

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 • September 4, 2016
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Opening Hymn **With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim**
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Psalter Hymnal 303: 1, 2, 4, 6 *O Sing Ye Hallelujah*

The Law of God
 Psalter Hymnal 290: all *O Lord, My Inmost Heart and Thought*
 Assurance of Pardon
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering *Cottage Grove General Fund*
 *Hymn **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

Scripture *Ephesians 5: 1 – 21 (pew Bible, p. 1822)*
 Text *Ephesians 5: 1 – 6*
 Sermon *IMITATE THE TRUE SACRIFICE*
 Prayer of Application

*Hymn **Let It be Said of Us**
 *Benediction
 *Closing Song **God, the Father of Your People**
 *Postlude

*Please stand if able. **Bold** denotes projected items.

Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Opening Hymn **How Lovely Is Your Dwelling**
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Celebration Hymnal 581: 1, 2, 4 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*
 *Confession of Faith **The Apostles' Creed**

Song of Praise **I Know that My Redeemer Lives**
 The Prayers of God's People
 Offering *Christ Cares*
 *Psalter Hymnal 177: 1 – 4 *The Man Who Once Has Found Abode*

Scripture *Ruth 3: 1 – 18 (pew Bible, p. 414)*
 Sermon **TRUSTING THE REDEEMER**
 Prayer of Application

*Celebration Hymnal 308 **There is a Redeemer**
 *Benediction
 *Closing Song **Thank You, Lord**
 *Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Seminarian Joshua Dykstra, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Seminarian Joshua Dykstra, preaching. Offering: Christ Cares, whose mission is to proclaim the gospel and to demonstrate the love of God in practical ways in urban Chicagoland.
- Deadline for the **September/October Profile**. Please e-mail the church office or place items in the mailbox by the church office. Your contributions of articles, news items and pictures will be most welcome. Articles received after the deadline will be published in the next issue. See Dave or Gail V K with questions.

This Week at Cottage Grove

- Tuesday, September 6**
- 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Women's Coffee Break Bible Study** begins. We will study Isaiah 1 – 12. Opening day will feature Rev. Mark Vander Hart, Old Testament professor at Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer, IN, who will present an introduction to Isaiah. Nursery provided for infant – 3 year olds, Story Hour for 3 – 5 year olds. We would love to have you join us!
 - 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Men's Coffee Break Bible Study** begins. We will study The Epistle of Paul to the Romans. We would love to have you join us!

Wednesday, September 7

- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave.) in Dyer. It's a great and enriching way to start the day and develop rich relationships with the guys. We'd love to meet up with you there!
- 6:30 p.m. **Gems** Kick off meeting with dad.
- 7:00 p.m. **Cadets** Kick off meeting.
- 7:00 p.m. **Executive Committee** of Council meets.

Thursday, September 8

- 12:00 Noon. **Bulletin** deadline.

Next Week at Cottage Grove

Sunday, September 11

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: REJOICE IN THE LORD. Offering: Calvinist Cadet Corps.
- **Sunday School** for 4 year olds – 6th grade **begins**.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: GOD BEGINS AND ENDS HIS GOOD WORK IN US. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- Join us for a **Bonfire Night** immediately following the evening worship service to celebrate Cottage Grove's 60th Anniversary! We will be recognizing 50+ year members of the church, singing several congregational songs, and the men's quartet will be singing several songs as well! Please bring one of the following to share: hot dogs/buns, ingredients for s'mores, pudgy pies, chips and dip, or dessert. If you have hot dog forks and/or pudgy pie makers, please bring those too! Feel free to dress casual for the worship service, and make sure to bring a lawn chair! If you have questions, contact Mark U at (708) 955-5221.

Monday, September 12

- 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** begins. We will study the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Coming Events

Wednesday, September 21

- 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.

Friday, September 23

- 6 – 9 p.m. **Cry Out!** Free simulcast – a nationwide prayer event for women. Join with women from our community and across the U.S. to beseech God to do in us and in our nation what no man-made effort can accomplish. For more information go to CRYOUT16.com or call 708-331-0391.

Prayer Requests

- Betty C who is at Manor Care for rehab following a fall.
- Myrtis H is at Manor Care in Homewood for rehabilitation therapy.
- Dick S as he continues his treatment for cancer.
- Faith Szweka who is at Glenshire Nursing & Rehab Centre, 22660 S. Cicero Ave., Room 323, Richton Park, IL 60471.

- Give thanks that John V K is now off all antibiotics.

F r o m M i s s i o n C o m m i t t e e

Neighbor Love Idea: Invite a neighbor to a Bible study or Sunday School and church.

September is Baby Bottle Boomerang month for P.A.S.S. in South Holland. Please sign up today for a baby bottle and fill the bottles with your coins, dollars, or check. Bottles should be returned by Sunday, September 25. Your support for P.A.S.S. makes a difference for life! Thanks everyone!

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

GEMS is looking for a few ladies to join our counseling staff. If you can spare a few Wednesday nights each month to encourage girls in their walk with God, we'd love to have you join us! Contact Grace H (708.305.7365 or cottagetrovegems@yahoo.com) if interested.

R e q u e s t e d A n n o u n c e m e n t s

Saturday, September 10, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Lansing Christian School's Annual Steak Fry will be held in the gym. Join us for a delicious meal of steak, salad, potatoes, corn on the cob and dessert! Cost: freewill offering benefiting the General Fund. Questions? Please call school at 708-474-1700.

Thursday, September 22. Bible League Retreat for men and women at Cedar Lake Conference Grounds. Featured speaker is Adelle Dickie. Evening program by Captivating Keyboards. Offering for Bibles for Africa. See a brochure by the library bulletin board for more details.

Thursday, September 22, 6:30 p.m. Illiana Right to Life Banquet at Avalon Manor (3550 East US Highway 30, Merrillville). Keynote speaker is Angela Minor. She is the president and co-founder of Sisters for Life, a Christian organization that advocates for preborn babies, their mothers, and fathers who find themselves faced with a crisis or unplanned pregnancy. See the library bulletin board for more details. See Gail V K for tickets or call Don Dykstra at 219-924-8461. There is no charge for the tickets. An offering will be taken for the work of Illiana Right to Life.

Friday, September 23, Lansing Christian School's 46th Annual Fall Festival & Auction will be held at the school. Come for dinner at The Food Court which opens at 5:00 p.m. and stay for the Live Auction which begins at 6:00 p.m. Silent auction will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with the gift certificate auction from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Games for the children will begin at 6:00 p.m. Bring the entire family for a fun-filled evening. For more information, call the school office at 708-474-1700.

Saturday, October 1, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. A Conference on Restorative Justice at Trinity Christian College. See the poster on the library bulletin board or pick up a brochure for more details.

Friday, October 7. Calvin Christian School Auction. Doors open, dinner, and Silent Auction begin at 5:00 pm; live auction begins at 6:00 pm. There is something for everyone in the family.

Grand prize give-away: \$250 VISA gift card or \$500 tuition voucher. Hope to see you there! If you would like to donate any items please contact the school by Friday, September 9. Edible items can be turned in the day before or morning of the auction. Cash donations welcome anytime!

Thursday, October 13. PASS banquet "Through HIS Loving Eyes" at Odyssey Country Club. Speaker: Dr. George Scipione, Director of the Biblical Counseling Institute at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA.

Oct. 28 – Nov. 9, 2017. Dr. Cornel and Nancy Venema will be hosting a **13 day tour to Germany, France, and Switzerland** to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. See the Mid-America Reformed Seminary website (www.midamerica.edu) for more information.

Illiana Christian High School is accepting applications for a part-time custodian. Hours: Monday - Friday, 5:00 pm – 10:30 pm. Pick up an application in the school's office or download it from our website, www.illianachristian.org. Contact AJ Turkstra at 708-474-0515 ext. 15 or Duane Kamstra at 708-474-0515 ext. 47.

Bible League International is seeking candidates for: Major Donor and Foundations Writer and Partner Relations Associate. You may visit our careers page at <http://www.bibleleague.org/about-us/careers> for position summaries and to apply. If you have questions, please contact us at HR@bibleleague.org.

I n S e r v i c e

	September 4	September 11
Organist AM	Jan H	
Pianist AM		Beth H
Organist PM	Joanne H	
Pianist PM		Barb U
Greeters AM	Terry & Gail W	Mark & Ria B
Greeter-South AM	Ryan S	Luke S
Greeters PM	Evelyn Z Wayne Z	Hank & Adele B
Nursery AM	Beth B Doris B	Edie G Lois B
Ushers	Bob S Mark U Bob T	Ryan S Rich K Carl E
Video AM/PM	Ryan S	Luke S
AM Cookies	Candy D Y	Joan F
Holland Home Driver	Dick S	Dave V K
Sound Operator	Marv S	Bob T

E l d e r D i s t r i c t s D e a c o n D i s t r i c t s

A – C	Rick U	Tom V K
D - H	Luke S	Neil V
I – P	Gene F	Ryan S
R – T	Rich K	Ken B
U – Z	Dick S	Bob S