



The Voice

Connecticut Valley Church of Christ

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November 22, 2009

Worship Today

Sermon	Children of God
Coordinator	Frank Buck
Scripture	Galatians 3:26-4:7 Dennis Brown
Communion	Steve Schneider
Prayer	Mike Gilliland
Wintonbury	Ken Erman
Nursery	Emily Merrick

New Adult Classes

II Corinthians: Gary Burke

The apostle Paul's relationship with the church in Corinth was probably more complex than with any other church. Over the course of only six or seven years in the 50s, he visited the church at least three times and wrote no fewer than four letters to it. Yet, when it comes to our knowledge of that church, for most of us it comes almost entirely from I Corinthians, his second letter. We would be hard pressed to identify more than one or two of the key teachings of II Corinthians, his fourth letter. Our congregation has never studied this oft neglected but rich letter, an oversight that we will rectify in the adult class during the fall-winter quarter.

Christian Spirituality: Sam Garner and Mike Gilliland

Our relationship with God is a journey which can create a sense of uncertainty; we are not sure of his whereabouts within our life. However, God is involved actively within our existence, yet we tend to either misinterpret his presence or even fail to seek him. Further, we are not alone in this search for God. Through such fundamental sources as scripture and prayer, we can maintain access to God. In this class we will examine "Christian Spirituality" including the basic practices of our faith and reflect upon God's active presence in our lives. Since we are all novices in this area, everyone is welcomed to join as we attempt to discern our relationship to God.

Remember to turn in items for the Voice as well as necessary
Sunday announcements to the office
before NOON Thursday each week.

Contribution for November 15, 2009: \$1589
Weekly Budget for 2009: \$2,381.20

Our Shepherds	Minister Sam Garner samjgarner@gmail.com Cell: 860.992.8050	Ministry Leaders Adult Education - Katherine Trumbull Benevolence - Jeri Erman Body Life - Paula Brown Children & Youth - Sam Garner Facilities - Henry Karas Finance - Jeri Erman Missions - Mike & Pennie Gilliland Outreach - Julie Georges Small Groups - Mike Gilliland Worship - Sam Garner
	Office Administrator Leena Mack office@ctvalleychurch.org Office No: 860.683.0591	
Sunday Morning: 9:30 am - Bible Classes for all ages 10:45 am - Worship	Wednesday Evening: 6:00 pm – Meal 7:00 pm - Bible Classes for all ages	

Current Sermon Series: Freedom in Christ

Unlike other letters where he is optimistic about churches' futures, when Paul crafts the letter to the Galatians, he is concerned about their formation. The church is in disarray. Some opposition has arisen against Paul's earlier teachings, and these opponents have created a divisive environment for the believers. Simply stated, love does not exist. Paul rebukes this way of life, specifically calling out those who would enforce boundary markers other than Jesus Christ. Within this combative letter we discover Paul's instincts on the freedom that the gospel offers. Decrying the way the world attempts to enslave us to a chaotic, self-serving existence, Paul calls the church back to the way of Christ. The letter to the Galatians reminds us of the necessity of the gospel, or the good news, for without it we are defenseless against the empty promises of being slaves to the world. Paul invites us to freedom that only resides in Christ.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus is Lord Authority of Scripture Importance of Baptism Spirit of Unity

What's Happening

- November 22nd: Small Groups
- November 25th: No Meal or classes; Devotional 7 pm
- December 5th: Christmas Party at Schneider's
- **December 6th: Ministry Group Leaders Meeting**
- December 6th: LTC Class 1-3pm
- December 6th: Youth Group 6pm
- December 12th: Women's Breakfast at Sue Buck's
- December 13th: LTC Class 1-3pm
- December 18th: Veggie Tales Saint Nicholas Movie at 6:30pm
- December 20th: Family Meeting
- December 20th: LTC Class (following the Family Meeting) 1-3pm
- December 20th: Youth Group 6pm
- December 23rd: No Meal or classes; Devotional 7 pm
- December 30th: Meal 6 pm, Devotional 7 pm (no kids classes)

No Wednesday Meal this week

We have an attended nursery for birth to 3 years during worship service.

Ministry Group Leaders Meeting December 6th

Miss Ruth is at Bloomfield Health Center for rehab in room A-21. Her number is 860 769 4325. She would love calls and visi-

The Golden Girls of Faith Celebration has been postponed

You still have time to write a message for each woman!
A small booklet of encouragement will be put together for each lady.
Please describe or state what you admire about their faith or life. Give these to Cari Merrick as soon as possible.

Dempsey will be moving into an apartment soon and will need a mattress set, couch and chair. See Jeri if you have these available to donate to him.

This year we have been asked to sponsor a child from the Network Against Domestic Abuse for the Holiday Gift Giving Program.

Our child is a little girl whose name is Erica. She is six years old. Please see Leslie if you would like to donate either a specific gift from Erica's wish list or make a cash donation. The last day to bring the gifts will be Wednesday December 9th. Please continue to pray for the families and the staff of the many shelters in our communities as they all try to meet the needs of this winter season.

Derek has updated his blog at <http://derekcem.blogspot.com>. Please visit and read about what is happening in France.

A note of thanks from Nick and Vonnie ~

Nick and I would like to express our extreme gratitude for your wonderful generosity. All of the meals prepared and delivered were wonderful and greatly appreciated.

Please accept this small donation to help in your next act of kindness.

We are thankful for your timely care and attention.

Thank You!

Nick and Vonnie

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Pantry Needs

Juice/Juice Boxes
Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Dish Soap
Ketchup
Mayonnaise
Salad Dressing
Cooking Oil

No bread or perishable items.