



I am writing to give you an update on some changes that are going to be occurring at the 10:30 AM service starting on October 25th. Personally, I am very excited about what is coming and my hope is that you will be too! These changes are the product of suggestions made by Children's Ministry Elders, Worship Council, Pastor James, and myself.

The biggest and perhaps most noticeable change is that we are introducing "Children's Church" in the place of the Children's Sermon and Optional Activity. This will occur in the Children's Worship Center and it will last from the end of the "Greet your Neighbor" to the beginning of the Offering. Our hope is to provide a worship experience for children that is similar to that of adults.

Children's Church will be for children ages 3 to 5th grade. It will feature music, a lesson, an activity, prayer time, and an occasional a craft. We will be taking the concept of the Children's Sermon and will expand on it for further understanding of the biblical concepts the messages have been on. The music portions will give children the opportunity to sing songs that are geared toward them. They will also have an opportunity to channel some of their rambunctious energy toward worship through various activities. They will also be learning how to engage in both corporate and individual prayer.

Children under the age of 3 will be invited to play in the cradle roll room. We are striving to have a regular Nursery Care Attendant to help facilitate this along with a parent or Youth volunteer. As always the cry room will also be available.

Obviously, there will be a few more moving parts to this model than the previous one, so we will need some help to pull it off. Each week, Youth will be part of the team putting this worship together but other volunteers are also necessary. We will have sign ups available for volunteers at church starting on October 18th. Please consider be

coming a Children's Church volunteer.

After Children's Church has concluded the kids will return to service at the time of the offering. This means they will get to start and finish worship with their families. This will take some getting used to for all of us. I will be working diligently to teach the children to reenter in a calm and quite manner, which will take some practice for sure, and thus your patience and understanding will be greatly appreciated. I am very excited about this change and am looking forward to it!

You will also notice that a few of the elements of the service will be in different spots. There will now be four central movements during the service designed to serve four key objectives. These have been created to facilitate a more natural flow of energy within the service. They are:

A Time to Praise God
A Time to Hear God's Message
A Time of Prayer
A Time to Respond to God

There will also be some changes to how the music portion of the service is led. This is being done to help facilitate more congregational singing and to aid in learning the songs and hymns. On Communion Sunday's there will be some differences as well: Communion will occur after the sermon rather than before and children will return before Communion is served.

Some of these changes will stand out to you more than others. In fact, some may even feel a little weird and that is okay. There will be an adjustment period for all of us as we strive toward finding more energized, reverent, and reflective ways to worship together. My hopes are high for things here at CCPC; I hope yours are too! If you have any questions about these changes, please don't hesitate to ask. See you on Sunday!

In Christ,

Justin Devine

Worship Notes

October 11th

Rev. Jessie Lowry will be our guest preacher. Scriptures will be Joshua 4:14-24 and Matthew 28:16-20. Sermon title: *What Is Evangelism?*

October 18th

We grow tired of hearing various religious groups declaring God's judgment on the people, and even nations, they dislike. Jesus said, "Judge not lest you be judged," but he also told a parable of judgment (The Parable of the 10 Bridesmaid in Matthew 25:1-13) that has always troubled me. Judgment is a big theme in scripture. What does it have to do with accountability? What does the threat of judgment do to our spiritual growth? The sermon is titled, "What about Judgment?"

October 25

We live in a highly competitive world. A favorite comedian of mine once said about the ruthless world of New York City, "The problem of the rat race is that even if you win, you are still a rat." What are we pursuing in this competitive life we are engaged in? What are the truly good things we should seek to attain?





TRUNK OR TREAT

Mark your calendars!
A fun event you don't want to miss!

**Sunday, October 25, 2015
from 2:30 to 4:30 PM**

Decorate your vehicles, dress up in costumes, and hand out treats from the trunk of your car. We will have games and crafts for the kids in Dodds Hall from 2:30-3:45, followed by "Trunk" or Treating around the parking lot. Volunteers are much needed to staff tables for games and crafts. Volunteers or Questions: Kemi Komlan
Kemi.Osho@aol.com.

**Best decorated trunk gets the
Golden Pumpkin Award!**



**Come On . . .
Don't Be Scared!**

Join us on

**Saturday
October 24th
9 AM to Noon**

We need people to help with odd jobs around the church: replacing light bulbs; installing dispensers and door stops; cleaning out the maintenance room in the CE building; etc. If you are available, we sure could use your help! Lunch will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men
Colossians 3:23



New Member Seminar

There will be a one-day membership seminar on
Saturday, October 24th from 9 AM to Noon.

The class will meet in the Adult Education Conference room. Rev. Brassard will give a survey of Presbyterian beliefs and our form of Church governance ("doing things decently and in order") and a brief overview of our mission and ministry. At noon the Session is invited to join New Comers for a light lunch.

For those desiring to join they will be introduced on the next two Sundays. Please let Rev. Brassard know of your interest at ccpcpastor@verizon.net or by calling the church at 301-262-6008.

Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission won the prestigious 2015 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence. Anita Pesses was in Las Vegas to receive this honor.

Congratulations, Anita and all of our members who work at the Park and Planning Commission!

Christmas Market

Sunday, November 1st 9 AM to 1 PM

Give a Gift that Cares — your gift donation to any of the organizations will help improve the quality of life for people here and around the world. There will be tables for organizations that work in Bowie, in the United States, and in countries from Honduras to South Sudan.

Gifts will provide disaster assistance, clean water, literacy instruction, animals, needed supplies for our fire department, animal shelter, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Whatever your heart calls you to, you will find an organization or project that is a perfect match.

Children will be encouraged to participate with gifts in their price range and a passport to travel to the various locations that they can help. Visit the Soup Kitchen to get a delicious, warm lunch; proceeds go to the St. Matthews Housing Corporation. To donate a crock pot of soup for the soup kitchen, please contact Debbie Sell at 301-928-9267. Kid-friendly food is also available. You can purchase your gifts and finish the shopping with a lunch and fellowship. If you have any questions you can call Sharon McNamara at 301-262-7060 or Kris Ross at 240-206-8787.

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CCPC, the first Protestant church in Levitt Bowie, was born from a passion for Christian mission in the local community, and this focus continues.

*Our Mission: To worship God, to grow in faith and community,
and to place our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ.*



Belair Cooperative Nursery School

The school is a non-profit, non-sectarian, and non-partisan organization. It's located in the CE Building of Christian Community Presbyterian Church.

Call 301-464-5782 or Email info@belaircoop.org

www.belaircoop.org



Imagine - Yoga & Wellness Center



Located in the CE building, offers yoga and a variety of wellness programs to CCPC members and the community. For more information, visit www.ImagineThePlace.com, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail Ann@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.

