



## Christianizing Christmas!

That is what Christmas Eve services are about and this year we celebrate Christ at 3:30 and 5:00 PM on Monday, Dec. 24. This is a great event for inviting friends and family. Many who do not attend church regularly will come to Christmas Eve, especially at these early times. Plenty of time for family activities afterward. And, a photo opp. See next paragraph.

Great music, including ensembles and a choir along with traditional carols, candle lighting, and a couple of nice surprises! Also, instrumental prelude music...come early. This time together helps you experience what Christmas should emphasize! These will be 60" services and on your way! AND A PHOTO OPP...

### ***Want a personal, couple, or family photo?***

Two of our pro photographers are on hand to take a photo in a winter setting and will send it to you...FREE! Our perk to you, if you wish. Come early or catch it between services or stay after the second one for a bit. WOW!



## Great response to the coats, hats and gloves drive!

We say thank you, thank you for helping us keep some kids warmer this winter, when money will be tight for struggling families. The Alexander School system is helping to find those who need your love gifts.

## Let's Dig A Well in Africa!

The lack of clean water is a major factor in child deaths in many third world places. Sierra Leone, West Africa is one of those places. We are partnering with World Hope, our Wesleyan Compassion organization, to help dig as many wells in Cambodia and Africa as possible. We will have a one-time offering at the Christmas Eve services. There will be a brief video to clarify the value of this compassion project and even the guests will get it and chip in if they wish. They will feel no pressure, but many will be honored to give. \$10K provides geological studies, equipment, professional well drillers, equipment and training for locals afterward to keep the wells working. AND they have major donors who will add another \$10K to ours to get TWO wells dug. This is really GOOD WORKS. If you want to get in on this but cannot be here Christmas Eve, just put "Wells Project" on your memo.

***Talk about a GIFT at Christmas...!!***



*Clean water is essential for survival.  
783 million people worldwide do not have  
access to clean and safe water.*



## Facility Use Policy and Guidelines Are Ready to Implement

Beginning the first of the year, we will finally have a well-developed policy to guide us in the rental of our wonderful facilities. For several years our buildings have been available for use, even by outside entities, free of charge. This has been our gift to all who have benefitted, but the requests are so many and the cost to the church is mounting for this.

### **Why have such a policy?**

1. We are now having to guard the calendar for our church spaces for the increasing number of CCWC initiated programs.
2. We are being increasingly inundated with requests, with 6-8 requests per week not being unusual.
3. The numbers of requests take staff time to communicate, process, organize, and our staff have tons of other things to do, as well.
4. Our building is experiencing the costs of utilities, paid staff to supervise and clean, wear and tear, insurance and even liability risks.
5. Therefore, modest use fees may be required along with the privilege of building use. The fees are very modest and still make us the most reasonable facilities in town. Of course, there will **not** be fees for church sponsored events and groups and certain other uses that we consider vital to the enhancement of our mission.

Copies of the policy and fees will be available soon. Scheduling will be done on the basis of the following priorities:

- A. Church-sponsored programs and events have priority
- B. Area groups, ministries and causes that we support have next dibs.
- C. Personal events and events by outside entities rank last. We will avoid events that tends to be oriented to profit making, or personal business issues. We want to stay as close as possible to building use that is consistent with our mission

Our course, we will still readily schedule weddings for modest facility and personnel fees, and we will always make way for funerals, without facility charges.

## More Instrumentalists, Please.

As the work load expands and the need for quality is high, we need some of you with ability and experience to check in with us about helping on a praise team. Even if your skill is not drums, keyboard or guitar, let us know what you are good at and we may consider using you as a part of our musical teams. Sign a Communication Line card and tell us what you play and you will be contacted for a meeting with our leaders. If you know someone who is instrumentally talented, squeal on them!

## Sermons / Services are Online on our Website.

Also, we Live-Stream our services, for those staying home due to illness or near death (teasing). Here's how you can find those things: Go to the church website at [www.ccwconline.com](http://www.ccwconline.com) and at the top of the page click on "Watch and Listen." Scroll down and click on "Watch Sermons," click on the date you want to watch.

## Emergency Procedures

We have established some basic emergency procedures and weather policies. They will appear soon as a bulletin insert, which will be easier to hang on to than this newsletter. HOWEVER, REGARDING WEATHER CLOSINGS: Our basic policy is that if a Level 3 alert is given, church services and other church activities are shut down. Anything up through Level 2, we will have the doors open for the normal services for those able to make it. Consult the preschool policies for those weekday guidelines.

## Additional Note on our Pastoral Search

A number of you have raised the question about why Pastor David Ash would not be an obvious candidate, with his likeability and tenure with CCWC. Pastor Dave has been approached officially and otherwise on various occasions over the past months, including very recently about his availability for Lead Pastor candidate. He has consistently indicated that his sense of calling and leading does not include the senior pastor role, but rather youth ministry, whether as youth pastor or teaching at a college level. So, on this issue, The Lord and Dave have spoken!

## Middle School Day and Time Change

Beginning January 6, Middle School L.I.F.E will start meeting on Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM in the youth area. This is a change from Monday evenings. If you have questions, contact Pastor David Ash. If you have middle schoolers who want to be a part of an exciting ministry, encourage them to join the gang!