



# Reaching Heights

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## ~ **SEPTEMBER KICK OFF** ~

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

#### ***A Service of Remembrance, Penitence and Hope***

On this the 10th anniversary of the attacks on New York, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania we gather to remember those who lost their lives or loved ones that day, but also to look with hope to the future. In this special worship service we will light candles and place leaves of prayer on a tree of life. Come to remember, come to pray, come to celebrate the hope of God's shalom.

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

Worship at 10:00 a.m. *Installation of Leadership*

“Back to the Future” - Pastor Roger

Text: Philippians 1:27-30

2<sup>nd</sup> Hour at 11:30 a.m. Adult Forum: “Greater Cleveland Congregations”

Bible Study: “Essential Bible Stories”

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Worship at 10:00 a.m. *Reconciliation Sunday*

“Turning” – Pastor Roger

Text: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

2<sup>nd</sup> Hour at 11:30 a.m. Adult Study

“Freedom Riders”



#### **Special Adult Forum for Reconciliation Sunday – September 25th**

On September 25th, Reconciliation Sunday, Stacey Holman will come in from New York, to tell us about the making of the film, “Freedom Riders”, an award winning documentary about the Civil Rights era. We will then view the film (1hr.-53 min). A light lunch will be available. **Reservations are a must. Please email or call the church office by Wednesday, September 21st.**

# Along The Path . . .



Each of us likely remembers where we were 10 years ago when we first heard of what was happening in New York, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania. I remember hearing that something terrible was going on in New York city and spending most of the rest of the day trying to get some work done while watching news reports and live webcams.

I also remember finding out that the Cleveland Heights clergy had organized a worship service that evening and Debbie and I deciding that church was where we needed to be. It was a time when many people returned to houses of worship, if only for a couple of weeks.

This year on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that tragic day many people will once again be looking for places to remember and seek the comfort of community. HCC will be such a place on 9/11/2011 because HCC is a place to find God amid a community of welcome and care. Your help, your presence is needed so that we can continue to be that kind of place.

See you Sunday!



## **... From your prayer ministry**

Last month we spoke of “wordless prayer” as a way of silently experiencing the presence of God within us and connecting us with all people. In this silence, you can offer all of the needs you have promised to include in prayer and not worry about “forgetting someone”. God already knows your wishes and requests. So how do you begin silent prayer? Perhaps an analogy will help: when you are talking with a good friend, you begin with an exchange of thoughts, sharing worries, concerns, joys etc. but then there often comes a time when you sit comfortably together in a silence that is rich and vibrant in its silence. And so we can begin with God, using whatever your favorite name is (God, Lord, Jesus, my gracious God etc.) and speak of your concerns, your gratitude, your worries, and then wait and listen. Sometimes, in fact, often times, it seems as though nothing happens! Then you simply offer thanks for the opportunity to spend some quiet time with your God and go on with your day. We convey our own willingness to pray by placing a time for prayer in our daily routine. We can’t make the communication happen, but the regular routine means we will “show up” and assign those special minutes each day to communicating with God. The daily practice seems to “tune our spirits” to recognize the response of God. We’ll pick up there next month. In the meantime,

*... we'll keep you in our prayers.*

## **BECAUSE YOU CARE** **Illness-Surgery-Hospitalization**

*Sandy Jones*  
*Joan & Jeff Fronck*  
*Martha Cubberley*  
*Andrena Sharp*  
*Clare Rosegger*  
*James Faust*  
*Betty Klecka*  
*Scott Lemmon*  
*Eugene Blackwell*  
*Leslie Wanner*  
*Radia Longworth*  
*Dorothy Mathis*  
*Candace Hetterle*  
*Rita Brady*  
*Colleen McKinney*  
*Dewey Hodge, Sr.*  
*Michael Steward*

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Summertime! Summertime! Where did you go?

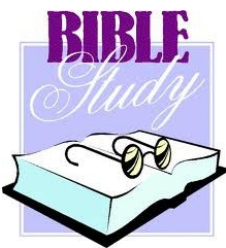
Summer is nearing an end. School is back in session and vacations have ended for most of us. But, the summer was good. Several of our children attended Church Camp and will share some of their experiences with us in the near future.

As much as we love summer, we must move on. Yes, it is time for our Fall activity—Apple Picking. This annual family event is scheduled for October 2nd. Kids, parents, grandparents, and friends come and join us for this event. Scott Phelps and Lloyd Ackerman are geared up and ready to coordinate this activity. Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletin.

The Children and Youth Education Committee has met and anticipates that the plans for our Sunday School program will be interactive, exciting and filled with faithbased learning through our Favorite Bible Stories series. Do you remember the story of Jacob or Joseph? These and other Bible stories will be a part of the Fall curriculum. There will be more to come about our special Advent curriculum.

**Ready! Set! Let's blast off for Jesus!**

## ADULT STUDY CLASSES Beginning September 18th



*Bible Study with Joe* will meet in the library. One of our neighbors in Shaker, Dr. Timothy Beal, who happens to be the Florence Harkness Professor of Religion at Case Western Reserve University, has published his tenth book, entitled *Biblical Literacy: The Essential Bible Stories Everyone Needs to Know*. The book is a great refresher for all of us who know and love the Bible and a great entry point for those who are approaching the Bible anew for the first time in a long while. Beal's book backs away from a deep academic approach to Scripture which can turn people away, and simply copies stories from the Old and New Testament, with a brief explanation or quote to help with understanding, and some questions to help us uncover more meaning. Those who come to Bible Study should have a great time with it. No need to buy the book. Joe will publish the Scripture references each week on his blog, [www.joesbiblical.blogspot.com](http://www.joesbiblical.blogspot.com).

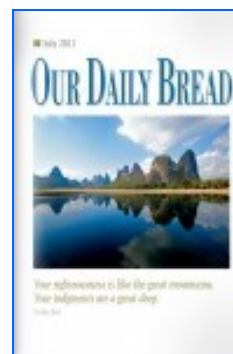
*Adult Forum* will meet in the Chapel." We come together as people of faith to share our vision of a Greater Cleveland...Imagine a place where people are healthy, children are well educated, workers are employed in good jobs, nobody goes hungry, everybody feels safe and all are treated with dignity and respect," These are the words of the Rev. Tracy Lind addressing the inaugural assembly of Greater Cleveland Congregations this past June. Come hear more about this new interfaith movement here in Cleveland and how we can become involved.

## HCC'S MUSIC MINISTRY



Choir rehearsals will resume starting Wednesday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m. Please come and join the fun as we return to our normal schedule. Handbell rehearsals will resume starting Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m. Please see Dale if you are interested in joining handbells.

## DEVOTIONAL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE



The September—November issues of Our Daily Bread are awaiting you in their baskets on the large Campbell Room table and in the Narthex.

"To stay on course, trust the compass of God's word." (June 25). It is encouraging that a greater number of us are benefitting from the biblical enlightenment of these absorbing little vignettes.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 a.m. Education Hour

(Nursery & Preschool care provided)

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN  
Cleveland Christian Home's  
Homecoming 2011**

**Saturday, September 24  
10 a.m.— 1 p.m.**

**Cleveland Christian Home  
11401 Lorain Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44111**

**10 a.m.—12 p.m.**

**Tours, Information Sessions  
Silent Auction & Door Prizes**

**12 p.m.— 1p.m.**

**Luncheon & Awards Program**

**To register/purchase Luncheon Tickets\***

**Please visit [www.cchome.org](http://www.cchome.org).**

**or call 216.476.0333**

**\*Luncheon Ticket \$10/per person**



## **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FALL KICK-OFF**

HCC's *Bridge Circle* will meet Tuesday, September 13th—1 p.m. at Kathie McWilliams house.



The *Book Circle* will meet on Wednesday, September 21st—1 p.m. at Clare Rosegger's home. We will review the spell-binding book No Time for Goodbye by Linwood Barkley. Dessert will be served. All are welcomed.

CWF's Luncheon begins the program year by studying Karen Armstrong's newest book, Twelve Steps to a Compassion crafted by the leading thinkers in Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. Our monthly luncheon will be in the Campbell Room on Wednesday, September 28th at 12 noon. We will have a potluck salad lunch. Please RSVP to the church office as to what salad or dessert you would like to bring.

*Elegant Flea Thrift Shop* needs ALL of you. Stop in on Thursday's from 10-1pm and/or Saturday's from 10-4pm to see all of the new items from estates that now adorn our shelves. One thing we do need is jewelry which is always a good seller. So go through your drawers and see what you can donate. With all of the construction on Avalon, it is difficult for folks to get to us and see that we are open, so spread the word that we are still open. Volunteers are also needed. Call Liz Perdue (440.248.0882) or Kathie McWilliams (921.9210) if you are interested.