

Remember the movie, “White Christmas”? It starred Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera Allen, and featured the song White Christmas. It’s tradition to watch it at least once around our house during the Christmas holidays. Around home there’s also a small musical clip from the movie that gets repeated often, too: Snow...snow...snow...snow...SNOW! As you might recall, it was a lack of snow that almost forced the close of the Inn.

Well, bless Irving Berlin’s heart when he wrote that musical, thinking anyone might dream of needing more snow! I certainly am tired of Saturday night snows that cripple our attendances on Sunday mornings. I am thinking we’ve had enough snow...snow...snow...snow...SNOW, already!

Did you know that when you do a search of scripture for references to snow, nearly every one of them is positive? Examples: snow on the mountains that is both beautiful and replenishes the streams that give life to the valleys; sins washed whiter than snow; skin healed from leprosy described as whiter than snow; and, my favorite, Proverbs 25:13: “Like a **snow**-cooled drink at harvest time is a trustworthy messenger to the one who sends him; he refreshes the spirit of his master”.

Can you imagine any person being likened to a “snow-cooled drink”? Evidently, Solomon thought it an apt description of the arrival of a trustworthy messenger! I hope I’m a trustworthy messenger who refreshes the spirit of his master! I hope you are, too!

OK... maybe I should stop complaining about it, and enjoy a few verses of “Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow”!

Upward and Onward,

John

“Helping people become Christ-Centered in their daily lives.”

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CHRISTIAN CALLER

“If everyone in your church is comfortable with who is showing up on Sundays, then you haven’t opened the doors wide enough.” I heard this quote from a speaker at the D6 Family Ministry Conference back in September 2017. These words have continued to stick with me as we have journeyed through several transitions here at Converse Church of Christ and I can’t help but think of the day of Pentecost and the early church.

Could you imagine the scene on the day of Pentecost when 3,000 people were added to their number in one day (Acts 2:41)? All the people had gathered and heard the good news of Jesus from the mouths of foreigners but in their own language and they were “cut to the heart” and just like that there is massive growth. 3,000 people with their own opinions, experiences, and baggage at that moment become one. They become the Church. What if they would have shut their doors at that moment? Obviously, we aren’t speaking of physical doors but what if they would have said “Wow, what a great day I can’t wait to do that with you all again,” and shut the doors on anyone else? What if they would have been so concerned about themselves and making sure everything was how they remembered it on that first day that they would have pulled the doors closed? Thankfully they didn’t!

Acts 2:42-47 tells us how they responded to the blessing of growth and how they kept the doors wide open. They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer. They provided for each other’s needs by selling property or possessions, so no one would be in need. They met together in the temple courts, they broke bread in their homes and were praising God and enjoying each other’s company. And do you see what happened at that end of vs. 47? “And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Not only did in one day God move in the hearts of 3,000 people to surrender and follow Him but as the Church continued to grow in truth, connect in fellowship, serve in love and share the good news God added daily to the number being saved. Daily new people with their own opinions, experiences, and baggage were becoming part of the Church. Daily new people being saved because the early church had no desire to be comfortable, rather they desired to bring as many people with them on their journey as possible.

We as a church have stated that what we do is “not about us it is about the lost” so do the doors of our hearts match those words? As we go about our daily lives are our hearts focused on who we can share the good news and hope of Jesus with or are we focused on our own comfort? Has the good news of Jesus transformed our thinking and our hearts to the point that we long for the lost to be found and the sick to be healed more than our own comfort? When we come together each week is the focus of our hearts on helping others be able to experience and encounter Jesus or is it on our own comfort?

May we continue to push the doors of our hearts wide open desiring for all to come to a saving relationship with Jesus. A former mentor of mine once said: “we should always be uncomfortable if we are comfortable.” May the doors of our hearts always be open enough to make us uncomfortable for the sake of His Kingdom.

Jeff

CCC Attendance & Giving

	12/30/2018	1/6/2019	1/13/2019	1/20/2019	1/27/2019
Worship	425	464	312	209	368
Life Groups	251	271	180	81	205
General Fund, Missions & Building Fund	\$ 16,600.25	\$ 9,991.75	\$ 3,906.00	\$ 6,650.00	\$ 7,865.75
Designated Missions	\$ 5,825.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 453.00
Ark Christian Ministries		\$ 1,452.25			
Easter/Thanksgiving/Other					
Total	\$ 22,425.25	\$ 12,884.00	\$ 4,161.00	\$ 6,805.00	\$ 8,318.75



SATURDAY

MARCH 2, 2019

8:30AM—5:00

COST: \$10/PERSON

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROVIDED

**Hear great speakers via this simulcast!
Come join us! There is a sign-up sheet at
the Welcome Center.**



Everyone needs a place to start and here at C3 that place is our Square 1 class. Square 1 will help you see what we are all about and how we have a place just for you. This class also serves as an “on-ramp” to understanding and becoming a member here at C3.

Square 1 will meet Sunday, February 17th at 12:00pm in the gym. We will serve you lunch and have child care available for your kiddos. Come get to know us and let us get to know you!

Please RSVP to Jeff Thompson at jthompson@conversechurch.org or by calling the church office at 765 395-3361 by February 10th.



Parish Nurses will be taking
Blood Pressure Checks
Sunday, February 17th
8:00-10:45am In the Foyer.

Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday’s beginning

March 6th

9:30– 11:00am

**Leaders: Nancy Knee, Linda
Middlesworth and Reta Walker**

**PSALM
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Prayers & Praises

*The Leland Johnson Family—Roger Johnson’s brother
Ronda Smith—Jonathan Smith’s mother and
Larry & Sue Smith’s daughter-in-law*

Continue to Prayer for: Bo Castanon, Jean Cooley, Tara Dieterman, Mary Jane Dill, Ryder Dodson, Leeanna Fansler, Sharon Floyd, Rich Gamble, Brad Harts, Beth Holt, Chuck Lawson, Susie Middlesworth, Cynthia Mullinix, Jim Needler, Glenna Smith, Sue Smith, Jack Strange, Terry Anderson, Angie, David Bowman, Grace Braun, Mike Cassidy, Steve Dazzell, Nancy Floyd, Ronda Garrett, Ron George, Jeff Graf, Betty Guy, Lori Haalck, Harley, Katie Harrison, Lowell Harter, Heidi, Mark Horner, Ruthie Sommers Horner, Dana Hudson, Kim Jentes, Jillian, Cooper Johnson, Evan Johnson, Mark Krabbe, Cindy Linn, LouAnne, Ken Machala, Sarah Matthews, Paul McGuire, Leo Melle, Hadlea Mendenhall, Michelle, Nancy, Nici, Ann Pond, Bob Preusz, Teresa Ratliff, Laudi Reffett, Fred Richards, Betty Richey, Jean Rohrer, Gina Rolfs, Scott, Michelle Scrafton, Kristy Sellers, Jerry Smith, Judy Smith, Dawn Staggs, Heidi Vance, Suzanne Werner, Stephanie Walls, Jan Waters, Will & Julie White, David Christian Wittrock, Terri Zimmerman

BASKET SILENT AUCTION

benefitting the HAITI MISSION TEAM

Sunday, March 3rd

C3 Gym

Special Preview Sunday, February 24th

Basket items:

Embroidered Gifts	Asst. Gift Certificates
Handmade Gifts	Homemade Sugar Scrubs
Local Artwork	Knitted Dishcloths
Baby Gifts	Pottery from Autumn Pence and
Stained Glass Creations	and Elijah Brainerd
Essential Oils Products	Apple Pie by Dana Hueston
Norwex Cleaning Products	