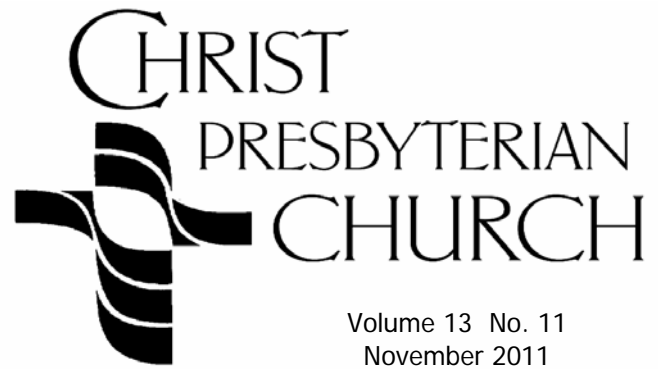


# The Courier



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## *Pastoral Ponderings.....*

I saw this clever saying on a bumper sticker the other day: "Atheism is a non-prophet organization". The theologian, G.K. Chesterton, had a different definition. He once described atheists as those who seek valiantly to "prove to the Lord God that he doesn't exist." I enjoy discussion with those who think we are all just an off switch away from oblivion. "A Creator God? Who listens to prayers? Couldn't possibly be." I respect their discomfort. I admire their intellectual tenacity and honesty. But I don't try to prove God to them. To me, it would be like debating the existence of my grandmother. Except for family and maybe a handful of friends, nobody else alive today ever met or remembers my grandmother, who died in 1969. The atheist argument might assert that I'm engaging in wishful thinking and that she was no more than "a comfortable illusion". But I know my grandmother existed because I remember her. I met her and I know how she influenced my life and the lives of others in my family. Likewise, I have met God throughout my life and know how God has made a difference in the lives of so many others. But convincing someone of the validity of a personal experience is almost impossible. As John Wesley once said, "An ounce of experience is worth a pound of argument."

I have often found that the best response to those who profess atheism is to say, "Okay, now what?" Having taken a stance against the existence of God, atheists sometimes think their job is done. But I say, "No, your job isn't done. Now you need to think about what human power alone is strong enough to motivate the world toward justice, peace and beauty.

Belief in God, gratitude to God, a vision of God's world have been powerful motivators for the most assertive social reformers in history. The vast majority of social reformers and moral prophets believed that God called them to improve the world. Their passion was born of faith. Intending no disrespect, I wonder if it is more difficult for the atheist to tap the same passion for betterment. I think it might be hard to find an atheist prophet. So maybe it is true, "Atheism is a non-prophet organization." Just saying....

*Nancy*



Invite a Neighbor to Church

**Christ Presbyterian Church**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship Services**

7879 N. 700 W.  
McCordsville, Indiana 46055  
Telephone: 335-7600  
[www.christpresby.org](http://www.christpresby.org)

Pastor: Rev. Nancy Howard  
Christian Education Director:  
Mistie Timmons

Nursery Coordinator: Karmen Krueger  
Asst. Nursery Coord.: Daniel Krueger  
Music Director: Grace Long  
Administrative Assistant: Kristen Byers  
Business Manager: Bill Schofield



The first Sunday of every month is  
**FOOD COLLECTION DAY** for

**Westminster  
Neighborhood  
Ministries**



Donations of non-perishable items may be dropped off here at CPC throughout the month for Westminster Neighborhood Ministries.



***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH***  
***FOR:***

Prayers for continued healing for Candy Kallansa, as she recovers from a fractured knee.

Prayers for strength and patience for Margie Gilliland and Clint Venable as they continue to recover from surgeries.

Prayers of joy for the King families on the birth of Justin Gregory King. His parents are Greg & Marissa King. Grandparents are Ross & Beth King and Great Grandmother is Martha King.

# Prime Timers

Henry Ford, Mahatma Ghandi,  
Howard Hughes, Mussolini, Fatty  
Arbuckle, Spencer Tracey, Don  
Durrett...

What do these people have in  
common???

Come to Prime Timers Tuesday,  
November 15th @ CPC.

Don & Nancy Durett will share part  
of their large collection of walking  
sticks, canes, and staffs, as well as  
stories surrounding the collection.



- Tue. 11/1 10:30AM Book Study
- 11/1 1:00PM Needlecrafters
- Thu. 11/3 10:00AM Co-Team Mtg.
- Tue. 11/8 10:00AM Hope Circle Mtg.
- Thu. 11/10 7:30PM Sarah Circle Mtg.
- Tue. 11/15 11:30AM Prime Timers
- Sat. 11/19 8A-12N Raingutter  
Regatta
- Sun. 11/20 11:00AM Hanging of the  
Greens

## Weekly Events

- Mon. Boy Scouts 7 pm
- Tues. Cub Scouts 7 pm
- Wed. Logos 6 pm (thru 11/16)
- Wed. Chime Choir 7 pm
- Chancel Choir 7:30pm



## Financial Summary of Operating Income and Expenses

For September 2011

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Act</u>	<u>YTD Bud</u>
INCOME	\$10,052.02	\$13,067.28	\$114,614.24	\$127,955.52
EXPENSE	\$17,015.97	\$20,055.50	\$182,769.96	\$184,884.05
	-\$ 6,963.95	-\$ 6,988.22	-\$ 68,155.72	-\$ 56,928.53

Regular contributors who prefer the convenience of  
offering envelopes may contact  
BETH KING, Financial Secretary.

THIS MONTH'S  
birthdays

**November**

Suzanne Wasitis	11/2
Brian King	11/3
Greg Allen	11/4
Dodie Urias	11/6
Carolyn Kallansa	11/16
Maxine Mundell	11/17
Gabrielle Grelle	11/20
Roy Levin	11/22
Don Beaver	11/23
Kathy Perez	11/25
Roger Howard	11/28
Lucy Rollings	11/30

**December**

Mike Schofield	12/2
Carol Fleshood	12/5
Jeanette Abramo	12/6
Rebecca Floetker	12/7
Vincent Grelle	12/7
Victor Grelle	12/7
Cynthia Baker	12/8
Aryauna Edwards	12/10
Anthony DeSimone	12/15
Andrea Baker	12/16
Sara Fleshood	12/18
Contessa Bilyou	12/18
Kent Farr	12/23
Michael Gill	12/23
JoEllen King	12/23
Christie Waggoner	12/23
John Burney	12/24
John Long	12/27
Megan Romero	12/28

Library  
Corner



After working for several weeks with the books in the CPC Library, I have a few thoughts I would like to share with the Congregation.

The backbone of our library is the collection of books from the Prentice P.C. library. This includes some of the finest Christian reference materials and a large number of basic Biblical study books, books about Christian Living and much more. This all makes a first class reference section.

Also in the Prentice Library are several works of fiction.

The remainder of the existing collection are children's books and books helpful to Sunday School Teachers.

Working with books added since Prentice Library, it is obvious that there is a great deal of diversity! It is an enticing group of titles that you will enjoy looking through. They range from books about the revolutionary war, the famous horse, Dan Patch and many more non-fiction topics. Included are several contemporary fiction authors.

In the future, I will enjoy writing "Library Corner" articles that introduce you to some of these titles.

*Eleanor Moore*



**At Home:**

Clint Venable

**In Hospital, Nursing Home & Assisted Living Centers:**

Betty Thompson

@ Golden Living Retirement Center

Imogene TeVault

@ Pleasant View Lodge

Myrtle Fields

@ Clearwater Commons

Ray Huffman

@ American Village

Clara Nicholson

@ Mill Run Assisted Living, Columbus, OH



**LOGOS: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

**THROUGH NOVEMBER 16TH**

**6—8PM: Dinner Provided**

**November Themes:**

**November 2: Harry Potter/Moses**

**November 9: Spiderman/David**

**November 16: Create Your Own**

**Hero**

**Don't miss the fun, food and  
fellowship!**



**Let the Children Come!**

**Nursery**  
**Lambs & Fish**

- Nov. 6 Jesus Loves Me
- Nov. 13 God's Love
- Nov. 20 We are Thankful
- Nov. 27 Advent Candles #1

**Doves**  
**Preschool K—2**

- Nov. 6 Ready to Shine
- Nov. 13 Abundant Possibilities
- Nov. 20 Reign of Christ
- Nov. 27 Longing

**Lions**  
**Grades 3—6**

- Nov. 6 Shadrach, Meshach, and  
Abednego
- Nov. 13 Jonah & God
- Nov. 20 Esther & Mordecai
- Nov. 27 A Place for All God's  
People

CPC Celebrated the Installation of Pastor  
Nancy Howard as our Called Pastor/Teaching  
Elder on October 2nd!



# A Christmas Concert of Sacred & Seasonal Music

6:00 p.m., Sunday, Dec 4

Christ Presbyterian Church  
Sanctuary

Featuring  
Eastern Hancock  
Royal Singers  
directed by CPC's  
Shawn Gilliland



Bring a Dessert to Share  
- Transportation Provided -  
Free-Will Offering for Choir

Call Elainea 357-9668 or  
Roger 594-9355  
for more information.

## Hanging of the Greens!

The time has come to plan for holiday decorating! Please stay after church on Sunday, November 20th to deck the halls. We will have a light lunch, then get to work. If you are willing to be a team leader, see Jamie Strebing or email at [mjstrebing@att.net](mailto:mjstrebing@att.net). We have jobs for the young and not-so-young and many hands will make lights work!



## CPC POINSETTIA ORDERS

Poinsettias are available for you to order, to help decorate the CPC



Sanctuary and to honor loved ones. You may choose white, red, or variegated flowers in foil wrapped pots. The cost is \$9.00 each. The deadline for poinsettia orders is Sunday, November 20th.

**DATED MATERIAL**

**CURRENT RESIDENT or**

**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

If you would like to help decorate our Sanctuary with the spirit of the holidays or offer a special tribute to a loved one, you are welcome to purchase a plant by filling out this form; attach payment and place in the Poinsettia box in the Narthex. You may also mail it or drop by the church office during regular hours.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants ordered: RED \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_\_\_ VARIEGATED \_\_\_\_\_

In Appreciation of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE: I will pick up after Christmas services \_\_\_\_\_ Please deliver to sick and shut-in \_\_\_\_\_

**6 1/2-inch foiled pots - \$9.00 Each**

**Place Order Forms with Payment attached in Box in Narthex.**

**ORDER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**