

What's happening at CPC

- ◆ **Portable maps** of the CPC campus are now available in the lobby to help you locate classes and meetings.
- ◆ There will be **no Sermon Q&A** class today or next Sunday. Please feel free to attend another class.
- ◆ High School students! **Revolution** begins this Thursday, October 1, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., downstairs in the Potter's House.
- ◆ **Fall cleanup** day is on Saturday, October 3, between 8:30 a.m. and noon. Bring a wheelbarrow if you have one.
- ◆ We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** next Sunday evening, October 4, at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Women are invited to dinner for a "**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**" evening, October 10.
- ◆ **Upward Cheerleaders uniform sizing** on October 13
- ◆ **Upward & Elevate mandatory evaluation** on October 17 at Crossroads
- ◆ **Upward Coaches' training** on October 24
- ◆ Complete Session's online **survey** by October 25

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	September 27	
8:30 a.m.	Ushers/Set Up	B Shinholt, K Kahwajy, J Stamps, B Megary, G DeGrafft, N Walgrove
	Projectionist	M Newkirk
	Greeters	P Divinnie, B Stamps
	Nursery Captain	S Hirtle
	Infant Nursery	L Davidson, J Scheerer
	1's & 2's Nursery	M Ofori
	3's Nursery	S&B Holloway
	Prayer Team	S Green, R Craig
	Children's Worship	B Rushing, N Erickson, M Plantz
10:00	Infant Nursery	A&J Johnson, MB Williams
	1's & 2's Nursery	S Sheldon, A Scheerer
11:00 a.m.	Ushers/Take Down	M Dransfield, D&J Rowell, G Ault, J Wilmot, D Green
	Projectionist	J Johnson
	Greeters	S&S Holloway, T Morris
	Infant Nursery	LA Dransfield, K Rasmussen
	1's & 2's Nursery	T McKenna, Rowells
	3's Nursery	J Kunz, D Green
	Prayer Team	R&L Hidey, H Wilson
	Children's Worship	L Barnes, S Niezelski, M Adam
Financial Sec.	E Davis, J Bauer	

Next Sunday Pastor Allen Harris will continue his series in Matthew preaching on "Conflicts & Contrasts" from Matthew 13:51-14:12.

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◆ **September 27, 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.

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.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes	
3s	MC-C
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-Garage
High School	PH-04

10:00 a.m. Middle Hour for Adults	
Sermon Q&A is NOT meeting today.	
Exodus	PH-01
Marriage Class	MC-1
Discovering CPC	AC-4
Colossians	AC-5
Foundations of Christian Life	AC-6
Women's Class: Contagious Christian	PH-Library

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

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



And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2



High Above All Things
The Church's One Foundation ~ TH 347

Ministry in Focus

Call to Worship
 Prayer of Adoration

Children's Catechism Recognition¹
 Scripture Reading

Completely Done
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me ~ TH 500

Pastoral Prayer
 Worship in Giving*

Message

Blessed is the One
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me ~ TH 500
 Benediction



¹first service only
 *Children age 4 through grade 2 are dismissed following
 Worship in Giving to Children's Worship downstairs
 in MC-A.

Worship Leader: Rev. Tim Flora
 Preacher: Rev. Allen Harris

Prayer Guide

We celebrate **Hannah Degenford** learning the Children's Catechism. Pray that God will use the truths Hannah has learned to draw her close to Himself.

Pray that the **women** in our body will be encouraged through the **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** evening on October 10 as they fellowship together and meet new women. Pray also that the **Depression and the Christian Woman** seminar to be held on November 7 will equip them to minister to each other.

Pray for **Upward Basketball and Cheerleading** (for 1st through 8th graders) and **Elevate** (for 9th and 10th graders) registration, particularly as flyers are distributed through the public schools. Ask God to bring many families into our program this year that will hear the gospel clearly and come to faith. Ask God to bring coaches, refs, and other staff who love Jesus and can share that love with the players and their families over the course of the season.

Next weekend, October 2-4, Steve will be speaking at the **Machen Singles Retreat**. Ask God to use the messages and time with the people attending to more fully see God's work to draw His people close to Himself. Ask God to encourage those who attend and use them to build His kingdom.

Pray for **comfort** for those in our body who have recently lost loved ones. Remember especially **Beth Craig** whose mother died last week.

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

The Gospel of Matthew #97

**LAST THREE PARABLES:
THE ULTIMATE CONTRAST**

Matthew 13:44-50

Final unit of 3 parables:

Buried Treasure – Magnificent Pearl – Separating Fish in Net

Every single person in this room will have either Treasure or Torment

I. Treasure

2 parables: why 2? What is the difference?

- a) treasure accidentally discovered
- b) pearl was intensely sought after

God captures some people off guard, others after a diligent search

Lessons of the parables:

A. They _____ the value of what they had found

Contrast many today:

B. They _____ to have it, whatever the cost

C. They acquired it at great _____

D. The possession of it produced _____ beyond words

Do you see Christ's Kingdom as your chief JOY?

And your relationship with Him your chief delight?

II. Torment

See the everyday picture of separating fish from a dragnet

Why is this added after the Treasure & Pearl?

It is so similar to the Weeds parable; why repeat?

Because

- a) it is a contrast to Treasure & Pearl: life not just getting or missing out on the Treasure of the Kingdom; the contrast is far more stark than that;
- b) ends with a final warning for emphasis!

Lessons of this parable:

A. There *will* be a final Judgment for *everyone*. For YOU

B. Everyone will be separated into two destinies forever. Either/or. Nothing in between

- C. The fate of the wicked will be too terrible to contemplate
 - Fiery furnace (symbolic)
 - Weeping & gnashing of teeth (literal)

Treasure or Torment—for every single person who hears my voice
And it is almost sure that not everyone listening will be in Heaven

Come while you still have a chance!

Invitations of 11:28-30

12:48-50

Warning to heed in 13:47-50

Staff pastors up front to pray with you.