



The Voice

Connecticut Valley Church of Christ

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October 25, 2009

Worship Today

Sermon	No Favoritism Allowed
Coordinator	Garrett Cogswell
Scripture	Galatians 2:1-10 Mike Gilliland
Communion	Ken Erman
Prayer	Rick Rossing
Wintonbury	Cari Merrick

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.

We are once again collecting toiletry items for our friends at Wintonbury to distribute in gift bags decorated by our children for the Christmas holiday season. The following items are needed between now and the end of November. Please place these items in the plastic bin marked Wintonbury:

- Full Size Shampoo
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Combs
- Body wash
- Chapstick
- (NO Razors, please)

Contribution for October 18, 2009: \$2,101

Weekly Budget for 2009: \$2,381.20

Wednesday Meal:

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Our Shepherds

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Ken Erman
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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

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

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

- Today, October 25th: Haiti presentation and walk following service
- Today, October 25th: Turn in Christmas boxes for Haiti
- Today, October 25th: Small Groups Meet
- November 1st: Leadership Training for Christ parent meeting
- November 1st: Outreach Ministry Meeting following service
- November 1st: Adult Education Ministry Meeting following service
- November 1st: Area wide singing at South Road Church of Christ
- November 2nd: Silpada Jewelry party hosted by Lenny
- November 7th: Men's Breakfast at Garrett Cogswell's
- November 8th: Children's Ministry Meeting
- November 8th: LTC 1-3
- November 13th: Children's Fun Night: Make Duct Tape Flowers 6:30pm
- November 13-15th: Manchester Youth Rally
- November 14th: Potato Bake
- December 6th: Ministry Leaders Meeting
- December 11th: Veggie Tales Christmas Movie at 6:30pm

Today

Children of Haiti Presentation 9:30-10:30am
Walk for Hope for Haiti 12:30pm
Joy Boxes for Haiti due

Pantry Needs

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Condiments
Juice, Canned Corn, Canned Peas

Please no perishable items.
Give grocery cards to Linda Kiebish.

In an effort to provide more time during our Sunday morning gatherings to worship, we are transitioning having only one person give announcements. We are asking everyone to provide necessary announcements to the office by Thursday each week, so that one person can make announcements in a brief, concise format on Sundays. The goal is not to prohibit announcements, but we are attempting to offer them in various formats such as The Voice, the website, email, and during the announcement portion on Sunday. We do understand that the need occasionally arises after Thursday to provide information the following Sunday; we simply ask that you provide that to the person making announcements on Sunday.

This minor change in format will offer a couple of opportunities. First, the office will gain information, so that it can be provided through appropriate avenues. Many times announcements are made only during our Sunday worship because we either cannot hear them or the information is unclear. If it is provided in writing or through a phone call earlier in the week, the most effective format for that specific news can be implemented. Second, it is clear that the most effective way to provide information is not through announcements on Sunday morning. While some people value this time to discover news, most leave the worship service forgetting the specifics or even the general topic of what was announced.

The office is making an effort to improve the process of providing information. Please assist us with this effort. We are not prohibiting announcements on Sunday; we are only attempting to provide news in an effective manner. Most importantly, this change should allow us to devote more time during our assemblies to song, prayer, and other worship practices.