

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 • January 14, 2018**  
**Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 314: 1 – 3 **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**  
 \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 313: 1 – 4 *We Praise Thee, O God*

The Law of God  
 Psalter Hymnal 94: 1 – 4 **God, Be Merciful to Me**  
 Assurance of Pardon  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Offering *Cottage Grove General Fund*  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 426: 1 – 5 *Jesus, with Thy Church Abide*

Scripture *Romans 12: 1 – 8 (pew Bible, p. 1763)*  
 Text *Romans 12: 8*  
 Sermon **LET'S ALL USE OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS—LEADERSHIP TOO!**

Prayer of Application

\*Psalter Hymnal 467: 1 – 3 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 467: 4 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*  
 \*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

**Bold** denotes projected items.

**Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.**

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 204:1-3 **O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord**  
 \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 204:4-5 **O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord**  
 \*Confession of Faith **The Apostles' Creed** (Hymnal, p. 3)

Psalter Hymnal 217 *O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good*  
 The Prayers of God's People  
 Offering *Gideon's International*  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 98: 1 – 4 *Fools in Their Heart Have Said*

Scripture *Matthew 22: 34 – 40 (pew Bible, p. 1535)*  
 Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 2 *Psalter, p. 9*  
 Sermon **MISERY LOVES COMPANY**  
 Prayer of Application

\*Psalter Hymnal 239 *My Grieving Soul Revive, O Lord*  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 234: 7 – 8 *"O Lord, my God, I praise Thy Name..."*  
 \*Postlude

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Joseph Brinks, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. **Sunday School** for 4 year olds – 4<sup>th</sup> grade meets. Lesson 12. Homework due: Lesson 11.
- 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. **Catechism** for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade meets. Lesson 12. Memory work: lesson 11.
- 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 2.** 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. Offering: Gideon's International is a Christian business and professional men's association whose purpose is to extend the missionary outreach of the local church through personal witness and by placing and distributing God's Word.

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

**Monday, January 15**

- 6:45 p.m. **Men's Bible Study.** All men are welcome to join as we continue our study of Acts. Lesson 2: Acts 9:32-10:23.

**Tuesday, January 16**

- 9:45 – 11 a.m. All women are welcome to join us for **Women's Coffee Break Bible Study.** Lesson 11. Mark 14. **Nursery:** Bonnie B, Edie G.
- 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Men's Coffee Break Bible Study.** All men are welcome to join us as we study Acts. Lesson 2: Acts 9:32-10:23..
- 7:00 p.m. **Financial Peace University Class** meets. 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 and 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. Please contact Angela U (708-240-1187) with any questions.

- 7:00 p.m. **Education Committee** meets.

- 7:00 p.m. **Worship & Prayer Committee** meets.

**Wednesday, January 17**

- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- 7:00 p.m. **Gems Girl's Club** meets.
- 7:00 p.m. **Cadets Boy's Club** meets.

**Thursday, January 18**

- 12 noon. **Bulletin deadline.**
- 6:30 p.m. **Mission Committee** meets.

**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). Today is the last day to sign up on the library bulletin board. Contact any member of the Fellowship Committee for additional details. Bon appetit!

**Next Week at Cottage Grove**

**Sunday, January 21**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: LET'S PRIORITIZE OUR GIFTS OF MONEY TO OUR CHURCH! Offering: Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: ORIGINS. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

## Coming Events

**Wednesday, January 31. Midweek meal** and Vander Laan **video**.  
**Sunday, February 11**, approx. 7 PM. We will be holding a good old fashioned HYMNSING after the evening service. There will be a light meal immediately following the service, followed by the hymnsing. We will be taking requests for songs, so come with your favorites in mind! The Fellowship Committee will be providing sandwiches, and asks the congregation to bring a small side or dessert. Any questions, contact Mark U at [\(708\) 955-5221](tel:7089555221).

## Our Church Family

- Dorothy B is at home and having treatments regularly. Keep her and Will in your prayers through her various health struggles.
- Give thanks that Warren M has returned home and is doing much better. Pray for continued recovery.
- Congratulations to Myrtis H who will celebrate her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on January 18.
- The **Pastoral Care** Committee thanks everyone for their food donations for the Turner family and for now no more is needed.
- 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: 11412 – 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW F15, Lakewood, WA 98498, if you would like to send a card. (Note: this is an updated address.)

## From Mission Committee

**Neighbor Love Idea:** Visit a shut in with a magazine, a plate of cookies or a loaf of sweet bread..

## Announcements

**Fannie May Candy Bars** are coming at the end of January. If anyone desires a large quantity in general or of a specific kind please let Cheri S know as soon as possible

**2018 Budget envelopes** 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.

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

## Requested Announcements

**Monday, January 22**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Looking for a Christian preschool or kindergarten experience? Your child will blossom at Highland Christian School! We invite you to join us for our **PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE**. Through hands-on discovery, teacher led instruction and small group activities, your child will develop new skills, build positive

relationships and grow in character as they build their knowledge of God's world and His Word. Learn more about the curriculum, classroom practices, and learning communities at Highland Christian School (PreK-Gr8), 3040 Ridge Rd., Highland, IN. For more information, visit [www.highlandchristian.org](http://www.highlandchristian.org) or contact Jodi at [219-838-0356](tel:2198380356).

**Saturday, February 3**, 7:00-11:00 a.m. - Come out and enjoy a hot and delicious breakfast at Calvin Christian School's annual **Pancake and French Toast Breakfast**. Bring your friends and family to 528 E. 161st Place, South Holland, IL., for all you can eat pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, coffee and orange juice. Donations accepted at the door will support Calvin's sports teams.

**Saturday, February 17. Women's Retreat** at Community CRC in Roselawn. Our speaker is Robyn Dykstra. Tickets are \$35. You can find a registration form on the website [www.cccroselawn.com](http://www.cccroselawn.com). Let us add a little "sparkle" to your life as you enjoy a day of rest, worship, and spiritual renewal. See the flyer on the library bulletin board for more details.

## In Service

	January 14	January 21
Organist AM		
Pianist AM	Angela U	Beth H
Organist PM		Joanne H
Pianist PM	Barb U	
Oboe PM	Grace H	
Greeters AM	Frank & Chris V	Terry & Gail WaWlter
Greeter-South AM	Rich D	Gene F
Greeters PM	Tom & Cele B	Rich & Kathy D
Nursery AM	Beth H Dale H	Judith E Hannah W
Ushers	Ryan S Rich K Carl E	Terry W Rick U
Video AM	Rich D	Gene F
Video PM	Neil V	Neil V
AM Cookies	Evelyn Z	Cele B
Holland Home Driver	Arlene L	Judy S
Sound Operator	Bob T	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



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.

We are Proclaiming  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
 in South Holland  
 and Beyond for the  
**GLORY OF GOD!**

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