

## Musing From The CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Church Family!

The church was beautifully decorated this year for Christmas by Sue Hughes, Holly and Al Cohoon. It truly is a labor of love and we appreciate the time and talent they share with our church.

It was a joy to have Rick and Neva's granddaughter, Kaylene, sing a sweet song in our morning services. Great Grandma was also there to enjoy the song. Kaylene sings with such poise for a young girl.

Ray and Deborah Mackmin with the help of Pastor Steve participated in the annual Marco Island Christmas Parade. We had a huge float with tons of kids representing Capri Christian Church. I believe this is the first year in the history of our church that Capri took part in the parade. I hope this is an annual event for our youth!

Last Sunday the two elementary Sunday Classes combined and made a Christmas Craft and also had the Christmas story read to them from the book of Luke by Mary Williamson.

At the end of the class the students all held hands around the table and sang Christmas Carols by candlelight and

Happy Birthday to Jesus. It was a very special time for the young children.

Special thanks to Betseye Horton and her team as they set up and prepared the Christmas Dinner for our church. We had a huge crowd and delicious food. There were many crumbs for me and I am truly thankful!

Special thanks to all the men who helped install mulch on our property. It was very hard work but our guys were up to the task!

It was great to see Paul and Joyce Curry who are back for the winter months as well as Gene and Roberta Hodge, Bob & Ivah Risley, and Ruby Kimball. Please pray for Ray and Deborah as they travel to Michigan for Christmas with their family.

Did I mention baptisms? We celebrated the baptism of Randy DeMaris' s dad, Lee DeMaris this month and on Christmas Eve, Wally and Carol Johnson's son, Timmy, was baptized. Also on Dec. 27th Scott & Jamie Kliewe's son & daughter Collin & Sage were baptized. Praise God for their decisions to follow Christ!

Blessings to you all!

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### Worship Service Times

**9:00 AM Contemporary Service**

**10:15 AM Sunday School for all ages.**

**11:15 AM Blended Worship Service**

### Attendance & Offering Report

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
December 6	248	9,613
December 13	314	5,020
December 20	291	8,524
December 27	289	16,333

*Preaching the Gospel of Jesus from the Isles of Capri*



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January  
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*“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.”*  
Isaiah 55:6

Love God

- Love others
- Serve others

**All-Church Dinner  
January 17th  
after the 11:15am  
service.**

New Worship Service Schedule	
9:00 A.M.	Contemporary Service
10:15 A.M.	Sunday School
11:15 A.M.	Blended Worship

## The Pastor's Pen

Dear Church Family:

I hope your Christmas was better than ever. And I believe this year will be another great year at CCC.

Please commit yourself to make 2010 an awesome year. Here are some things that will ensure we have a better year.

- **Love God** passionately with all your heart & energy.
- **Love others** more than yourself.
- **Serve others** make it a priority to involve yourself in helping your neighbor. Investing in others has endless and personal benefits if you do it for Christ.

Try these things and you'll be surprised at the results.

I want to sincerely thank all those who sent us Christmas cards & gifts. We love you for being like Christ.

Never forget that we love you!  
Pastor Curt

## Music Notes

Allow me just a minute to brag on our choir for a job well done on the Christmas Cantata. What a powerful presentation to help bring us home to the true meaning of Christmas. God's love and salvation came down to earth through the manger to the cross, the cross to the grave, & grave to the sky. Thank you to all who worked so hard on preparing for this presentation. Also, special thanks to *Scott Schnarr & Ed & Ann Hall* for running the computer and sound system!

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Years ago a sign was seen in a store window during the Christmas season. Its message read "let's make this the best Christmas ever". Someone had scribbled underneath that "How will we top the first one".

The birth of Christ is the greatest event in the history of mankind – but through his life, death, & resurrection God made a way for another great event to take place called SALVATION. As we move out of our Christmas season and into this New Year let's continue to show & tell all we meet about God's gift to us and how we can give back to Him!

-Steven Dawes-



## Announcements

### • CCC Shepherding Program

In the next few weeks. The membership and family ties ministry will be launching a shepherding program to better serve the needs of our church. Linden & Betty Smith will be spear heading this program.

### • Bibles for Soldiers in Afganistan

A ministry which provides Bibles for soldiers in Afganistan has asked our church to donate money to buy Bibles for these soldiers. The cost is \$4.00 per Bible. Our goal is to send enough money for 200 Bibles. You will be asked to donate through the month of January. Thank you.

### • Gospel Concert

Art Bush & Stephen Foster will be with us again on Sunday, January 10th at 6pm. You won't want to miss this night of music!



## Notes & Announcements

### • All-Church Dinner

Our January potluck dinner is Jan. 17 after the 11:15 service. Please plan to attend. . We usually have enough food, but season is here and also God is blessing us with many visitors, so if possible, please bring two dishes to share. Don't forget to sign up in the fireplace area. See you there.

### • Special Thanks

I would like to give a special thanks to our Kitchen Committee, our morning Hospitality Committee, as well as all of you who help make our monthly dinners and Sunday morning coffee times so successful. We have such a dedicated group of people here at CCC and it takes all of you to make it work. Also, thanks to our fabulous cooks, and those of you who set up the tables and chairs, put the salt & pepper on the tables, clean off the tables after dinner, wash the dishes, and take out the garbage. And thanks to all of you for your patience while waiting in sometimes long lines to taste those delicious meals. We are so blessed to have such wonderful people here at Capri Christian Church.

### • Saturday Service

Starts Saturday, January 9th at 5pm.

### • Annual Meeting

Annual Congregational meeting January 31st.

### • Family Groups

Family groups begin the week of Jan. 10th locations and subjects of studies will be listed in the bulletin. Come and join the rich fellowship in our small groups.

### Birthdays

2	Violet Ringma	25	Sylvia Middlebrook
3	Dara M. Richards	26	Timothy Johnson
3	Diane Wooten	26	Shirley Stamp
6	Breanna Anderson	27	Nancy Megel
15	Ken Lilly	31	Wallace Johnson
15	Laurel Williamson		
16	Jack Martin		
16	Anita Mangels		
18	Carolyn McDonald		
18	Eric Garwood		
18	Mike Gosik		
19	Robert Risley		
20	Christy Meredith		

