

NEWS & EVENTS

The monthly newsletter for Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN

A Cedar Springs CHRISTMAS

December 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*. We'll feature our sanctuary choir, rejoice youth choir, orchestra, and band. There will be times of Scripture reading, congregational singing, anthems, and preaching. This is a great way to start off your Christmas season, so bring your entire family!



COMMUNITY GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 9
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Don your festive attire and join us for games, good food, and fellowship. This adult only event is for those interested in finding out more about Community Groups—as well as those already in a Community Group. Email Summers McMurray with any questions at summers@cspc.net.

2018 GIVING

Thank you for your faithful giving to Cedar Springs throughout the year. This is a reminder that all hand-delivered 2018 financial gifts must be received by 2:00 p.m. (when the office will close) on Monday, December 31. Gifts sent by mail must be postmarked December 31 or before. Alternatively, online giving is available—donations can be received there up until midnight on December 31.



at Scrambled Jake's
in Rocky Hill

COMMUNITY NEWS

Deaths

We express our condolences to:

▶ Steve and Bev Crippen in the passing of Bev's mother, Elma Thornton Smith. Elma passed away October 26 at the age of 89.

▶ The family of Joe Hansen who passed away October 30 at the age of 88.

▶ Walt and Linda Williams in the passing of Linda's mother, Zenia Jewel Mitchell. Zenia passed away November 2 at the age of 92.

▶ Nancy Sherwood in the passing of Nancy's husband, Bobby Sherwood. Bobby passed away November 4 at the age of 78. Other family members include Terry and Meg (daughter) Troutman, Brett and Calli (granddaughter) Drummey and Andy and Abby (granddaughter) Fennell.

▶ Ron and Kathryn Allen, along with their children, Veronica and Joseph, in the passing of Kathryn's mother, Rolien Brown Brogden. Rolien passed away November 12 at the age of 88.

▶ The family of Carl Van Hoozier. Carl passed away November 14 at the age of 89.

▶ Norma Velasco in the passing of her daughter, Jo Nicole Strickland. Jo passed away November 26. Other church members include Joel (brother) and Melissa Velasco.

Births

We rejoice with:

▶ Nathan and Valarie Mills, along with big brother Oliver, in the birth of Margaret Katherine Mills. Margaret was born November 14.



SPORTS & FAMILY

Youth Basketball

Basketball games begin Saturday, December 15 and the season lasts until February 23, 2019.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Christmas Eve Services Monday, December 24

Our family service will be at 4:00 p.m. and our candlelight vigil service will be at 11:00 p.m. These are great ways to engage your hearts and minds in the truth of the season we celebrate as Christmas. We hope you can join us for these sweet times of worship!

NOTE ▶ There will only be one 10:00 a.m. service on the December 30. Nursery, Kingdom Kids, and T.E.A.M Kids will be CLOSED ALL MORNING on December 23 and 30

GLOBAL MISSION

Contributing to the **Global Mission 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.

2019 Short Term Mission Trip April 5-14, 2019

Stay tuned for many trip opportunities, including a medical mission trip to Ethiopia. If you are a medical professional who would like to use your gifts overseas, please email mission@cspc.net for more information.

REFUGEE MINISTRY

Are you interested in mentoring refugee middle and high school students? Please come meet our 2018 ESL Campers at the Christmas celebration we're organizing for them on December 15 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA. The Wordplayers will help us visually present the gospel to them through their Advent Play: *In These Dark Streets* by Ethan Norman. Please contact Karen at karenavogel@cspc.net or (865)291-5227 to let us know you are coming.

Also, opportunities are available to come alongside our refugee professionals and share the love of Jesus with them by mentoring them for up to 6 months. For more information or to get involved please contact Almaz Gemechu (almaz@cspc.net) or Karen Vogel (karenavogel@cspc.net).

WEEKDAY SCHOOL

Christmas Parades

December 5-7 at 9:15 a.m.

We're Hiring

- **Afternoon Preschool Staff** - must be high school graduate, minimum 21-yrs-old; starting Jan. 7

- **Lead Teacher of 3-yr-old Class** - full-time, benefitted position; starting Feb. 2018
For more information and to apply, call (865) 291-5264.

CHILDREN

Nursery (Sunday Morning)

The love of Christ is displayed through gentle care to the children (birth to 2 years), Sunday 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Kingdom Kids (Sunday Morning)

Our preschool ministry (3 years to PreK) provides opportunities for children to learn about God's love in a safe and fun environment, Sunday 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

T.E.A.M. Kids! (Sunday Morning)

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.

► **Nursery, Kingdom Kids, and T.E.A.M Kids will be CLOSED all morning December 23 and 30**

Kids Small Group Worship and Discipleship (KSG)

KSG will resume January 9 Wednesdays; 6:15-7:45 p.m.

K-5th graders will have the opportunity to learn more about Jesus and His plan for their lives. There is a \$5 fee for each child to cover materials. Register at cspc.net/kids-small-groups or call Shari Fitzsimmons at (865)692-5501.

**Family Christmas Eve Service
Monday, December 24
4:00 p.m.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

AT THE WATERSHED

Sunday School for Middle School

Meets from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

**Quake Out Christmas Parties
December 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

This is our last meeting until Jan. 9

► Movie Hangout Day

January 4, 2019 • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL

AT THE WATERSHED

Sunday School for High School

Meets from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

TNT

Meets Wednesdays nights at 6:30 p.m.

**TNT Christmas Party
December 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

This is our last meeting until January 9, 2019.

Volunteer Ministry

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at The Watershed at 4:00 p.m. Check with your small group to see when you will go. Buses return to The Watershed by 7:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS
MOVIE NIGHT
AT THE WATERSHED**

**Friday, December 7,
7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.**



COLLEGE-AGE MINISTRIES

Join the Conversation on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. at the College Room in the Watershed.

Need a quiet place to study for finals?

Come to the Watershed December 5, 7, and 10 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. We will have some study snacks waiting!

Christmas Party Sunday, December 9

We will go bowling at The Main Event then head to The Watershed for dinner and games. Email carylewis@cspc.net for more information and to RSVP.

YOUNG ADULT

► **Adult Sunday School Classes will not meet on December 23 and December 30.**

GENERATIONS

(SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY)

Visit cspc.net/generations for more details.

VARIOUS MINISTRIES

Cancer Support Group

**Wednesday, November 12
4:00 p.m.**

Conference Center (B137)

This group welcomes men and women who are going through cancer treatment, in remission, or are caretakers of cancer patients. Contact Janet Reid at (865)690-3877.

Job Club

**Wednesdays, December 12 & 26
6:30 p.m.**

Conference Center (B137)

Job Club is a ministry to those in transition in their career. Contact Maria Cervera at (865)693-9331.

Stephen Ministry

**Our next training class
begins in January 9, 2019**

All applications should be in to our Leadership Team by early December please. Please check the website for details or contact the Leadership Team at cspc.net/stephen-ministry.

MINISTRIES =bar= MOMS

PEP Moms

Tuesday, December 4

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

PEP (Parents Encouraging Parents) Moms is a ministry for moms, pregnant to pre-schoolers that meets once a month for fellowship, teaching, and a chance to connect in small-groups.

► This month we are excited to partner with Mooreland Heights Elementary School to provide 60 students with a special Christmas gift this Holiday season! Bring a \$30 or less gift to wrap while we also listen to our Mentor Moms share their years of wisdom and experience with us! For additional information about the Christmas gifts contact Chelcie.morrison@gmail.com

► Kick off the Christmas season with a **PEP Moms movie play date** on Friday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the Watershed.

You may find more details about upcoming events on the church website and our Facebook page. Please register online at cspc.net/studiesforwomen and look under Tuesdays. Contact co-Directors Abby at abbyfennell@me.com or (865)567-1186 and Erica at erica-moore@hotmail.com or (865)255-1100.

Flying Solo - Single Moms On Break until January 9

Study and support for Single Moms with children of all ages. We are studying Homebuilding 101 especially for Single Moms, from *The Unseen Companion*.

What kind of home do you want to build for yourself and your family? A home based on God's love, provision, and encouragement? Nursery available for Birth-Pre-K (register online at cspc.net/studiesforwomen and look under Wednesdays); classes available for school-age children. Contact Nikki Dickson at iluvmy6kids@hotmail.com or (865)719-5399.

Passing It Back

Monday, December 10

9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Watershed Room 123

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. A full schedule is available on the Women's Ministries Studies and Classes page at cspc.net. Please register online at cspc.net/studiesforwomen and look under Mondays. Contact Summers McMurray at summersmcmurray@cspc.net or (865)309-5738.

Middle School Moms

Monday, December 4

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Visitors Welcome Center

Mothers of middle school students are invited to join us on the second Monday of the month for our study of *Raising Teens in a Contrary Culture* by Mark Gregston. On fourth Mondays we will meet at area coffee shops for Coffee and Conversation. Contact Elizabeth Mardesen at emardesen@yahoo.com to register and order a book.

Homeschool Support Group 3rd or 4th Monday

The Cedar Springs Homeschool Support Group invites you to attend meetings on the third or fourth Monday of each month during the school year. In December, our group does not meet but gathers for a Christmas dinner at Mimi's Cafe in Turkey Creek. Contact Heather Fulghum at hjfulghum@gmail.com for more information.

CAYA Moms

3rd Wednesday

6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

CAYA Moms (Come As You Are) is for moms of elementary-age children, and we host speakers who discuss relevant topics for this age group. We invite all moms of elementary age children to come and enjoy the friendship, fellowship, and support of other moms in the same season of life.

Visit the CAYA Moms Facebook page to connect with relevant posts and gathering information. Please register online at cspc.net/studiesforwomen, and look under Wednesdays. The link includes nursery registration for your child (birth-PreK), if needed. Contact Karen Coppock at klcoppock@hotmail.com, (865)254-8520, or via the CAYA Facebook page for more information.

CONNECTION *≡ and ≡* ENCOURAGEMENT

SideBySide Knoxville Mondays, Sept. - May 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Fireside Room

SideBySide is an outreach ministry for medical and dental wives, including wives of students, residents, fellows, attending and practicing physicians and dentists. We meet the 2nd, 4th, and 5th (when applicable) Mondays of the month. Childcare is available with a reservation for children birth to pre-K. Please register online at cspc.net/studiesforwomen and look under Mondays. This semester we will be studying *What Women Fear: Walking in Faith that Transforms*, by Angie Smith. You can find more information online at sidebysideknoxville.blogspot.com or by contacting Lili Vincent at mrsililivincen@yahoo.com.

Just Moved Mondays, December 3, 10, 17 9:30 a.m. The Parlor (B211)

Just Moved is a Christ-centered study offered to those new to Knoxville. The class meets on Mondays during the school year for study, fellowship, encouragement and friendship. Please register online at cspc.net/studiesforwomen and look under Mondays. Contact Debbie Knapp at debkmom@aol.com or (865)679-7931.

Moving On Mondays, December 3, 10, 17 9:30 a.m. Second Floor Welcome Hall

Moving On is a class offered to women who have completed at least one semester of Just Moved. It is designed to help participants grow closer to the Lord, develop closer relationships with each other, and further their connections in Knoxville. Please register online at cspc.net/studiesforwomen and look under Mondays. Contact Bev Faught at bevfaught@tds.net or (865)332-8264.

CARESS Ministry Fridays 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Reception Hall

CARESS (Christ Accepts Restores Encourages Strengthens Sustains) is designed to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of any woman who has been, or is currently in a domestic abuse relationship. If you are that woman, please reach out for help. **Statistics show that in the Christian community, 1 in 4 women experiences family violence.** CARESS is always open to new participants. Private support is also available. Please make a confidential phone call to Barbara Nichols at (865)659-0756 to reserve a place in the group and obtain more information.



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

 FACEBOOK PAGE
www.facebook.com/cspcwm

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



Made with the Love of Jesus

Ladies with a mission heart for children and the ability to sew are invited to join this ministry to create stuffed animals for local and international charities to give children in need at hospitals, shelters, and homes. Each animal is sewn with a Heart for Jesus and prayers that the child will come to know the love of Jesus. You work at home at your own pace with donated fabric and patterns. Working sewing machines can be donated and are needed. Contact Angela Godel at (865)748-9022 to find out more.

Quilting

Tuesday, December 4

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Conference Room W124

(next to prayer center)

Quilting Ministry is offered to create a remembrance for someone who has lost a loved one. Special quilted items (lap quilt, pillow, placemats or wall hangings) can be created using the loved ones 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. A variety of skills are needed—sewing, cutting and ironing. **Future Date: Tuesday,**

January 15. To have 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.

Beginning Knitting Classes

**Next class to begins
the week of January 7
Watershed Room 109**

Ladies are invited to come and learn how to make simple hats to donate for children undergoing chemotherapy at Children's Hospital. There is a \$25.00 charge for supplies. To register contact Mary Carson carson-mary@att.net, (865)805-7510.

Women on Mission

**Tuesday, December 10
9:30 a.m. in the Chapel**

WOM is open to all CSPC women and their guests. During the year we meet monthly for Bible study, fellowship and service. You may choose to be a part of a Bible study, a reading, or a service circle. You do not have to be a member of CSPC to join, so please come and invite interested friends to be a part of our mission. Our next meeting will be a general meeting for all circles followed by a special program entitled *Women of Christmas*. Circles will meet in their assigned rooms following the general

meeting. Lunch will be served in the gym at noon. Make your reservation with your circle leader. The cost is \$10.00. For more information about morning groups, contact Mary Ellen Tarrants at (865)776-2716 or maryellen44@tds.net. For more information about the evening group, contact Eliza Jones umikoomi@gmail.com.

WOW MEETING LOCATIONS

Circle 1 Fireside Room

Circle 2 B223

Circle 3 B200

Circle 4 Watershed

Circle 5 Watershed room 120

Circle 6 B203

Circle 7 Church Parlor

Circle 8 B224

Circle 9 B201

Circle 10 Meeting place TBA. 6:15 p.m.

Contact Eliza Jones, (865)437-7777

WOM Outreach Days

All women are invited. Contact Dana O'Kelley (865)805-4380 or Debbie Henn (865)560-6228 for details. Volunteers are needed for:

Mobile Meals: December 18,
10:00 to 12:00*

Ronald McDonald House: December 18,
10:00 to 12:00

KARM Lunches: December 28,
11:00 to 1:00*

Serenity Shelter: December 3,
3:30 to 5:30. Cook and serve dinner for Serenity House ladies.*

**KARM Prayer Ministry, Women's
Dorm:** Dec. 17, 10:00 to 11:30*

*carpooling available

BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN

Women's Sunday Study

Sunday Mornings

9:45 a.m.

B212

In December, we will be studying biblical themes related to our Genesis study and tying these themes into the Christmas story. On December 16, we will have a Christmas brunch. Come join us for food and fellowship! The study leaders include Robin Carroll, Robin Stooksbury, and Christy McElroy (christymcelroy@rocketmail.com).

Precept

No classes in December

Next class is January 9

We will be studying *Jesus: Listening For His Voice*, a study of Mark 7-13. This 6-week inductive study requires no homework. This is a focused, self-contained study to guide you into God's Word one topic at a time—6 weeks at a time—with no homework. Text is observed and discussed together in small groups. You can order the book from precept.org or other online sources for \$7.99. Register online. Contact study facilitator Karen Kennamer at (865)679-8340 or kbkennam@bellsouth.net.

Wednesday Fellowship

No classes in December

Next class is January 9

Wednesday Fellowship is a Bible study with a long history at Cedar Springs. We desire to encourage women to draw near to God, understand His redemptive plan through the study of Scripture and fall more in love with Jesus. Members are invited to bring their friends and neighbors to study and discuss God's word together in the context of both lecture time and small groups. This year we will be studying The Gospel According to Luke and class begins this month. Class materials cost \$10. Our teaching team includes Stephanie Edick, Paula Slack, Julia Christenson and Penny Cole. Nursery and a teaching time with Dana O'Kelley and Lucy Van Cleve is provided for our little ones. Please register online at cspc.net/studiesforwomen and look under Wednesdays. Contact Lynn at lynn@lynnlambertconsulting.com.

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study

No classes in December

Next class is January 9

No book is needed; just bring your Bible. Each week's lesson is a stand-alone lecture, so you can join us anytime! Our study is taught by a team of leaders and is in a lecture and small group discussion format. If you need nursery, please register online at cspc.net/studiesforwomen and look under Wednesdays. Contact Heidi at weimer5155@comcast.net.

Friday Morning Study

Fridays

9:30 a.m.

Parlor

See God's blueprint for the Gospel unfold as we study the book of Isaiah. Called "the evangelical prophet" because of his numerous predictions of the coming Messiah and the salvation He would accomplish, Isaiah faithfully brought God's message to a people who resisted it for more than sixty years. Although Isaiah prophesied in the decades surrounding 700 BC, the warnings and promises he issued have direct application to our lives today. For more information, contact Laura Ivey by phone at (865)684-8016 or lauraivey@live.com.

Home Mission Holiday Outreach

Hope Center's Hope for the Holidays Celebration

On Thursday, **December 6**, Cedar Springs will be hosting a party for The Hope Center's patients and their families. It will be a sweet time for them to enjoy a hot meal, Christmas carols, and share laughter and memories. Volunteers are needed to provide music, help decorate, and serve the luncheon. Sign up to volunteer online at cspc.net/holiday-outreach-2018 or by calling Karen Vogel at (865)291-5227.

Angel Tree

Join us as we collect Angel Tree gifts for children in the Lonsdale neighborhood. Pick up an "angel" in the Reception Hall on Sunday mornings. Gifts will need to be returned by Sunday, **December 9**.

FOCUS Ministries Angel Tree Party

On **December 15** from 10:00 a.m.-noon we will be joining Central Baptist Bearden as they provide a fun family atmosphere, Christmas activities, delicious baked treats, and Angel Tree gifts, all as a way to minister to children of incarcerated parents. Most importantly, we'll be sharing the love of Jesus in a tangible way to children who need the reminder that God is their Heavenly Father and they are not forgotten. Families with young children are welcome! Sign up to volunteer online at cspc.net/holiday-outreach-2018 or by calling Karen Vogel at (865)291-5227.

Angel Tree Distribution at Lonsdale

Volunteers are needed on Monday, **December 17** from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and/or 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at Lonsdale Elementary to help distribute gifts, shoes, books, and clothing to the families in need of holiday assistance. We also need help manning the craft table where

children will play while the adults shop. Sign up to volunteer online at cspc.net/holiday-outreach-2018 or by calling Karen Vogel at (865)291-5227.

Knoxville Inner City Kids Outreach

The Cedar Springs Children's ministry is hosting a Christmas toy drive. Purchase a gift worth approximately \$10, then drop the unwrapped gift off at one of the barrels located in the Children's ministry area by December 9th. Suggested items include: basketball, football, nerf gun, lego set, barbie or similar doll, board game/family game, small girl character toys like shopkins or lol dolls. Search for their KICKO Christmas List online at Amazon.com.

Monthly Financial Report - October 2018

	Month	Year to Date
General Giving, Fees, Other Income	\$711,261	\$7,567,937
Missions Giving	\$130,501	\$1,580,333
Total Income	\$841,762	\$9,148,270
Designated Spending from 2017 Collections	\$0	\$0
Spending	\$962,314	\$9,732,663
Total Spending	\$962,314	\$9,732,663
Net Cash Flow	-\$120,552	-\$584,393

For a complete financial report, visit www.cspc.net/stewardship-updates or you can contact Torrey McMurray at torreymcmurray@cspc.net

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BALANCE: \$123,616
If you would like to contribute to paying off this remaining balance, please contact April Scheevel at (865) 291-5245

Global Mission Conference

Feb. 28 - Mar. 3, 2019

Our 2019 Conference will have a **new format and run Thursday through Sunday**. Mark your calendars — you won't want to miss it!



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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.