



# Capital District Church of Christ Announcements

**December 10, 2009**

**December 13**

**Contribution Goal: \$2,326**

**(We collected \$1,474 this past week on a goal of \$1,900.)**

**Contribution Goal Year-To-Date: \$93,100**

**Collected Year-To-Date: \$81,815**

**\*FYI-The differences btw the year-to-date figures and the monthly figures will vary. This is because the yearly amounts are cumulative.**

**Umtata Collection Year-To-Date: \$4,073**

**Special Contribution Year-To-Date: \$10,920 on a goal of \$28,000**

**Attendance: Pray, pray pray.**

## **Midweek Services**

Thursday, Dec 17, 2009  
**Family Group Midweek**

Thursday, Dec 24, 2009  
**No Midweek Service**

Thursday, Dec 31, 2009  
**No Midweek Service**

**Jan Midweeks**

*Proverbs 3:27-28—<sup>27</sup> Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. <sup>28</sup> Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow"— when you now have it with you.*

## **House Church and Javits Center Services December 13, 2009**

This upcoming Sunday we actually have two options for our worship service. If you are remaining in the Capital District area, we are having two house churches for the congregation. The Campus Ministry will be meeting at the Smith's and the other two family groups will be meeting at the Rogers. As always, house churches are really an excellent opportunity to accomplish the following: bring out friends and family members who perhaps shy away from "church services"; have a more intimate and interactive communion service; and, of course, have a great time of fellowship and eating together. More details will be forthcoming from the family group leaders. The other option for our Sunday worship is to head down to the Javits Center in New York City and have service with our brothers and sisters of the NYC Church of Christ. This service will afford us the opportunity to be encouraged, inspired, and catch a vision for how God will work in the future on behalf of the CDCC. Service begins at 11:00 am and ends at 1:00 pm so be sure to give yourselves a solid three hours for traveling. Remember, the Wine family is being sent off to lead the Syracuse Regional Church. To God be the glory!

## **Christmas Sunday Service December 20, 2009**

Our annual Christmas service is always special due to the fact that we get to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For disciples from around the world this has a very "special appeal" because we all know that in Luke 9 it not only tells us that we must deny ourselves, pick up our cross daily, and follow Jesus, but also tells us that we must die to ourselves and live for Him. Let's come together for this worship service with a great appreciation and submissiveness for Jesus. We have decided that we are going to scale down the children's performances for the service and, therefore, we will have our children sing a special Christmas song and the young teens will do a short skit. Let's all be sure to encourage the children very much whenever they are part of our Sunday services.

**NOTE: Christmas dinner and party will follow service.**

Please pray for Sabrina Taylor as she has lost her family cat.

Please pray for the men in our congregation to continually spread the good news of the gospel with great faith and zeal.

Pray for the women who are currently studying the Bible and for those who are close to baptism.

Pray for each member of the congregation as they try to be ambassadors of Christ during the Christmas season.

Pray that as the economy continues to apply much emotional, mental, physical, and financial stress on the members of our congregation that each member can actually grow in peace, security, and sacrifice.

Pray for the 20% goal that Scott shared with us during our Strategic Vision Planning Session. Our hope is to see a 20% growth in attendance, contribution, baptisms, and church membership over last year.

**Prayers Answered**

The men of the congregation have been consistently praying for their evangelism and for men to study the Bible. This past Tuesday Ed and Byron studied the Bible with a man who came out to church last Sunday. To God be the glory!

**Sunday Service  
December 27, 2009**

As we return to worship God after a time of perhaps traveling to see family or having family into our homes, we can sometimes be a little bit emotionally and mentally fatigued. Not to mention, there's always that "worldly dynamic" of the Christmas season that focuses on the materialistic side of the celebration and this can sometimes make a bit spiritually weary. We hope that everybody comes to this service prepared both to give full attention and focus to God, but also to receive encouragement and strengthening from God throughout the service. This will be the final worship service of the year and, therefore, we will spend some time recalling special church highlights of 2009. Please all be thinking of a special memory that you could perhaps share when Scott opens it up to the congregation.

**Final Three Midweek Services of 2009**

Just a reminder that the final four midweeks will take place like this: 1) Tonight is All Mens/Campus & Singles Ministry; 2) Thursday, December 17, we will be in our family groups; 3) Thursday, December 24, our midweek service is cancelled due to Christmas Eve; and 4) Thursday, December 31, our midweek service will be cancelled as this is New Year's Eve.

**NOTE: Let's all make sure that each and every member of our family group has a place to go for Christmas Day.**

**Women's Devotional  
Friday, December 11, 2009**

As of now it seems that there are a number of women who have conflicts with being able to make this upcoming Friday Women's Devotional. Therefore, Scott has asked the family group leaders to get a last minute email out to their group to see who intends on being at the devotional. If for some reason it seems more wise that we change the date for the devotional to sometime early in the New Year, each woman will be contacted by phone and email by tomorrow afternoon. Sorry for the short notice, but the scheduling challenges were just brought to Scott's attention. Thank you for understanding.

**Christmas Dinner and Party**

We are only a couple of weeks away from this always festive and fun dinner and party. We all know that the food will be scrumptious, the white elephant gift exchange affords us a lot of laughs, Santa produces much holiday cheer, and the Year-In-Review video brings us down memory lane. As of now we have some people who have stepped up and volunteered for some of these activities. Rachel Rogers and Tamirah Ju will be working on the Christmas dinner, Sarah Miner will be helping out with the white elephant gift exchange, and someone is presently following up with a potential Santa Claus. Yet, for this dinner and party to be a success, it will take each and every member of the congregation willing to help out in one way or another. Please be prepared to lend a hand when asked. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

## **Year-In-Review Video**

The Smittyville Entertainment Corporation has accepted the challenge to put together our Year-In-Review video for 2009. "Francis Productions" has stepped aside this year, but they are still willing to share their expertise with Smittyville Entertainment Corporation. Be sure to get your photos into Byron Smith, the president of the corporation, no later than December 13 for physical photos and December 16 for email photos. Yet, Byron would prefer physical photos over email photos, if possible. Let's all be praying for this undertaking.

## **2010 Annual Meeting**

Each year the members of the congregation get together in the latter part of January for a meeting that helps to set a unified spiritual outlook for the New Year. The family group leaders hope to have this date out to you by next Thursday. They give at least three weeks notice prior to the meeting date. Let's all be praying for this gathering.

## **2010 Yearly Calendar**

We all look forward to seeing the great services and events that will be put on our yearly calendar. The goal is that this calendar will be completed and handed out at the annual meeting. The family group leaders have been collecting ideas from their groups and will come together at their next meeting to look over these suggestions. We will then put together a sign-up sheet for the various events chosen and have the sign-up sheets available at both Sunday services and midweeks for a two-week period. Then when they put together the yearly calendar they will only put events on it that people have volunteered to coordinate. So please do your best to volunteer for at least one event if not more. Thank you on behalf of all the members of our congregation.