

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 • December 31, 2017
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 337 *Joy to the World*
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Psalter Hymnal 339 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

The Law of God
 Prayer of Confession
 Assurance of Pardon
 Psalter Hymnal 55 *How Blest Is He Whose Trespass*
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering *Cottage Grove Vacation Bible School*
 *Celebration Hymnal 90 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Scripture *Colossians 1: 9 – 14 (pew Bible, p. 1832)*
 Text *Colossians 1: 11*
 Sermon Title *THE JOY OF CHRIST*
 Prayer of Application

*Celebration Hymnal 747 *Sunshine in My Soul*
 *Benediction
 *Celebration Hymnal 231 *Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart*
 *Postlude

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

Evening Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Celebration Hymnal 748 *I Am His and He Is Mine*
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Celebration Hymnal 185 **Jesus Loves Me**
 *Confession of Faith **The Nicene Creed** (Psalter, p. 4)

Celebration Hymnal 196 *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*
 The Prayers of God's People
 Offering *Cottage Grove General Fund*
 *Celebration Hymnal 314 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Scripture *2 Corinthians 5: 11 – 15 (pew Bible, p. 1799)*
 Text *2 Corinthians 5: 14 – 15*

Sermon *THE LOVE OF CHRIST*
 Prayer of Application

*Celebration Hymnal 554 *Give Me Jesus*
 *Benediction
 *Celebration Hymnal 423 *The Bond of Love*
 *Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove Vacation Bible School.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

This Week at Cottage Grove

- Tuesday, January 2**
- 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us in **Prayer** for our Council.
 - 7:00 p.m. **Council** meets. A copy of the agenda is posted on the library bulletin board.
- Wednesday, January 3**
- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- Thursday, January 4**
- 12 noon. **Bulletin deadline.**

Next Week at Cottage Grove

- Sunday, January 7**
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: ENDURE, AND BE ENCOURAGED! Offering: Calvin Christian School.
 - 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. **Sunday School** for 4 year olds – 4th grade meets. Lesson 11. Homework due: Lesson 10.

- 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. **Catechism** for 5th & 6th grade meets. Lesson 11. No memory work due.
- 11:15 a.m. Please join us in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour after the morning worship service for an **Adult Education video series: Gravity and Gladness, The Pursuit of God in Corporate Worship. Session 1: Introduction to Gravity and Gladness.** Please note that you do not have to be present at all sessions to attend--join us whenever you can!
- 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: OUR ONLY COMFORT. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- Deadline for the **January/February 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. See Dave & Gail V K with questions.
- 7:30 p.m. Come end the Christmas Season and begin the New Year with song! The **Men of A-Chord** invite you to join them for **One Last Christmas Carol** at Cottage Grove Church. Come join the singing with many of your favorite carols and hymns and Dr. Joel Nederhood providing meditations. If you've never attended and wanted to, maybe this is the year to join the evening. A free-will offering will be taken.

Monday, January 8

- 6:45 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** resumes.

Tuesday, January 9

- 9:45 a.m. **Coffee Break** Bible Study for Men and Women resumes.
- 7:00 p.m. **Did you know** that Americans currently owe 1 TRILLION DOLLARS in credit card debt, while 64% of Americans cannot cover a \$1,000 emergency? We will host Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at Cottage Grove. The class is designed for adults, regardless of age and financial status. The class covers how to get out of debt, create a budget, make wise spending decisions, and save for the future, all from a God-centered perspective. The class cost is \$109 and includes Dave Ramsey's book "Complete Guide to Money", Dave's cash envelope system, and 1 year of EveryDollarPlus. Angela has several discounted memberships available for \$80 as well. Please contact Angela Uittenbogaard (708-240-1187) with any questions.

Coming Events

Friday, January 19

- 6 PM. Show off your culinary talents with STIR CRAZY NIGHT! Stir Crazy Night is a laid back team cooking competition, with room for cooks of all ability levels! We will use a pre-determined cultural theme (i.e. Italian). Please sign up on the bulletin board before January 14 so we can plan accordingly. Contact any member of the Fellowship Committee for additional details. Bon appetit!

Our Church Family

- Dorothy B has returned home for the hospital. Keep her and Will in your prayers through her various health struggles.
- Congratulations to Rich D who will celebrate his 86th birthday on January 1, and to John T who will celebrate his 86th birthday on January 3.
- A request has been made for a **Card Shower** for Linda S B, sister of Bob S. In October Linda had brain surgery and now is hospitalized with a tumor on her spine and infection. Her address is: 11413 – 105th Avenue SW F15, Lakewood, WA 98498, if you would like to send a card.

From Mission Committee

Neighbor Love Idea: After taking prayer requests from the neighbors, pray for a different neighbor each day of the week, throughout the year and let them know this.

Announcements

Our **Wifi** domain is CGC-Guest, and the password is Cottagegrovecr.

Budget envelopes for the coming year are available for all those who are over 18 years of age or who have made profession of faith. Please pick yours up from the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions or would like to request a set of budget envelopes, please contact Bob S.

At their request the membership of Tom and Shelly W and their baptized children Trevor, Travis, and Trent was dismissed to affiliate with First Church PCA, Lansing, IL

In Service

	December 31	January 7
Organist AM		Jan H
Pianist AM	Joan F	
Organist PM	Joanne H	Justin R
Pianist PM		
Greeters AM	Willard & Arlene V Z	Dave & Gail V K
Greeter-South AM	Rich K	Rick U
Greeters PM	Rich & Birdie V Z	Neil & Joanne V
Nursery AM	Gail W Hannah W	Bonnie B Bethany W
Ushers		Bob S Mark U Bob T
Video AM	Rich K	Rick U
Video PM	Neil V	Neil V
AM Cookies		Edie G
Holland Home Driver	Ria B	Rich K
Sound Operator		Marv S

	Elder Districts	Deacon Districts
A – G	Rick U	A – D Ryan S
H - S	Gene F	E – K Mark U
T – Z	Rich K	L – T Rich D
		U – Z Bob S

YEAR IN REVIEW • 2017

Marriages

Jonathan M and Yang F
Nicolas B and Hannah S

Deaths

Rose S
Shirley L
Betty S
Richard G. S
Paul P
Lois B
Walter L
Paul E



Empowered by
GOD'S SPIRIT,
we are called to

COMMUNICATE Christ in word and deed
CONNECT new and established believers in fellowship
COME together around God's word, His table, and in prayer
CULTIVATE disciples for His service.

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in South Holland
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GLORY OF GOD!

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