

Welcome to Cottage Grove Church and to our worship services. If you are visiting, please sign a guest book at the back of the sanctuary or near one of the entrances and join us for coffee after the morning service so that we can get better acquainted. Recordings of our services are available on our website or on compact disk by calling the church office or using the order form located next to the guest book in the narthex. May the Lord bless you richly as you hear His word and join in worship.

**The Lord's Day • October 18, 2015**  
**Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer Psalm 50:1-6  
 \*God's Greeting  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 28: 1, 3, 5 *The Spacious Heavens Declare*

God's Holy Law Exodus 20: 1 – 17 (pew Bible, p. 118)  
 Congregation Sings **Let It Be Said of Us**  
 Mission Moment Miracles in Crimea  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Offering Evangelical Child and Family Agency  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 390 *Eternal Spirit, God of Truth*

Old Testament Lesson Job 1: 6 – 8 (pew Bible, p. 788)  
 New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 12: 1 – 10 (pew Bible, p. 1806)  
 Text 2 Corinthians 12: 7 – 10  
 Message GRACE AND PAIN  
 Prayer  
 Preparation for Holy Communion

\*Celebration Hymnal 527: 1, 2, 3 *I Know Whom I Have Believed*  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 527:4 *"I know not when..."*  
 \*Postlude

\*Please stand if able. **Bold** denotes projected items  
**Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.**

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship Matthew 6: 19 – 21  
 \*Prayer  
 \*God's Greeting Revelation 1: 1 – 6  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 441: 1, 2, 5 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*  
 \*Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed (Psalter, p. 3)  
 Psalter Hymnal 228:1, 7, 10 *I Love the Lord, the Fount of Life*  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Offering Cottage Grove General Fund  
 Old Testament Lesson Psalm 39: 4 – 6 (pew Bible, p. 878)  
 New Testament Lesson Matthew 5: 1 – 12 (pew Bible, p. 1501)  
 Text Matthew 5: 11 – 12  
 Message INVEST WISELY  
 Prayer  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 597: 1,2,3,4  
**Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated**

\*Benediction  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 597: 5, 6 **"Take my love my Lord..."**  
 \*Postlude

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Dr. Joel N, preaching. Offering: Evangelical Child and Family Agency.
- 11:00 a.m. **Sunday School** for 4 year olds – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Lesson 5. Homework due: lesson 4.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Joel N, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

**Monday, October 19**  
 ▪ 6:45 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** meets. Invite a neighbor or friend and join us to study The Gospel of *John*. Lesson: John 4:1-42.

**Tuesday, October 20**  
 ▪ 9:45 a.m. **Women's Coffee Break, Story Hour and Nursery** meet. Lesson 5: Romans 4:13-5:11. Invite a neighbor or friend to join us for Bible Study. Nursery: Bonnie B, Joan F.  
 ▪ 9:45 a.m. **Men's Coffee Break** meets. Lesson: John 4:43-5:47. Invite a neighbor or friend and join us for Bible Study.

**Wednesday, October 21**  
 ▪ 6:30 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).  
 ▪ 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Fellowship Dinner**. Sign up on the library bulletin board today if you plan to join us for this dinner.  
 ▪ 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Godly Women Class** meets in the Fellowship House. All women are welcome to join us as we study right attitudes, behavior, actions, and reactions as Godly wives. Invite your friends to come with you. We hope to see you there!

**Thursday, October 22**

▪ 12:00 Noon. **Bulletin** deadline.  
**Next Week at Cottage Grove**

**Sunday, October 25**  
 ▪ 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Joseph B, preaching. Rev. B is a Christian Reformed Church pastor who served five congregations over a forty year ministry from 1975-2015, Pastor and Linda B recently retired to our area. They located here to be centered among their children. The B's are parents to five children and twelve grandchildren. Sermon: WHAT IS MANKIND? Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund. Lord's Supper.  
 ▪ 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Joseph B, preaching. Sermon: HIS WORKMANSHIP – TO DO GOOD WORKS. Offering: Back to God Ministries International.

**Wednesday, October 28.** 4:45 – 7:30 p.m. **Calvinette Gems Spaghetti Dinner** Fundraiser. Everyone is welcome. Back by popular demand – All you can eat homemade spaghetti with choice of meat or meatless sauce, bread, salad, dessert & beverage. Donations at the door to support the Calvinette Gems. Carryouts available. See you there!

**Saturday, October 31,** 4 – 7 p.m. Cottage Grove's **All-Church Reformation Party** is coming up quickly! It will be held in our Fellowship Hall. Please sign up today to join us, as we celebrate the blessed event that led our ancestors from the tyranny of indulgences and penances into the peace and joy in trusting Jesus alone to save us from our sins. There will be taffy apple making, pizza, singing, games, contests, and reflection on what God has done for us. The Bake-Off contest theme is 'Pumpkin', so polish up your best recipe and enter for a prize! Invite your grandchildren and all others to this costume-free party! It's a warm, dry, safe alternative to Trick or Treating, and all children still go home with a goody bag of treats! Hope to see you all there!

**Coming Events**

**Saturday, December 12,** 1 - 7 p.m. **Journey of Joy.** Be sure to sign up today to ensure your participation. A script is posted by the signup sheets for you to look at if you are thinking about a part in the cast. Questions – see Gail V K, Bonnie B, or Ria B.

**Prayer Requests**

- Phil C who is in Hines Hospital after he suffered 2 small strokes. Pray that he will not have more strokes and that his speech will continue to improve.
- Kelsey E in her continuing health struggles.
- Myrtis H in her continuing health struggles.
- Joanne H in her battle with cancer.
- James K who is at His Mansion Ministry.
- Dick S who underwent surgery on Thursday. Praise God for His grace and mercy.
- John V K recovering at home following hip surgery.

## Our Church Family

- Congratulations to Will B who celebrates his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday today and to Will V M who will celebrate his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on October 20.

## From Your Mission Advocate

**Neighbor Love Idea:** Invite a work associate or neighbor to church **Food Drive for Chicagoland Prison Outreach “Angels of Hope”** October 25-November 15. CPO volunteers distribute hampers of food to needy families of prisoners and have a Bible study with them. Look for food sales early in the month to prepare your best gift. Please purchase only those items that are listed on the flyer in your mailboxes as these will be included in the food hampers. Thank you for your participation and prayers for this outreach ministry of love!

## Announcements

**Committees** are being formed. Signup sheets are on the library bulletin board. Please sign up under the committee you would like to serve on.

We are looking for trainees to run the **sound system and video system** for worship services. Dependable men or women volunteers welcome. Please contact Marv S or Carl E.

We also need **ushers and parking lot attendants**. If you are willing to help in one of these areas please contact the church office

## Requested Announcements

**IT'S SHOWTIME! Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m. Harvest Thrift Center**, 245 Gold Coast Lane, Calumet City, will begin the process of moving to the new Lansing location. Any and all help is coveted - whether it is for one hour or three hours! **On Tuesday, October 27**, we will be moving in the evening from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Trucks, vans, and trailers would be most helpful at this time! We are also open all week Tuesday, Oct. 27 - Friday, Oct. 31 for packing - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Thank you for your consideration in this matter of Christian education!

**Tuesday evenings October 20, 27 and November 3.** Join Dr. Alan Strange, Mid-America Reformed Seminary Professor of Church History, for an evening class based on the book *“Gamechangers: Key Figures of the Christian Church.”* The class will meet at 7:30 p.m. Acquaint yourself with key church leaders who have shaped the Christian church. Register at [www.midamerica.edu](http://www.midamerica.edu) or call Mid-America Reformed Seminary.

**Mondays beginning October 19**, 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. Illiana Oratorio Society **rehearsals for Handel's Messiah**. Rehearsals will be held at First Chr. Ref. Church (16248 South Park Ave, South Holland). There will be seven rehearsals and the concert will be presented on Sunday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join!

**Monday, November 2**, 9:00-11:30 a.m. **Calvin Christian School** in South Holland, IL is hosting their **Fall Open House** for interested PK-7th grade families. Please RSVP to Tanya Harper, Director of Enrollment, by Wednesday, October 28th @ 708.331.5027.

**Friday, November 6**, Providence Life Services 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Ministry, the **Torchlight Dinner**, will be held at the Union League Club of Chicago. Our theme this year is “Reflections of Grace”. Come; join us in celebrating God’s faithfulness to this ministry and our residents. Reservations can be made by calling Joan at 708-342-8108, or via our website at: <https://secure.providencelifeservices.com/donate/torchlight/>

**November 10-11.** You are invited to the 2015 Fall Lecture Series at Mid-America Reformed Seminary featuring Dr. Chad van Dixhoorn, speaking on *The Westminster Assembly and a Reformed Ministry*. For more information or to register go to [www.midamerica.edu](http://www.midamerica.edu) or call Mid-America Reformed Seminary.

**Thursday, November 12, Mid-America Reformed Seminary** is hosting a promotional dinner at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, in Munster, IN. Rev. Jeff De Boer, Mid-America alumnus and Director of Enrollment Management, will be the keynote speaker. Reservations are required and can be made online at [www.midamerica.edu/indinner](http://www.midamerica.edu/indinner), by emailing [info@midamerica.edu](mailto:info@midamerica.edu) or by calling Mid-America at 888-440-6277. The reservation deadline is November 6. Early reservations are appreciated. Seating is limited. Punch will be served at 6:30 and the dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m.

## In Service

	October 18	October 25
Organist AM		
Pianist AM	Barb U	Joan F
Organist PM		Joanne H
Pianist PM	Joan F	
Greeters AM	Terry & Beth H	Jodie K
Greeter-South AM	Rich K	Doug B
Greeters PM	Gene & Joan F	Joel & Mary Lou N
Nursery AM	Candy D Y Dillon H	Gail W Hannah W
Parking Lot AM		Doug B
Parking Lot PM	Dick S	Phil C
Sound	Marv S	Jon K
Ushers	Thomas V K	
Video AM/PM	Rich K	Doug B
AM Cookies	Gail V K	Arlene L Joan F
Holland Home Driver	Dick S	Dave V K

## Elder Districts

A – C      Frank V  
 D - G      Rick U  
 H – K      Luke S  
 L – R      Gene F  
 S – U      Rich K  
 V – Z      Dick S