January 11 - 6PM Ladies In Touch Dinner Meeting January 24 - Monticello Opera House Trip January 30 - Ninth Annual Taster's Delight







From the Senior Minister

Waiting patiently on Fed Ex is NOT the same as waiting patiently on the Lord....or is it?

Two occasions this holiday season I have found myself waiting on a package to be delivered by Fed Ex. In both occasions I was convinced that somebody had messed up my order, or I had been scammed. Waiting on the "Star Shower Laser Show" As Seen On TV had become painfully obvious that Allen had not read the fine print clearly, "Due to high demand, all orders received from this date on will only be able to be filled after January 16." Did not see that. But still, I can figure a way to make it their fault and not mine. On the phone—no luck. Only hours of the recording, "we're sorry we can't take your call right now. Hang on the line and your call will be answered in the order it was received." No. really-HOURS! Three times. I tried calling customer service. I tried emailing customer service. I even tried that "Chat Now With a Live Representative" thing. (who would want to talk to a dead representative.) Nothing seemed to be getting through. We had resolved ourselves to the fact we would be without the "Star Shower Laser Show" beaming laser beams of Christmas lights onto our house and up into the night sky blinding all those airline pilots. (Sorry, Darrell). Our high tech Christmas lights would have to wait until next year.

And then one morning a whole week before Christmas, either after 10pm the night before, or before 6:30am that morning, the Fed Ex man delivered our "Star Shower Laser Show." Donna was excited to say the least.

Here is what I learned...

- 1. Read the fine print—even on "official" websites.
- 2. ABSOLUTELY bring ANYTHING to the Lord in prayer—God is waiting for us to lean and trust in Him. He delights when we do that.
- 3. Do what we know to do. Even when we are genuinely trying to rely and trust in God, He expects us to do our part. He expects us to do at least what we are personally capable of—that might be more or less for different people.
- 4. WAIT—yes, that is right, WAIT. I don't mean just go into your favorite chair and park your-self not doing anything else until God delivers your request—it doesn't work like that. We still have to continue with everything else that is going on in our lives—our jobs, our families, our faith walk, hobbies, chores, etc. But WAIT for the Lord to do His part in HIS TIME. We can do that if we have confidence in our God.
- 5. Continue to make it a matter of prayer, if for no other reason you are keeping the lines of communication open to hear from God. He may say "yes," He may say "no," and He may say, "wait." Listen for His response to your request.

Looking forward to growing the Lord's church in 2016 with you guys,

Allen G.



A SEASON OF PRAYER for January:

There are many reasons to pray but one very clear reason to pray is because God has commanded us to pray. If we are to be obedient to His will, then prayer must be part of our life in Him. Read: Matt.5:44, Matt. 6:5 & 9 Rom. 12:12, Eph. 6:18, Phil. 4:6, Col. 4:2, 1 Thess. 5:17, and 1 Tim. 2:1.

If you have not had the opportunity to join us as prayer warriors now is the perfect time. A new year and a new beginning should BEGIN with prayer so if you would like to start this new year off devoting a small portion of your day to prayer sign up at the Welcome Center or see Lea Reeves. As prayer partners we will encourage each other through daily contact to pray diligently and persistently; with our praise, our concerns and our thanksgiving. Use the provided Prayer calendar (located at the Welcome Desk) for daily prayer focus. God has given us all so many good blessings we must humbly give Him thanks.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

We have set aside a room (room 165) dedicated to prayer. You are encouraged to spend time in communication with God.

Feel free to use this room individually or as a group to pray about whatever is on your heart.

Communication From the Leadership

To Everything There is a Season

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

As I sit here looking around my home everything has changed a lot in just a matter of days. Gifts were given, people ate, decorations were put up and soon will be taken down. All aspects of our lives are in a constant state of change. We are always going from one season to another; however scripture reminds us that everything, EVERYTHING, has a season.

When we look forward to 2016, we look with hope and faith.

Change, while sometimes painful, is always there for us. Change is the pattern of our lives. Change is good! We must embrace it as we move forward.

Paul reminds us in Philippians 3:14 - I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. We press on to see what lies ahead. Always a new adventure, always something to look forward to, the success of the past have gone and now we press on.

The New Year brings hope, it brings challenges, it brings new beginnings. We may not always see the good at first, however the future is known by the creator of all things. He holds it all together. Every day, every moment, year after year.

Pete Seeger, the great philosopher wrote; To everything, turn, turn, turn, turn...there is a season, turn, turn, turn...And a time for every purpose under heaven.

Let us press on and look for our new purpose during the new season of 2016!

Tim Thorson for The Elders

COMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY

January1 - Happy New Year

January 2 - Tree Park Clean-Up

January 5 - 6:30PM Board Meeting

January 6 - 5:30PM Fellowship Meal & Devotion 6:30PM Bible Study, Outreach Planning

January 7 - 5:45PM Girl Scout Meeting

January 11 - 6PM Ladies In Touch Dinner Meeting

January 12 - 5-9PM Tax-Aide Training at CCCC

January 13 - 5:30PM Fellowship Meal & Devotion

6:30PM Bible Study, Outreach Planning

January 13 - 7PM Vineyard HOA Meeting

January 15 - 5-9PM Tax-Aide Training at CCCC

January 16 - 12-4PM Tax-Aide Training at CCCC

January 18 - Office closed for MLK Day

January 18 - 5-9PM Tax-Aide Training at CCCC

January 19 - 5-9PM Tax-Aide Training at CCCC

January 20 - 5:30PM Fellowship Meal & Devotion

6:30PM Bible Study, Outreach Planning

January 21 - 5:45PM Girl Scout Meeting

January 24 - Senior Trip to Monticello Opera House

January 27 - 5:30PM Fellowship Meal & Devotion

6:30PM Bible Study, Outreach Planning

January 30 - 2PM 9th Annual Taster's Delight



Wednesday Night Meals 5:30PM

If you come to, and pay for, 10 Wednesday Night meals you will receive a voucher for a free meal on your next visit. Make sure you fill out the meal envelope and place it in the offering tray or turn in to the office. As always First Time guests eat free. Be sure to check in at the sign in table when you come on Wednesday night. Reservations for the meal need to be in by Monday at noon.

THANK YOU

I wanted to take this time to thank each and every one of you for your support for me and my family at Capital City Christian Church. It is not just the wonderful farewell dinner that you arranged for me, but your kind words from the moment I came to Capital City. I still remember how welcoming everyone was when my family and I came to the church. As Easter was approaching our first year, I asked Tom if I could sing a song. He directed me to Allen and even though Allen didn't really know me, he said okay and I sang "Watch the Lamb" for the first time. I have been privileged to sing, teach, preach, and serve here at Capital City over the last 10 years. Through the good and the not so good, times of plenty and times that were lean, I



have loved every moment. Capital City Christian Church and the people who worship there will always be in my heart. Much like the words in the song I sang at my farewell, "Friends are friends forever, if the Lord's the Lord of them -- Though it's hard to let you go, in the Father's hands we know, that a lifetime's not too long, to live as friends."

Trish will continue to serve. She does more than I ever did anyway. She will keep you up to date on my progress.

I want to leave you with a story about John, the Apostle. When John was in his 90's, barely able to get around and almost blind, the Elders of the Church in Ephesus came to him. They knew his time was almost done and that the last of the Apostles, those who walked the earth with Christ, would be leaving them. Polycarp, one of John's followers carried him to the church so he could speak to them. "Father, do you have a word for the children?" he asked. John looked around and said "Little children, love one another!" Polycarp asked, "Master, why do you always say this?" He replied, "It is the Lord's command, and if this alone be done, it is enough!"

If you do this, the church will grow in spirit as well as numerically. This is what the world needs and what you can give to them. Show them what it means to be a Christian. Little children, love one another.

God bless you until we see each other again.

Homer



To my church family,

You are such a blessing to me in so many ways and I cherish each and every one of you, but I want to especially thank you for your warm generosity in your gifts to the Christmas Bonus. What a wonderful surprise. Thank you and may God's Blessing be with you this year, Trish

Children's Ministry

Join us in Children's Church for:



For more information: call 877-7315 or visit www.capitalcitychristianchurch.org

Sunday School

JANUARY Teaching Schedule

		Nursery	Pre-K & K	1st-2nd Grade	3 rd -5 th Grade
	Jan. 3	Marilyn Bryan	Don & Linda Meeks	Cindy Meeks	Becky Carter
-	Jan. 10	Becky Griffin	Don & Linda Meeks	Cindy Meeks	Becky Carter
	Jan. 17	Charlotte NeSmith	Don & Linda Meeks	Cindy Meeks	Becky Carter
	Jan. 24	Debi Smith	Don & Linda Meeks	Cindy Meeks	Becky Carter
	Jan. 31	Marilyn Bryan	Don & Linda Meeks	Cindy Meeks	Becky Carter

Children's Church/Worship

	Nursery	K- 5th Grade		
Jan. 3	Debi Smith	Becky Carter		
Jan/ 10	Marilyn Bryan	Juanita Tatum		
Jan. 17	Becky Griffin	Cindy Meeks		
Jan. 24	Charlotte NeSmith	Becky Carter		
Jan. 31	Rylee Gonzalez	Juanita Tatum		

JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy Birthday: 3 - Peggy Cammons 3 - Tiffany Carpenter 4 - Allen Gonzalez 10 - John Beatty	ns 26 - Wilma Ramos er 26 - Tim Thorson		***************************************	1110	HAPRY New YEAR 2016!	2 10AMTaking down Tree Park decorations
4PM Rice Life Group 5PM Gonzalez Life Group	4	5 6:30PM Board Meeting	5:30PM Fellowship Meal & Devotion 6:30PM Discussion, Prayer and Study	7 5:45PM Girl Scouts	8	9
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17 4PM Rice Life Group 5PM Gonzalez Life Group	18 Office Closed 5-9PM Tax-Aide Training	19 5-9PM Tax-Aide Training	5:30PM Fellowship Meal & Devotion 6:30PM Discussion, Prayer and Study	21 5:45PM Girl Scouts	22	23
24 2PM Seniors to Monticello Opera House	25	26	5:30PM Fellowship Meal & Devotion 6:30PM Discussion, Prayer and Study	28	29	2PM Seniors 30 Taster's Delight

Seniors

Live Life Abundantly

Upcoming Events:

January 24 - 2PM Monticello Opera House showing of: CHICAGO

January 30 - 2PM Taster's Delight- 'Afternoon in Paris'
This year will be a true 'Taster's' event with lots of interesting French delicacies on the menu. Reservations are required and space is limited so sign up or call the church office for reservations.

Call the office 850-877-7315 for more information.

Ladies In Touch

Dinner Meeting

January 11th at 6PM

We will be planning our events for 2016
Please come and be a part of the planning.
Bring your ideas/suggestions.
We will also have sign-ups for service opportunities.

Contact Donna Gonzalez for more information

Outreach Opportunities

HERE ARE SOME EVENTS THAT ARE EASY TO INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO:

Ladies Dinner Meeting, January 11, 6PM Fellowship Meals Every Wednesday at 5:30PM Monticello Opera House trip to see 'Chicago', January 24 Taster's Delight, January 30, 2PM





Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry provides food for those in immediate need. You can make monetary donations to the pantry by designating 'Pantry' on your check and placing it in the offering.

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"Our purpose is to LOVE CHRIST, LOVE OTHERS and SERVE"

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP: 9:00 AM Bible Study Coffee Break 10:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Life Group 4:00PM Sunday Evening Life Group 5:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Discussion Groups 6:30 PM

YOUTH & CHILDREN Sunday Evening 5:00 PM Wednesday Evening 6:30 PM **OUR STAFF:**

Allen Gonzalez Senior Minister Worship Director Mike Seay Trish Rice Administrative Assistant

Leadership:

ELDERS: Don Meeks, Tim Thorson

DEACONS: Dave Sterling, Clayton Wilder, Jim Cammons

STATISTICS FOR December 2015

ATTENDANCE Average AM Worship 87

GIVING Budget Need December General Giving \$ 12,565.00 \$14,922.83 Missions \$ 1,503.00 \$2,717.00

ASL MINISTRY: An ASL interpreter is available to The Deaf & Hard of Hearing Community at the Sunday morning10:30AM service.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ~ The Deadline for February 2016 Newsletter is January 25th