

The VISION —

December 2016

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR COOKSON HILLS CHILDREN

ARE DUE SUN., DEC. 4th.

Thanks to everyone for supporting this project!

CHRISTMAS CARD BOX

Sun., Dec. 18—Last Day to Bring Cards

There is a box available to place Christmas Cards for Church Family on the Lobby Table. Please use the updated directory as your guide for church families. (And, don't forget to check your family's folder each week for cards.)

A Dramatic Musical for Christmas



A SMOKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS

"The Gift"

Sun., Dec. 18th at 6:00 p.m.

You along with your family and friends are invited to attend this performance presented by a cast from Center Community Church!

Refreshments afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



Sat., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Please bring your family and friends to this special event as you prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Come and enjoy Christmas music, a message by Luke Jackson, and communion.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Join in the fun on Sat., Dec. 31 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Be sure to bring games, goodies to share, and family and friends for a great time!

There will be a time of devotion to ask God's blessing on **2017!!!**

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MON., DEC. 26 & MON., JAN. 2**

CHRISTMAS IN PLAINFIELD

The Plainfield Federation of Churches invites you to attend on Fri., Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at Plainfield High School Auditorium.

There will be an evening of songs and music from various churches to usher in the Christmas season.

A freewill offering will be taken for WRE & the Christian Support Center.

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From Roger

Christmas Wisdom

You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

Christmas is one of the busiest times of year. We are trying to get gifts purchased, plans made, guests accommodated, food prepared, and presents wrapped. There are times that we get so caught up in Christmas, that we forget Christ. In Luke Chapter 2, verses 4-7, Luke writes: "4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them."

Jesus was born in a stable because there was no room for Him in the inn. My encouragement is this—Christmas is on Sunday. It's not about the food, the presents, the guests or family. It's about Jesus. Christmas Sunday is for worshipping God's greatest gift. It would be so sad if you had time for everything else, but had no time for Jesus on Christmas Sunday.

Dear Church Family,

As Christmas is just around the corner, we find ourselves as many do, missing those we love whether because of living far away or since they have passed on. Christ's love for us brings us together as families, friends, Christian families or even close to those we do not know. My family has a deep love for God and His Son. Let us all remember the love that God gave us at this time of year. I thank my nephew for his version of "The Night Before Christmas".

T'was the night of our Christ's birth and all through the land
Death was still certain for woman and man,
But there in a manger was the glory for all
Where one day the world's sins upon Him would fall.
Wrapped in swaddling cloths and in a manger He lay.
The star in the sky lead the Shepherds His way.
Now all of a sudden, the message was clear—
When His life was finished, He crushed death and fear.
I have no more reservations, for I know my fate.
Do you know my Christ's name? It's never too late.
His name is Jesus. He's God's only Son
Who listens to all, yes, all that might come.
So drop all your burdens, fears, and your spite
And experience His Glory, His Love, and His Might.

Merry Christmas to all and remember to read one of the greatest stories ever written in Luke 2.

—In His Service, Niki Smythe for Ministry and Council

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHTS

Wednesday Meals & Classes continue through Dec. 7, 2016.

They will resume on: Jan. 11, 2017

Family Meal - 6:00 p.m. Classes for all ages - 7:00 p.m.

Stewardship S.S. A.M. General Fund

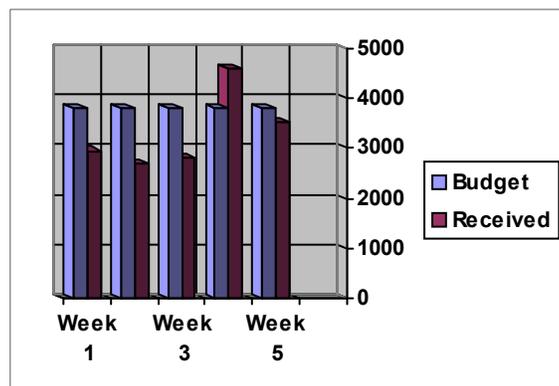
10/16	37	101	\$ 2,952.98
10/23	43	115	\$ 2,683.00
10/30	30	109	\$ 2,807.00
11/6	49	136	\$ 4,603.00
11/13	35	130	\$ 3,538.00

BUILDING FUND (as of 10/31/16) \$235,901.07

(Includes the Recycling Fund)

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.”

—Philippians 4:19 (NIV)



From the Mission Ministry—Sheltering Wings

To Church Friends & Families,

Sheltering Wings’ door has been open since 2002 in Danville, IN and has helped more than 13,000 individuals and families who are dealing with domestic violence. Sheltering Wings is an organization that helps women, men and their children in dealing with relationships that are unsafe. They also provide safety for brighter futures.

This organization provides a 24 hour haven for people suffering the effects of domestic violence. They build stable and independent lives through case management and mentoring programs. It strives to break the cycle of domestic violence by educating the community about unhealthy relationships.

Sheltering Wings was formed in the name of and for the sake of Jesus Christ. It extends the love and compassion of Christ for women and their children in the desperate circumstances of domestic violence. Their mission provides housing and principles which rely on the Bible for guidance and direction. They follow and imitate Christ’s example of love and compassion in every situation while serving people as though serving the Lord.
With Christ’s love, Kathy Wilhite for the Mission Ministry

MEIJER’S HOLIDAY SIMPLY GIVE CAMPAIGN

If you shop at the Meijer in Plainfield, you can provide support to the Church Federation’s Christian Support Center by picking up one of the “Simply Give” cards. When you check out, present it to the cashier, and you will be charged \$10; however, that is a donation to the Christian Support Center’s Food Pantry. This program continues through December 31, 2016. Thank you for your donations!

CMF MEETS AT GOODY’S

Mon., Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
All Men are invited to come for a time of food, fellowship, and Bible Study.

GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP



Join us at Golden Corral on Wed., Dec. 7th at 11:30 a.m. Invite a friend too!

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please look for them on the Lobby Table. Sign your name on the list by the correct number. You may continue to use your envelopes from last year if you have enough for 2017.

God loves a cheerful giver!

*Yes, the Building Fund continues!
Yes, the Recycle Fund continues!
Yes, a new building is still in the planning (when adequate money is available)!*

RECYCLING PROJECT

ONLY METAL AND ALUMINUM CANS ARE NOW BEING RECYCLED!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Sundays from Noon to 2 PM:
Youth Group meets for lunch, lesson, & business.
NO Youth Group—December 18 & 25
Sun., Dec. 11—Christmas Party

"Angry Words"

I read and hear a lot of angry words. Usually when this happens, I feel sad or angry myself, and the initial message is not even directed toward me. James tells us in Chapter 3, verse 5, "Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!" The truth is, a single angry word can have such a large effect, and once the fire starts...it's difficult to get under control before a lot of damage is done.

Some old hymn books contain a song titled "Angry Words." The following are the lyrics:

*Angry words! Oh let them never,
From the tongue unbridled slip;
May the heart's best impulse ever,
Check them ere they soil the lip.
Love is much too pure and holy,
Friendship is too sacred far,
For a moment's reckless folly,
Thus to desolate and mar.
Angry words are lightly spoken,
Bitt'rest tho'ts are rashly stirred,
Brightest links of life are broken,
By a single angry word.*

The last line in the first verse is a truth that we all need to be reminded of often. The brightest links of life (our relationships with one another) can easily be broken by a single angry word. If you are like me, and have spoken an undue angry word, let's seek forgiveness and seek to have our speech be patterned after Ephesians 4:29, "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers."

I want to leave us with the chorus line of the aforementioned song:

*Love one another, thus saith the Saviour;
Children obey the Father's blest command.
Love one another, thus saith the Saviour;
Children obey the blest command.*

In Christ, Luke

CHILDREN'S NEWS



If you so desire,

THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE

is for your Christmas Gift to
the CCC Ministers and Staff.

Please mail or put in the offering plate
by Sunday, December 11.

Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Rachel & Luke Jackson on the birth of their son, Levi James, on Sat., Oct. 29. Levi weighed 8.6 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Congratulations to his parents and to big brother Ethan and big sister Addie!

SYMPATHY TO:

—Frank & Betty Collester and Dorothy Karamanos
in the death of their niece, Carolyn Collester.
Also, please remember Kevin, Stacy and
Kayla Collester.

—Kathy Taylor in the death of her father, Joe Taylor,
in Florida.

DONATIONS GIVEN TO THE BUILDING FUND WERE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING:

IN MEMORY OF HELEN DORAN

Darl & Marilyn Hall

Norman & Ruby McCormack

Julian & Linda Stegner

Allen & Denyse Thorpe

Please ask for "stamps" when you shop at Family
Christian Store. Turn them into the Office to be
used for purchasing materials.

*Please bring ink cartridges to the Church Office for
recycling. Just put them on the table by the Office.*

Bibles may be donated to the Christian Support Center.
(Please put them in the special box in the Lobby.)

...Invite someone to Worship!

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER!



CREW CARWASH TICKETS

are available for \$9 each.

These make great gifts.

Proceeds go to The Youth Fund!

NOTE:

*Please turn in information for the Newsletter
by the **FIRST** Sunday of the month.*

*(For the January Newsletter,
items are due by December 4th.)*



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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
****Wednesday Meal 6:00 p.m.***
****Wednesday Classes 7:00 p.m.***
(*Last 2016 Meal & Class on Dec. 7.)

	<u>Dec. 4</u>	<u>Dec. 11</u>	<u>Dec. 18</u>	<u>Dec. 25</u>
Service Leader	A. Thorpe	A. Thorpe	C. Elston	A. Thorpe
Pianist	D. Kellie	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell
Special Music	J. Hardin K. Hines	L. Jackson	C. Lane	L. Dubak
Communion Meditation	C. Elston	A. Wilson	J. McWhorter	J. Steckler
Children's Church	L. Jackson C. Harlan N. Smythe	C. Harlan S. McWhorter N. Smythe	L. Jackson C. Harlan N. Smythe	C. Harlan A. Steckler N. Smythe
Toddlers Assistant	A. Moran B. Hudson	B. Moran H. Hines	J. Mitchener B. Hines	A. Moran K. Hines
Nursery	S. Davis	T. Reinhard	B. Collester	T. Cook
Greeters	T. Cook D. Karamanos B. Collester	T. Cook B. Goedl B. Goedl	T. Cook C. Dininger J. Dininger	T. Cook Available Available

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." —Matthew 5:15 (NIV)

***In response to God's love for us, as expressed in
 His Word and by Jesus' example,
 We at Center Community Church commit ourselves to:***

- * Seek and save the lost***
 - * Strengthen the saved***
 - * Send disciples into ministry***
- For the glory of God and His kingdom.***