **Gospel Discussion**, this morning, 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Children's Choir** will not meet this morning.
- ◆ **Fellowship potluck**, tonight, 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Lord's Supper**, tonight, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **National Day of Prayer "PRAY & Play"**,  
Thursday, May 6, 7:00 p.m., MC-C&D
- ◆ **Pioneer Girls closing program**, Wednesday,  
May 12, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Spring Fling**: yard sale (donations needed),  
car wash, craft sale, fancy cake auction,  
games, food, Saturday, May 15, 8:00 a.m.-  
1:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Golf Tournament to benefit the Brazil  
mission trip**, Saturday, May 22, 1:00

*You will find details of these events along with  
many other announcements and our calendar on  
our website: [www.columbiapres.org](http://www.columbiapres.org)*

**Thank you for serving today!**

Serving ....	May 2	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Ushers/Set Up</b>	D&K Grothe, E Underhill, G Page, K Warner, E Johnston
	<b>Projectionist</b>	J Lyons
	<b>Greeters</b>	E&E Goebel, P Divinnie
	<b>Nursery Captain</b>	A Dawson
	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	K Grothe, M Bayless
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	B&J Amason
	<b>3's Nursery</b>	N Erickson
	<b>Prayer Team</b>	England family, J Jacob
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	K&E Underhill
10:00	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	W Cole, I&A Malkin
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	L Parke, D Lamolinara
11:00 a.m.	<b>Ushers/Take Down</b>	A Jackson, G Mitzel, J&J Loiacono, D&T&A Green
	<b>Projectionist</b>	A Koch
	<b>Greeters</b>	G Greenslit, S&S Holloway
	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	B/K Morton, I Calvert
	<b>1's &amp; 2's Nursery</b>	T Allen, P Childress
	<b>3's Nursery</b>	S/J Loiacono
	<b>Prayer Team</b>	E Johnson, W Cole
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	<b>Worship with family</b>
<b>Financial Sec.</b>	L Johnson, B Warner	
<b>6:30 p.m. Lord's Supper</b>		
<b>Projectionist ~ J Lyons</b>	<b>Nursery ~ J&amp;W Corbett</b>	

Next week Pastor Tim Flora will preach.

**Columbia Presbyterian Church**

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*Pastors: Allen Harris, Steve Green, Tim Flora  
Staff: Robbie Pennington, Dan Halley, Eric Johnston*



◆ **May 2, 2010** ◆

*We want to know Christ,  
to know our 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.

<b>10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes</b>	
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

<b>Adult Middle Hour Classes</b>	
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.



*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world*

Galatians 6:14



Call to Worship

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ~ TH 38*

*Doxology ~ TH 731*

Prayer of Adoration

Scripture Reading

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted  
Jesus, Thank You  
Haven't You Been Good*

Pastoral Prayer

Worship in Giving<sup>1</sup>

Message

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory  
I Will Glory in My Redeemer*

Benediction



<sup>1</sup>Children's worship first service only

Worship Leader: Rev. Tim Flora

Preacher: Rev. Allen Harris

## Prayer Guide

Praise God for the work He has done through the **Vandenheuvels** during their time in Ghana and for the lessons He has taught them. Ask God to use this powerfully for building His kingdom.

Doug Shipe's father, Conard Shipe, died last week. Ask God to comfort the **Shipe family** as they mourn.

Ask God to guide **our elders** this week as they meet. Pray that they make the decisions God guides them to make and to work through us to accomplish His purposes.

The **National Day of Prayer** is Thursday, May 6. Ask God to make us a praying people who trust in Him.

As the **search committee** announces the position for Team Leader Pastor, ask God to bring the man He wills to CPC, to give wisdom and discernment to the Search Committee to recognize the most qualified candidates to forward to Session, and to grow us as a congregation together in our vision for CPC as a team-led church.

Ask God to provide a great **contractor** to build our expansion and the right place for us to meet during the time we have to vacate the Ministry Center.

CPC will send a **construction team to the Tex/Mex border** July 18-24 to work on a BEAMM (Border Evangelism and Mercy Ministries) project. The team of Alison and Jim Johnson, Kendall Morton, David Scheerer, and George Walgrove will work on completing a home for the Rodriguez family in El Paso. Pray that people will see Jesus who is the author and enabler of this mission outreach.

Pray for healing for those in our family who are ill or recovering. Pray for successful prostate surgery for Ed Goodrich's 97-year old father, Ed Goodrich Sr.

*If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, email us at [office@columbiapres.org](mailto:office@columbiapres.org).*

## THE OFFENSE OF THE CROSS

### Galatians 5:11

Why is the **cross** of Jesus Christ an offense?

#### I. It is **REPULSIVE**

No one would have thought of a cross for jewelry!

A cross speaks of violence, torture, humiliation, death  
It symbolizes a bloody religion that is not “nice”  
It speaks of a God Who is furious!

#### II. It is **HUMBLING**

Jesus’ teaching either humbled or offended:

- Sermon on the Mount
- Jewish leaders
- Herod Antipas
- Judas
- Felix
- Festus

It condemns you and says you are a sinner who needs a perfect Substitute to take your place. It says there is *nothing* you can do to save yourself

It speaks of your need of

- Atonement (Romans 3:23-25): satisfy wrath
- Redemption ((Revelation 5:9): purchase with blood
- Forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7): God angry at us
- Justification (Romans 3:23-24, 26): guilty
- Reconciliation (Romans 5:9-10; 8:14-15): enemies

You contribute *nothing* except the sin that needs to be taken away

#### III. It is **INTOLERANT**

There is no other way to be right with God (Acts 4:12)  
But what about the millions who have never heard of Jesus? God surely owes them another way!

God will surely be perfectly just in that Day, but that is little comfort to the one apart from Christ (Romans 2:12-16)

The cross is purely from mercy, by grace, utterly undeserved.

Gal 5:11 → 6:12-13

But for the one who has tasted the grace of God at the cross: Gal 6:14!

What is the cross of Christ to you, honestly?

An offense? Or the most precious treasure?

If you claim it a treasure, do you ever speak of it? It is not easy, but it IS the power of God to salvation (I Corinth 2:1-5 and Romans 1:16-17)

#### Tips on speaking about the cross to our generation:

1. Focus your discussion on the person and work of Jesus Christ. He came to show us how to live, but also that our hearts stubbornly resist that.
2. The heart of Christianity is His unique substitutionary sacrifice where on the cross He paid the penalty that our sins deserve. He was perfect and alone could pay that debt.
3. If there was *any* other way for God to save us, then He tortured His Son on the cross needlessly, and is terribly cruel, not loving. So the cross was the *only* way for life.
4. The cross then becomes the greatest manifestation of love in all of human history: God sacrificing His willing Son to rescue **you** from the judgment you deserve, and give you life with Him through eternity in His Heaven.