CHESTER CHRISTIAN CENTER

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November 2018

Inspiring you to GROW in Christ and IMPACT your world for CHRIST

Your Mission Field

By Pastor Greg Glodkowski

This month is our annual missions emphasis month at Chester Christian Center. Even though we set aside one month each year to fully emphasize missions, I want you to know that we are supposed to emphasize missions in our own lives every single day. Often, we think that we chose our jobs and we choose what we want to do today, but that is only partly true. God has placed you specifically where you are in order to be light right now. The best thing that you can do is **be ready and ask the Holy Spirit to give you the words to speak.**

There are so many opportunities in our lives to share our faith that we miss because we are no**t thinking about our mission field in our everyday life. The next time you schedule a random appointment, never forget that it can be a divine appointment if you are ready. And when you are ready, keep it simple. As much as you can, avoid religious language and assuming that they know anything about Christ or church.** Words and phrases like "saved," "blessed," "the Word of God," or even "faith in Christ," may have meaning to you, but they are religious clichés to everyone else. The best thing you can do is use personal experience of what following Christ has done for you and how the truth has changed your life. Sadly, today, even if you tell people the truth, they sometimes do care. Do not let this discourage you; just be careful. You can tell people the truth, but if they don't want to listen to it, you may make them want to fight. The last thing you want to do is make them hate you or Christianity.

Another thing you can do is use things around your to preach a message, much like Christ did wherever He went. If He was eating, He used the food as a sermon. If He was near a fig tree, He brought up the fig tree. Don't make it more complicated than it needs to be, just make sure that you are being real. Even in a postmodern age, people still care about the reason you follow Christ. Above all else, s**tay calm.** Don't get mad. Don't show frustration. Don't look annoyed. Keep your cool. Often, the more collected you are, the more confident you appear. And, the more confident you appear, the more opportunity the message will be heard.

Lastly, i**f you follow this advice and they still want to go, let them leave**. Don't force the conversation. Instead, let the exchange end naturally. Remember, you don't need to close the sale in every encounter. God is in charge. He will bring the next missionary along to pick up where you left off. Sharing our faith often seems difficult and that's because we make it too difficult. If we are ready for any divine appointment and we ask the Holy Spirit to give us the words to speak, rest assured that God is in control. Even if they walk away with no change, the seed is at least planted. Now let God water it.

You have a tremendous opportunity each day to be like Christ in front of the world. Make the most of it. Paul tells us in **Ephesians 5:15-17** (NIV) *[15] Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, [16] making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.* Now go in confidence and go in strength. **Your mission field awaits**!

connect groups

Monday Connect Group I

What: This group meets for a time of fellowship, prayer, and a topically-based study.

When: Every Monday night | 7pm

Where: John + Carrie Romanin's | 13178 Woodcrest Lane, Chesterland

Contact Info: 440.729.2473

Monday Connect Group II

What: This group meets for a time of fellowship, prayer, and a study based off of Sunday's sermon.

When: 1st + 3rd Monday nights | 6:30pm

Where: Steve + Ann George's | 11127 Sherman Road, Chardon

Contact Info: 440.285.9039

Tuesday Prayer Group

What: This group meets for a time of fellowship + prayer.

When: Tuesdays | 12pm – 1pm

Where: LaVerne Krueger's | 12825 Manchester Drive, Chesterland

Contact Info: 440.729.7017

Thursday Connect Group

What: This group meets for a time of fellowship, prayer, and a study based off of Sunday's sermon.

When: Every other Thursday | 1pm
Meeting November 8th + November 29th

Where: Bill + Linda Svendsen's | 10822 Crestwood Drive, Kirtland

Contact Info: 440.256.8083

R.E.A.L Women's Connect Group

What: This women's group (ages 18+) meets for a time of fellowship, prayer, and a topically-based study (currently *Savage Jesus* from Elevation Church).

When: Tuesday, November 13th | 7pm

Where: The Fiucci's Home | 8130 Sherman Road, Chesterland

Contact Info: Alessia Gorski 440.799.0617 and Sara Jaeck 440.635.6031

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IGNITE SCHEDULE

Small Groups
Wednesdays @ 7pm
Sunday Night Service
November 24th @ 5:30pm

EVENTS
November 7th Pumpkin Thrills
November 9-10th Reach Conference
November 21st No Youth – Happy Thanksgiving!

Contact Ron Bolden with any questions or concerns. 440.729.6203

Looking to pass along some of your well-loved Christian/Inspirational books?

Shannon Brill, Food Pantry coordinator, is accepting used Christian and inspirational books geared toward both kids and adults that can be offered to those who attend the monthly Food Pantry here at CCC. If you have some books you're interested in donating, contact Shannon via email at shannon.brill@gmail.com.

Friday Night Connect Group

What: This group meets for a time of fellowship, prayer, and a topically-based study through the book *Answers to Tough Questions Skeptics Ask About the Christian Faith* by Josh McDowell

When: Every other Friday | 7pm

Where: Dave + Chrissy Gorski's | 9067 Forest Lane, Chesterland

Contact Info: Dave Gorski | 216.401.4903
Chrissy Gorski | 330.442.0452

Men's Connect Group

What: This men's group (ages 18+) meets for a time of fellowship, prayer, and Bible study

When: Saturday, November 3rd | 9am

Where: Room 7 - CCC

Contact Info: Pastor Greg | 440.729.6203

Women's Connect Group

What: This women's group (ages 18+) meets for a time of fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

When: Saturday, November 10th | 9am

Where: Hospitality Center - CCC

Contact Info: 440.729.6203

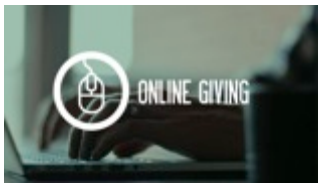
Young Adults Connect Group

What: This group (ages 18-30ish) meets for a time of fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

When: Sunday, November 18th | 6pm

Where: Pastor Greg + Rosella's | 7370 Greenfield Trail, Chesterland

Contact Info: 440.688.4029



Just a Reminder…

Online giving and tithing is available at our website! Once you arrive at the website, navigate to the "Give" tab in the top right corner of your screen. Click the button to begin the process. Online giving does not limit you to just giving to the general fund; you have the ability to designate money to a variety of different funds at the church.

CONVOY OF HOPE remains in Florida helping hurricane survivors

by Jessica Blake | Published October 26, 2018 | www.news.ag.org

In the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, Convoy of Hope, the Assemblies of God compassion partner, is providing relief supplies to thousands of people affected by the storm's destruction. Over the past two weeks, Convoy has been in Florida providing disaster relief supplies to hurricane survivors.

Convoy of Hope has helped more than 110,000 people and has received nearly four million pounds of product to distribute to storm survivors. Convoy has established a main distribution hub, including a drive-thru distribution site set up at Rivertown Community Church in Marianna, Florida, where they have served more than 7,000 cars. From this hub, they are also distributing disaster relief supplies like water, food and hygiene kits to surrounding areas. Thirty-five communities have been served through their mobile distribution services, which help those in outlying areas still struggling with a lack of resources. Some are still without power.

"Convoy of Hope plans to be in Florida helping those affected by Hurricane Michael for the long haul," said Jeff Nene, Convoy of Hope's national spokesperson. "We have responded to numerous storms, and this is one of the worst I have seen – entire neighborhoods are gone, communities are destroyed, people are trying to figure out how they will rebuild. Convoy is here to help ease some of the burden by providing the basics: food, water, hygiene kits, and other disaster relief supplies."

Convoy of Hope is a recognized partner on the Charity Navigator website for Hurricane Michael relief response and is a member of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

At CCC, Convoy of Hope is one of the organizations we give to as part of our missions support. Thank you for being a part of this with us!

Help in Times of Need

As Christ followers, it is our desire to be His hands and feet and care for the church family that God has placed here at Chester Christian Center. One way we do this is through our Meal Ministry.

If you are anticipating a time in your life (a surgery or the birth of a new baby, for example) where you know preparing meals will be difficult, please contact the church office so we can organize meals to be brought to you. If something more unexpected comes up, such as the loss of a family member or a sudden illness, please contact the church office as well.

Maybe you know of someone in the church who falls into one of these categories…would you consider reaching out to them and asking if having meals brought to them would be a blessing? If their answer is yes, please feel free to contact the church on their behalf, and together, we will see how we can best help be a blessing through meals.

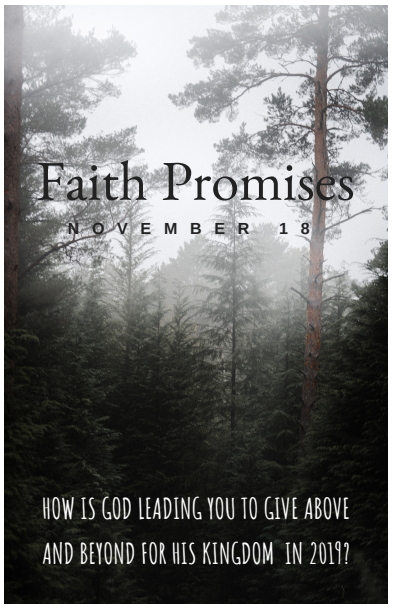
Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 10am to 3pm.

Phone | 440.729.6203 **Email |** chesterccag@gmail.com

CCC Nursery NEEDS

2 Teen Helpers
AGES 13-17 | SERVE 1 SUNDAY PER MONTH
+
3 Adults
AGES 18+ | SERVE 1 SUNDAY EVERY 6 - 8 WEEKS

TO SAFELY STAFF OUR NURSERY FOR THE 1st ROTATION OF 2019
JANUARY - APRIL
Please contact the church office for more information.



MEMORIAL TREE

The hall outside the Hospitality Center at Chester Christian Center is home to a Memorial Tree. The names of loved ones who have left this earth are written on the leaves that dot the branches.

FOR JUST $12, YOU CAN HAVE A LEAF MADE FOR A LOVED ONE YOU'VE LOST. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS.

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HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

Board Candidate Nominations

It is once again time to nominate candidates to be placed on the Board Member ballot for the 2019 Annual Business meeting coming up in January! You can vote by filling out a small slip in the Hospitality Room and dropping it in the sealed box. Please check the nomination guidelines below and remember to get your nomination in no later than November 25th!

REQUIREMENTS

- Active member of CCC for at least 1 year
- At least 23 years old

A nominating committee will be held on December 2nd to review the candidates for eligibility. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact the church office.

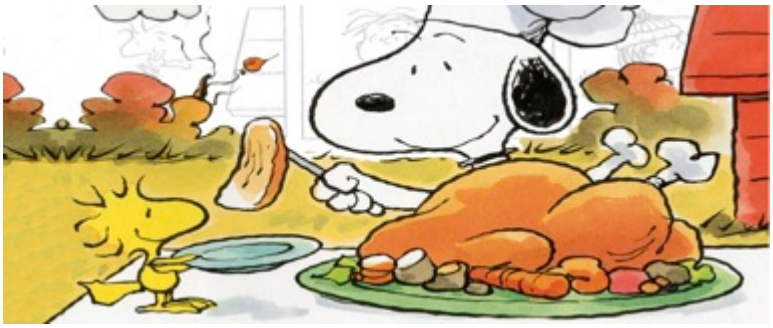
PLEASE REMEMBER: Nominations MUST be written on a slip of paper. Any nominations given by word of mouth to the staff will not be considered a valid nomination.

Beginning this month!

Financial Peace University

On November 18th, we will begin a 9-week session of **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University!** It's not too late to register – there are only a limited number of openings for this session. Visit the 'Events' page on the church website to register today!

THANKSGIVING DINNER



So many look forward to Thanksgiving because it means getting together with those we love to share in life's many blessings! However, we do know that not everyone looks forward to the Thanksgiving season with the same excitement. Maybe it's their first year without a loved one, maybe family is far away. Whatever the reason may be, we want to help those in need of a Thanksgiving celebration find one around the tables of those in our church who may have some extra room this holiday season! Our goal is to match those who come forward looking for a place to celebrate with those in our church who have opened their homes to share their Thanksgiving.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OPEN YOUR HOME TO A FAMILY OR PERSON WHO IS IN NEED OF A THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION: Please contact the church office via email (or phone) and let us know how many spots you have available. We will then match you with someone.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A PLACE TO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING: Please contact the church office via email (or phone) and let us know how many are in your party. We will then match you with a host family for Thanksgiving dinner.

What better way to invite someone to church than with a tangible (and beautiful!) Invite Card?! Cards will be available on the resource tables outside the sanctuary doors the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Be sure to grab a few to take to Thanksgiving Dinner and invite all your family and friends. It would be our honor to celebrate this season together!

AS THE YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE...

If you make monthly contributions to Speed the Light (STL) or Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge (BGMC) or planning on making a year-end contribution to either of these ministries, please note the following:

In order for your December contribution to be placed on the 2018 fiscal year, it must be made no later than December 15th.

This will ensure ample time for the contribution to be put through our system, sent in, and recorded. Please contact the church office with any questions.

CHRISTMAS PREVIEW

CHRISTMAS ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

THE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas Sermon Series

This Christmas season, we will be exploring aspects of the Christmas story from the gospel of Matthew! We'll explore the significance of places like Nazareth + Egypt and take a look into the lives of Herod the Great as well as the Magi and how they fit into the Savior's story. We hope you'll join us at 10:30am on Sundays throughout December as we take this journey leading up to Christmas!

As you put together your Christmas card lists...

Would you consider sending a card those in our CCC family that are shut in or elderly? Beloved members of our congregation like LaVerne Krueger, Paul + Millie Locke, Charlotte Holstein, Pearl Gurtek, and others would be extremely blessed this Christmas season by a "shower" of christmas cards in their mailbox from the church family they love so much.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY FOR MAILING ADDRESSES AND CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR A MORE EXTENSIVE LIST OF POSSIBLE RECIPIENTS.

Parents Night Out

With Christmas coming up quickly, we know it can be difficult to find time to get in some Christmas shopping or to get out on a date! Don't worry about booking your sitter; on Saturday, December 8th CCC will be offering childcare at the church from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. We'll have pizza, games, and a movie.

Simply register your children for the free childcare by going to the Events tab on our website. ***We have a cap of 15 children for this event***, so hurry and register today!

at home FOCUS ON

In the latest email update we received from David + Kandy Bennett, Kandy shared about the addition of babies to families and how this relates to "baby" Christians as well! She also shared a book recommendation – maybe you'd like to give it a read. Continue reading below for more!

Excerpt from the David + Kandy Bennett's Email Update

"**Did you hear the news?**

Our third granddaughter, Vera Mildred, was born this past July 8th. She arrived about 5 weeks early…weighed in over 5 pounds…a good weight, yet she didn't have the strength to eat. She was placed in the infant care unit and had a stomach tube inserted. We prayed and God. A miracle happened when she was released exactly 1 week after her birth and was able to go home. Jared, Heidi, and 3-year-old big sister, Beatrice, rejoiced at the news!

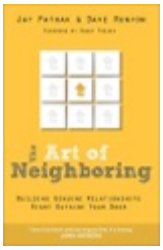
Every time a baby is born into a family there is so much excitement, challenges, and big messes to clean up. It's no different with baby Christians. Every gathering of believers who become a family to one another are excited when a Person of Peace (someone who does not know Jesus and is leaning in toward you and the Gospel story) is born into the family of God and becomes part of this Family on Mission. Everyone has a part to play in his/her life.

What causes churches to grow stale and start to decline? There are no new spiritual babies to remind us of the joy of our salvation and the excitement of serving Jesus! We need to reflect on the precious gift of salvation Jesus gave to us when we became part of His family. It's fun to train a new child as they grow. How wonderful are their first steps and first words! It is the same thing for disciples who help newly born disciples learn about this journey they are on to become more like Jesus.

Start on your journey of looking for a Person of Peace that God is sending your way. Get to know them; share God's love with them; live Jesus in front of them. Invite other Christian friends to meet them. God never asked each disciple to bear the burden alone of leading someone to Christ.

As a Family on Mission, a spiritual family, we are stronger together. We are the living and breathing example Jesus mentioned when He said, "They will know you are My disciples by your love for one another." Bring others in close to experience the "communitas" or the spiritual bond that holds all spiritual families together!"

Kandy's Recommended Resource



The Art of Neighboring by Jay Pathak and John Runyon

"The true story of a small group of pastors who found out their city mayor understood more about what Jesus meant when He said, "Love your neighbor" than most Christians sitting in pews. Take the challenge and read this accurate and relevant book. I love it!" – Kandy Bennett

David + Kandy Bennett

US Missionaries + Church Planters

David + Kandy Bennett are US AG Missionaries who specialize in church planting + development. They are currently in Columbus, Ohio leading the Converge Group, which is a discipleship and coaching center focused on activating the church in new places!

At the Converge Group, David and Kandy coach people who are interested in starting a new church and developing disciples. They work to equip each individual who comes to Converge with the tools they will need for an effective and successful ministry.

David and Kandy have unique gifts and training that really qualify them for this field! To learn more visit www.convergegroup.org.

MISSIONS and abroad

While relatively new to the "family" of missionaries we support here at CCC, Steve + Kimberly Snow have been furthering the kingdom of Jesus in Santiago, Chile since 2014! Read some excerpts from their October 2018 newsletter below!

"Greetings from Santiago, Chile where winter is slowly turning into spring.

It was such a blessing for us to be in Oklahoma for 2 months this past June and July. Thank you to everyone who helped make this trip possible…

Our trip to the states was for a purpose; we brought our oldest daughter, Kylee, home so she could continue her studies with SAGU. She had completed her first year online while here in Chile, but now she must continue her studies on campus. We are so happy she has this opportunity to pursue her God-given calling and purpose for her life. She has grown into a lovely, responsible young lady and we are proud of her! She is working hard to pay her own way and we know God is and will continue to bless her as she follows Him. However, we miss her terribly!!!!

Our other two daughters, Karlee and Katelee, are continuing their studies in Chile and we are proud of their hard work. They are both working hard to make good grades. Karlee is a Senior and is also taking dual credit courses with SAGU. Katelee is a sophomore and anxiously awaiting the day she can also take college courses!

Since our return to Chile, so much has been happening! The windows at the Children's Ministry Center have been installed! Praise the Lord! Progress is being made! Sometimes the progress is slower than we would like, but we are happy to see things happening in a timely manner. We had two teams in in September and another 2 more are coming in November. If you would like to come and be "feet-on-the-ground", please contact us so we can send you the information needed…

We have asked some of you to pray with us for a little girl named Augustina. She has a growing tumor on her face and had surgery to remove 4 pounds of that tumor back in June. She has been in a recovery house for children where she receives care as well as physical therapy. The plan was for her to go home in July, but because she has blood anemia, she has remained at the facility. She will have another surgery later int eh eyar. We were happy to be able to visit Augustina on our return to Chile and take her a gift as well as some food. We prayed with her and her mother. Please join us in praying for this family. It is a difficult circumstance physically and spiritually.

One of the things Kimberly has been praying about was hosting a women's Bible study. God has opened the doors for this to happen in an unexpected way! The group is small, but as the Lord directs and leads, we are praying for more women to come. God is faithful!!

We are also working with the children in Rancagua for the remainder of this year! We need God's direction in teaching these little ones, as well as financial provision for the trip each week. There are some new Christians who desire to help, and Kimberly will be providing training for them. Pray for wisdom in all we do.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for all you do for missions and in helping the Snow family! We are blessed to be from the Oklahoma district and to have so many family and friends praying for us and supporting us!! God bless you all!"

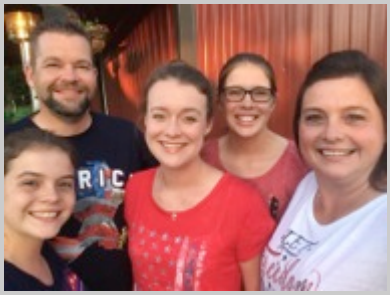
Steve + Kimberly Snow

AG Missionaries to Chile

Steve + Kimberly Snow have been AG missionaries since 2014. They have been serving in Chile during that time with their three daughters, Kylee, Karlee + Katelee. Originally, the Snows planned to minister in Uruguay, but while on itineration, they realized they would need to be placed somewhere different to meet the budget they were raising. Chile had been placed on Kim's heart since she was a child, and it was there that God called them!

Now, the Snow's two younger daughters remain with them in Chile while their oldest, Kylee, studies in the states at SAGU.

The Snow's are relatively new to the group of missionaries we at CCC support, and we are very thankful for the opportunity to partner with them.



Birthdays

1st Chuck Brill
4th Wilma Richmond
5th Matthew Mocnik
6th Mike Lefton
8th Marta Patete
8th AJ Fedor
9th Allyson Baroni
10th Benjamin Michaud
14th Barbara Harris
15th Jody Moneymaker
18th Mary Kaleal
18th Lou Gravino
20th Mark Edwards
25th Barbara Fedor
25th Olivia McArthur
27th Carol Skvarek

Anniversaries

7th Jack + Jody Moneymaker
11th Jim + Gena Vecchio
14th Dave + Terry Bakos
21st Mike + Sarah Yeary
30th Paul + Loretta Gillan

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary here, it is because we do not have it on file! Contact the church office to update your information.

December 1st | Men's Connect Group

December 2nd | Nominating Committee

December 2nd | Right to Life Concert

December 8th | Parents Night Out

December 19th | Carols + Cookies

December 24th | Candlelight Christmas Eve

December 26th | No Wednesday Activities

December 28th | Food Pantry

January 2nd | No Wednesday Activities

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