



News & Events

DECEMBER 2017

2017 Christmas Concert

The youth and adult choirs, worship band, and orchestra will join together to present “A Cedar Springs Christmas—Carols for the Eve of Christ” on **Sunday, December 3**. Previous years have been crowded, so this year we will be offering it twice at **3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** Invite your friends to join in worship with us through this beautiful celebration of Christmas.

Christmas Eve Services

► Family Service at 4:00 p.m.

An engaging, participation service appropriate for families with children of all ages (toddlers to high school students)

Note: Limited infant care will be available

► Candlelight at 11:00 p.m.

A contemplative service with communion

► New Sunday School Electives

We are offering two new electives from December 3-17. Classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Watch & Wait Led by Jim Branch and meets in the chapel. This will be a time of reflection, prayer, and conversation on the themes of Advent.

The Hidden Gift of Unwanted Holiday Emotions* Led by Matt Avery and meets in B224. This class will explore difficult emotions and their purposes in our lives.

*NOTE: THIS IS A TWO-WEEK CLASS, AND IT WILL NOT MEET DECEMBER 17

Holiday Morning Worship Services

On Christmas Eve and New Year’s

Eve Sundays, **we will have only one morning worship service at 10:00 a.m.**

PLEASE NOTE: THAT THERE WILL BE NO NURSERY OR KINGDOM KIDS ON EITHER OF THOSE SUNDAYS.

2017 Giving

Thank you for your faithful giving to Cedar Springs throughout the year. This is a reminder that any 2017 financial gifts must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 29 or placed in the offering plate on December 31. Gifts sent by mail must be postmarked December 30 or before. Alternatively, online giving is available and donations can be received there up until midnight on December 31.

Visitors & New Members Interest Dinner

Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m.

If you’ve visited Cedar Springs recently and would like to learn more about the church, please sign up to attend the next Visitors & New Members Dinner. You will have an opportunity to meet several of our pastoral staff and sign up for the New Members class series. If you are interested in becoming a member, we ask that you attend the dinner, and following Sunday classes on January 28, February 4, and 11. To register, sign up online or contact Betsy Palk at betsypalk@cspsc.net or (865) 291-5268.

Worship services are held Sundays at 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. All Sunday school classes meet from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Nursery and Preschool (Kingdom Kids) are provided all three hours. Children kindergarten age and older attend worship with their family.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Deaths

We express our condolences to:

▶ Jennifer Meredith Hall in the death of her husband, Joe Hall, Jr., on November 20. Jen's parents are Robert and Karen Meredith.

▶ Sam and Paula Tate in the death of Susan's father, Gaylor "Smokey" Webb, on November 18.

▶ Leonard Hines in the death of his father-in-law, Charles Fuller, on November 9.

▶ Ken & Jane Morrow and Jeff & Brandon Queen in the death of Ken's father and Jeff's uncle, Julius Edward "Ed" Morrow, on November 4. Jane Morrow is the administrative assistant to Women's Ministries.

▶ Steve and Paula Slack in the death of Steve's brother, Greg Slack, on November 2.

▶ Nancy Lonngren and family in the death of Nancy's daughter, Tina Penelle, on October 27.

▶ Jerry and Nancy Daves in the death of Nancy's brother, Joe Houchins, on October 20.

Births

We rejoice with:

▶ Matt and Renee Ashworth in the birth of their daughter, Margo Renee Ashworth, on November 11. Proud grandparents are Thomas and Barbara Ashworth.

▶ Matt and Blair Kerr in the birth of their son, Matthew Davidson Kerr IV, on November 9. Proud grandparents are David and Betsy Kerr.

▶ Josh and Amanda Johnson in the birth of their son, Everett Lee Johnson, on November 4.

▶ John and Tabitha Fritts in the birth of their son, Ford Perkinson Fritts, on October 17.

▶ Morgan and Annie Cox in the birth of their daughter, Hannah Morgan Cox, on August 27. Proud grandparents are Peter and Joyce McClain.

MISSIONS & REFUGEE MINISTRIES

Hope Center's "Hope for the Holidays" Celebration

▶ Thursday, December 7

Cedar Springs hosts this party annually for patients and their families to enjoy a hot meal, Christmas carols, and share laughter and memories.

Volunteers are needed to provide music, help decorate, and help serve the luncheon.

Sign up to volunteer online at cspc.net/holiday-outreach-2017 or by calling Alison at (865) 291-5261.

Angel Tree Distribution at Lonsdale

▶ Monday, December 11

Volunteers are needed from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. to help with the gift distribution and craft table.

Sign up to volunteer online at cspc.net/holiday-outreach-2017 or by calling Alison at (865) 291-5261.

Global Mission Fund

Contributing to this fund is a way for you to join in what God is doing around the world. When prayerfully considering your end of year contributions, you can donate to the Global Mission Fund online at cspc.net/online-giving or write "Global Mission Fund" in the memo line of a check. The Global Mission Fund supports all of our overseas mission work, ministries, and partners.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL

The Weekday School is **currently accepting applications** for openings that begin January 8 for **afternoon co-teachers** in our school-age care and preschool departments. Applicants must be at least 18 years old with a high school diploma to apply. Applicants for preschool positions must be at least 21 years old. Afternoon co-teacher positions pay \$10/hour. For more information or to apply, contact Susie Isaac at susieisaac@cspc.net.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

► Family Christmas Eve Service

is at 4:00 p.m. on December 24. See the front page of the newsletter for more details.

Kingdom Kids

Our PreSchool Ministry (3 years - PreK) provides opportunities for children to learn about God's love for them, in a safe and fun environment.

T.E.A.M. Kids!

Children (K - 5th) meet in the Family Life Center during the Sunday School hour, 9:45 a.m.- 10:45 a.m., for worship, teaching and small groups. **NOTE: T.E.A.M. Kids will not meet on December 24 or 31.**

Kids Small Group (KSG) Worship and Discipleship

On Wednesday nights, K-5th graders have the opportunity to "Journey" together to learn more about Jesus and His plan for their lives. There is a \$15 fee for to cover the material. Visit our website at cspc.net/kids-small-groups for more information. **NOTE: KSG Journey will resume January 10.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sunday School for Middle School

Meets from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. at the Watershed. **NOTE: Middle School Sunday School will not meet on December 24 or 31.**

Quake Small Groups

Meets Wednesdays nights at 6:30 p.m. at the Watershed.

HIGH SCHOOL

The Gathering

Sunday School class meets from 9:45 a.m.- 10:45 a.m. at the Watershed. **NOTE: The Gathering will not meet on December 24 or 31.**

TNT

Meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the Watershed.

Volunteer Ministry

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at The Watershed at 4:00 p.m. Participants take a bus downtown to the VMC, serve dinner and stop for dinner on the way home. They return to The Watershed by 7:00 p.m.

COLLEGE-AGE MINISTRY

The Conversation

A college-age Sunday morning gathering meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Conversation Room in the Watershed. Contact Steve Moldrup via email at stevemoldrup@cspc.net for more information.

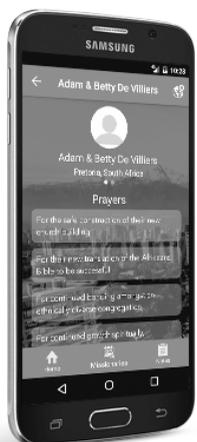
YOUNG ADULT

Pursuit

Facilitated by five mentor couples, this class is made up of marrieds and singles in their 20s and 30s. The teaching is Scripture-based and focuses on Christ-centered, missional discipleship, allowing for much discussion. It meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in B242.

Journeys

Adult Sunday School class for couples in their 30s - 40s who are building relationships through Christ and walking together through the journeys of marriage, parenting and spiritual growth. Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in B234-236. **NOTE: Journeys will be attending Jim Branch's Elective in the Chapel from December 3-17.**



Reclamation Missions Prayer App



The Cedar Springs **Reclamation Prayer Guide** is a convenient tool to enable you to pray for our mission partners, church members, or any group of Christians that you pray for on a regular basis. The app is available for Apple and Android mobile devices. Links to download the app are available on our website at cspc.net/prayerapp.

DID YOU KNOW?

Donating to the Cedar Springs **General Fund** supports all of our **Home Mission** outreach.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Check the website and restrooms for more details. To register for Women's Ministries classes, visit: www.cspc.net/studiesforwomen.

CARESS Ministry (Christ Accepts Restores Encourages Strengthens Sustains) is for Christian women who find themselves in abusive relationships. If you should find yourself in such a relationship, please reach out for help; we are open to new clients all the time. This is a faith-based care/support group offered throughout the year and carefully designed to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of women who have been, or are in, a domestic abuse relationship. Contact Suzanne by email at suzanne@cspc.net.

CAYA Moms (Come As You Are) - Looking for friendship and support with other moms who also have elementary-age kids? Join CAYA Moms! **We don't have a December meeting**, but we hope you can join us for the first meeting of 2018 on Thursday, January 25, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We invite all moms of elementary-age children to join us for intentional fellowship time together! Go online to cspc.net/studiesforwomen to CAYA Moms (under Thursdays) and follow the link to register. Join the CAYA Moms Facebook page to connect with relevant posts, updates, and gathering information. Questions? Contact Karen Coppock by phone at (865) 254-8520 or by email at klcoppock@hotmail.com. You can also send a message from the Facebook page.

CREATIVE MINISTRIES

Beginning Knitting Classes are offered 10:00 a.m.-noon on Mondays in The Watershed W109. Come learn how to make simple hats to donate for children undergoing chemotherapy at Children's Hospital. There is a \$25 charge for supplies. To register, contact Mary Carson by email at carson-mary@att.net or by phone at (865) 805-7510.

Made with the Love of Jesus: If you have a mission heart for children, and if you sew and are willing to pray, join us to create stuffed animals for local and international children in need at hospitals, shelters, and homes. Call Angela Godel at (865) 748-9022 to find out more.

Quilting Ministry is offered to create a remembrance for someone who has lost a loved one. Special quilted items (lap quilt, pillow, place mats or wall hangings) can be created using the loved one's clothing. T-shirts, ties, Oxford work shirts, dresses, or most any lighter weight fabric can be used to make the memorial item. We meet monthly and would love to have you join if you are interested in creating an heirloom memory for others. Basic sewing, cutting, and ironing skills are needed. The group usually meets the first Tuesday each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (December 5 and January 16) in the Visitor's Center. Nursery (birth to preK) is available with reservation (wendyrast@cspc.net or 865-291-5237). For details about having an item created for you or if you are interested in working with the group, Contact Donna Barton at (865) 806-8615 or donna.barton@juno.com.

Friday Morning Study meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. They are currently discussing the book *A Time for Confidence: Trusting God in a Post-Christian Society* by Stephen J. Nichols. Facilitator: Laura Ivey (lauraivey@live.com).

The Cedar Springs Homeschool Support Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room on the 4th Monday of each month during the school year. Contact: cspchomeschoolgroup@gmail.com.

Just Moved is a Christ-centered study offered to those new to Knoxville that meets on Mondays during the school year in the Parlor (B211) at 9:30 a.m. for study, fellowship, encouragement and friendship. Contact Bev Faught at (865) 671-2056. Limited nursery during class by reservation with Wendy at (865) 291-5237.

Middle School Moms will resume in January. For questions, contact Elizabeth Mardesen by email at emardesen@yahoo.com.

Passing It Back - Young moms are invited to join us in times of fellowship, teaching and discussion to glean the wisdom of older moms as they share what they wish they had understood as young moms. You are invited to seven Mondays of teaching and discussion. Each of the seven Mondays focuses on a new aspect of raising children who are emotionally, mentally, and spiritually healthy. If you want to go deeper, you are welcome to return to a second Monday in between for additional discussion and application. **The December meeting is Monday, December 11.** A full schedule is available on the flyer in the bathrooms. Questions: Summers McMurray (summersmcmurray@cspc.net) or Judy Huckaby (jrhuckaby@bellsouth.net).

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONTINUED

PEP Moms (support group for moms, pregnant to preschoolers) will meet December 5, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with check-in in the Reception Hall. Register online at cspc.net/studiesforwomen and look under Tuesdays. Co-Directors are Angela Felde (adegloma@gmail.com) and Shelley Percic (shelleykathleen@gmail.com).

Precept is on break until January. The class meets in B203 from 10 a.m. - noon on Wednesdays. Registration will be online at cspc.net soon. Facilitator: Karen Kennamer (865-679-8340 or kbkennam@bellsouth.net).

SideBySide Knoxville is an outreach ministry for medical and dental wives, including wives of students, residents, fellows, attending and practicing physicians or dentists. We are reading *Own Your Life*. Following the academic calendar, we meet the 2nd, 4th, and 5th (when applicable) Mondays of the month from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Childcare is available with a reservation for children birth to preK. Register with Wendy at wendyrast@cspc.net or (865)291-5237. For more information: www.sidebysideknoxville.blogspot.com or contact Lili Vincent by email at mrsllivincent@yahoo.com.

Single Moms - We would love for you to join our **Flying Solo** study and support on Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. in the Welcome Center, B141. We are studying *Steadfast Love*, an excellent book based on Psalm 107. We will continue to meet during the holidays. Nursery for preschool and classes for school-age children are available. Contact Helen by email at helenkeoughsears@mac.com or by phone at (865) 919-0336.

Wednesday Fellowship is a women's Bible study with a long history at CSPC. Members bring their friends and neighbors to study and discuss God's word together. On Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel we study *While We Wait for Our Beloved*, studying through Philippians, Song of Solomon, Jonah, Nahum and James. The materials cost is \$10. Our teaching team includes Penny Cole, Paula Slack and Stephanie Edick. Nursery and a teaching time for them is provided for our little ones. Register online at cspc.net/studiesforwomen or by emailing Lynn Lambert at lynn@lynnlambertconsulting.com.

NOTE: We will not meet in December, but will resume in January.

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study meets 6:15-7:30 p.m. in B224 during the school year. No book is needed; just bring your Bible. We will be studying the parables of Jesus. Nursery (birth - preK) is provided. Let Wendy Rast at (865) 291-5237 know to expect your preK child. Questions, contact Heidi by email at weimer5155@comcast.net.

Women on Mission will meet for our General Meeting and Christmas Program Tuesday, December 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. The Word Players will present *Sleepers, Wake!* - their 2017 one-act Advent Play. Following this Christmas celebration, Circles will meet at the church followed by lunch and fellowship in the Gym. Make your reservation for the luncheon with your Circle leader. The cost is \$8 and guests are welcome. Contact Mary Ellen Tarrants (776-2716 or maryellen44@tds.net) for more information or to make arrangements to join us for lunch.

WOM Outreach Days are the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Anyone is welcome to join us. December 19: Ronald McDonald House, Circle 4. Contact Bev Faught at (865)332-8264 to plan and serve lunch for all the families there. Mobile Meals, Circle 7. Contact Leah Darr at (865) 342-7727 to help deliver lunches. **Friday, December 22 (note the change of date):** KARM Prayer Ministry. All circles and CSPC members are invited to bring prayer cards and help pray over the beds in the women's dorm. Contact Dana O'Kelley by phone at (865) 805-4380.

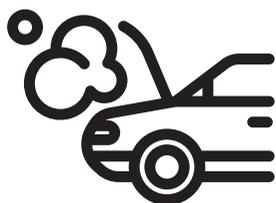
Women's Sunday Study - Join us as we journey through 12 different Psalms learning and practicing these prayers of the heart. We will discover how the Psalms show us how to relate to God as we pray through our doubt, fears and anger. These Psalms will also show us how to respond to God in praise. Sundays, 9:45 a.m. in B212. Leader: Rebekah Peterson can be reached by email at rebekahpeterson@cspc.net or by phone at (865)291-5286.

Engage with Women's Ministry on Social Media

Connect with us for spiritual encouragement, Scripture, church news, and ministry updates.

Facebook page
www.facebook.com/CSPCWMM

Twitter
[@suzannestelling](https://twitter.com/suzannestelling)



**Deacon Car Care
Saturday, January 13**

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m
Beaman Imports, 217 Sherway Road

This ministry is available at no charge to widows, single moms and others who may have financial difficulties. To schedule an appointment or to volunteer, call Bill Jacks at (865) 693-0502.



**Cancer Support Group
December 13 at 4:00 p.m.**

Conference Center (B137)
Bob Hosford will talk about dealing with cancer during the holidays.

Men and women who are going through cancer treatment, in remission, or are caretakers of cancer patients are welcome. This outreach ministry meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Contact Janet Reid by phone at (865) 690-3877 to learn more.



Our Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are:

- grieving the loss or death of a loved one;
- hospitalized or recovering from hospitalization;
- coping with a terminal illness or caring for a family member with a terminal illness;
- unemployed or in a job crisis;
- caring for an ill or disabled family member;
- anticipating the birth or adoption of a child;
- homebound or institutionalized;
- transitioning into retirement, aging, or other life transition;
- experiencing a spiritual crisis;
- victims of a disaster or accident;
- or experiencing other hard situations.

If you, or someone you know, is dealing with a difficult situation, please contact one of our Care Coordinators. Jan Garman (865) 680-1104, janetgarman@comcast.net or Brad Richardson, (865) 599-7471, richardsonbs@comcast.net.

Monthly Financial Report - October 2017

	Month	Year to Date
General Giving, Fees, Other Income	\$866,229	\$7,937,941
Missions Giving	\$171,539	\$1,786,870
Total Income	\$1,037,768	\$9,724,811
Designated Spending from 2016 Collections	\$0	\$0
Spending	\$865,275	\$9,804,698
Total Spending	\$865,275	\$9,804,698
Net Cash Flow	\$172,493	-\$79,887

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BALANCE:
\$492,082**

If you would like to contribute to paying off this remaining balance, please contact April Scheevel at (865) 291-5245

For complete details, go to www.cspc.net/stewardship-updates or contact: Torrey McMurray at torreymcmurray@cspc.net

