

What's happening at CPC

- ♦ **Camp Hemlock**, June 28-August 8
- ♦ **Dan Halley**, Youth and Young Adults Ministry
Coordinator candidate, **Greet and Meet**,
July 19, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Japan Upward Mission Project** trip, **Kobe, Japan**, July 28-August 4

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	July 12
9:00 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	P&J Iwaskiw, P Childress, L&J Clairmont, E Belliveau
	Projectionist	A Belliveau
	Greeters	P Divinnie, T Laury
	Nursery Captain	J Parlette
	Infant Nursery	L Davidson, C Rushing
	1's & 2's Nursery	P Chao, N Erickson
	3's Nursery	K Bradley, D DeSena
	Prayer Team	D Rowell
	Children's Worship	B Morton, E Scheerer
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	R Kraus, K Etzweiler, D Jacob, A Koch, P Stevens, S Niezelski
	Projectionist	J Myers
	Greeters	T Morris, B Megary
	Infant Nursery	P Floyd, E Hartin
	1's & 2's Nursery	D&M McKinney, H Floyd
	3's Nursery	M Dransfield
	Prayer Team	Need volunteers
	Children's Worship	D&H Swearman, C Tucker
	Financial Sec.	MC Jeske, K Williams

Next Sunday Pastor Allen Harris will continue his series on Matthew preaching on *A Word of Encouragement* from Matthew 10:40-44.

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♦ **July 12, 2009** ♦

*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. He created us, redeemed us after we rejected Him, and holds on to us forever. Once we know Him, the only reasonable response is to worship Him.

We worship God corporately as a church on Sunday mornings, as families and as community groups through the week, and individually.

We love God and so love our neighbors ~ those sitting next to you this morning, those who live near you, those with whom you work or go to school.

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 each worship service for children age 4 through grade 2 to be dismissed to a Children's Worship service.

Worship Services ~ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



*Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*
Matthew 10:39



Call to Worship
*Mighty to Save
As Long as You are Glorified*

Prayer of Adoration

Scripture Reading

*In the Cross
My Savior, My God
Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down
All to Jesus I Surrender ~ TH 562*

Pastoral Prayer

Worship in Giving*

Message

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!
His Love Can Never Fail
Benediction



*Children age 4 through grade 2 are dismissed following Worship in Giving to Children's Worship downstairs in MC-A.

Worship Leader: Pastor Tim Flora Preacher: Pastor Allen Harris

Prayer Guide

Thank God for answered prayers about the **Session meeting** Tuesday. We are moving forward in several areas and will be presenting that momentum in coming weeks.

Session has invited **Dan Halley**, Youth and Young Adults Ministry Coordinator candidate, to visit CPC next weekend. Pray for Dan and for Session as they seek God's direction.

Session concurs with the **Building Executive Committee** and the Trustees regarding how to move forward on **Phases 2a, b, and c**. Pray for the written **Decision and Order** to come quickly, for no one to appeal the decision, and for the architects to finish the bid documents so we can move forward on our plans for Phase 2a. Ask God to provide all the **funding** we need to build the expansion in a timely way.

Pray for our members sharing the gospel this summer at home and abroad: **Paul Thomas Childress** in Hampton Beach, NH; **Stephen Floyd** in Saranac, NY; **Martin Yahiro** and **Kathleen Gandy** in Japan. Ask God to prepare hearts in these places to be open to His Spirit.

Pray for **jobs** for those who are unemployed.

Pray for our church family members who are serving in the military: **Michael Belliveau, Jim Bjerkaas, Lee Brian** (Esther Brian's nephew), **Ashley Chisholm, Tony Corbett, Loren Erickson, Chris Grussendorf, Vinnie Lamolinara, and Nathan Perrault**.

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

The Gospel of Matthew #90

JESUS' WORTH

Matthew 10:32-39

Jesus here makes claims to exclusive allegiance that only God has the right to make! Having Jesus in your life will bring tension and difficult choices.

And the consequences are heaven or hell!

He must be more precious than:

I. The OPINIONS OF _____ : v32-33

Acknowledge (Rom 1:16; 10:19) or disown/deny Him (same word for Peter in 26:69-75)

(Note twice: "MY Father": unique. Who but God make such a claim?)

II. The ACCEPTANCE OF _____ _____:

v34-37 (Qt Mic 7:6)

Contrast the Jewish—and contemporary view of Messiah: brings peace, prosperity, tranquility. No! Warfare!

(Note uniqueness again: twice: "I have come")

Family much more painful than "others"

Cf. 5:10-12

Your situation? Jesus knows and cares.

10:37: sometimes He tests our hearts by seeing if we love Him more than our parents or children (eg Abraham: Gen. 22)

III. " _____ " YOUR OWN _____ : v38-39

Again unique: who else could say this?? Demands *total* allegiance!

Cross: *not* a difficult situation in life.

Rather *laying down* your life—your agenda or self-protection for Jesus.

Same for every Christian. Unique to every Christian.

Romans 12:1-2: what beckons you to crawl off the altar?

Alternatives:

Find here → **lose** for eternity (and here)

Lose here → **find** for eternity (and here)

Who claims such allegiance??

The One Who gave—**lost** His life for you!

How much is Jesus worth to you?

- People's fleeting opinions of you? Your job?
- Your family's acceptance? Or most important person in your life?
- Your agenda? Putting yourself first?

The amazing thing is that when you place yourself on the altar of His pleasure (Rom 12:1), you find His will for you to be better than what you would have chosen with your limited perspective (12:2). His pleasure and your pleasure are fused in beauty.