

Vance's View

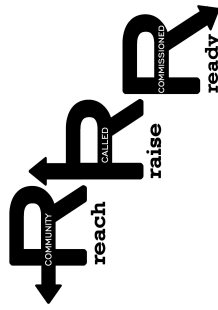
I hope that you and your family have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas celebration and that you are getting ready for a great start to 2012. This Christmas I did my shopping on December 20th (that's right, I got an early start this year), and paid for everything in cash. At one store the cashier took the bills I gave her and marked them to make sure that they were not counterfeit. I asked if that had been a problem this year, and she nodded. Counterfeit money is a paper lie, that says, "I have value," when really it doesn't. When someone knowingly passes this lie on, anything gotten in return is essentially stolen. As she was marking my money, I wondered, "What if I have been making purchases with counterfeit money and not known it?"

Jesus warned us about counterfeits. In Matthew 7, Jesus said, "Watch out for false prophets, they come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.... Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the Kingdom of heaven.... I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you.' Away from me, evildoers." There will be some who meet Jesus, thinking that they've been serving Him, but in reality, the whole time they had been worshipping a counterfeit Jesus, preaching a counterfeit gospel, and hoping in a counterfeit salvation. This may seem harsh, but it is Jesus' call to make.

With 2012 beginning this Sunday, you may have heard the claims that the world will end this year according to the Mayan calendar and various so-called prophetic teachers. I hope that they're right – not because I think they deserve to be trusted (we know that Jesus said that He would come like a thief in the night). But I hope they're right because I can't wait for Jesus' to fulfill His promise to return.

It's important to know that what you have is the real thing. This is why on Sunday nights in January we will be studying "*Challenge of the Cults*." We will learn about what the Bible says about false teachers and their teachings, how popular American cults started and their characteristics, and how to respond and reach out to those who have been deceived. Someday I will meet the real Jesus face to face. I want to be sure that the Jesus I am worshipping now is the real thing.

For His Glory,
Vance



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Return Service Requested

Sunday Schedule:

Traditional worship services in the sanctuary	9:00 a.m.
Bible classes for all ages	10:00 a.m.
Contemporary service in the sanctuary	11:00 a.m.
Contemporary service in the gymnasium	11:00 a.m.
Kids in Christ	9 & 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.



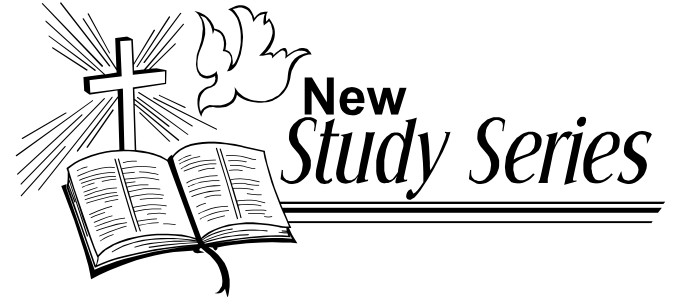
THE COUNTRYSIDE CONNECTION

December 28, 2011

Beginning Sunday, January 8th

DEEPER Bible Study

"Challenging the Cults". If Satan can't push or pull the Church away from Jesus, he will try to trick the Church into following a false Jesus. Join us on Sundays at 6 p.m. as Vance Russell leads this 4-week study about what the Bible says about cults, how popular American cults started, how to spot the characteristics of cults, and how to respond and reach out to those who have been deceived.



Called to Serve

JANUARY 1, 2012

PRAYER & MEDITATION:

Robert Adair

GYM PRAYER & MEDITATION

Doug Nance

COMMUNION & OFF. PRAYERS

SERVERS: Team 1

1-USHERS: G. Vanderpool & T. Hammack

2-USHERS: R. Long & R. Yancey

1-GREETERS: M/M Jesse Hudson

2-GREETERS: M/M Dave Sandberg

SHUT-INS: Clayton Kent & Ragan Todd

1ST WORSHIP NURSERY:

Heather Austin & Becky Hudson

Baldwin

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY:

T. Wiske, J. Swartz & Fran Smith

2ND WORSHIP NURSERY:

Alisha Krusich & Nancy Seybold

WEE WORSHIP: J. Hoover & M. Adair

VAN DRIVER: Carl Fogleman

DECEMBER 18, 2011

Morning Services 381

Offering \$10,621.57

Budget Need \$9,381.44

Bible Classes 135

Evening Service 247

KIC UP

We will be starting a new 13 week series, Christian Evidences for Kids, on January 1st for KIC UP, 4th-6th grade children. We will discuss topics such as "The Design of the Universe" and "Dinosaurs and the Bible." This study will help reinforce the truth behind their faith.



RESTORE & MORE

A Christian based recovery ministry for addicts and alcoholics. We meet every Thursday night at 6:30. Our vision is to replace addiction with the Power of the Holy Spirit in order to help addicts and alcoholics get their life back and more. If you know of someone who is fighting addiction or alcoholism, please encourage them to come. For more information, please contact Ed Martin or Terry Allen via email at restore@cccpitt.org, visit their website at restore.cccpitt.org or call 620-687-2749.



Countryside Christian Church 2012 Planners

We have pocket planners available on the Welcome Center table for 2012. A donation of \$2-\$3 would be appreciated. Stop by and pick one up!



JANUARY 8, 2012

PRAYER & MEDITATION:

Jesse Hudson

GYM PRAYER & MEDITATION

Chris King

COMMUNION & OFF. PRAYERS

SERVERS: Team 1

1-USHERS: S. Taylor & F. Naccarato

2-USHERS: D. Borchardt & J. Swartz

1-GREETERS: M/M Jesse Hudson

2-GREETERS: M/M Dave Sandberg

SHUT-INS: G. Baldwin & C. Fogleman

1ST WORSHIP NURSERY:

Kathy Jackson & Gloria

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY:

Tiffany Wiske & Kim English

2ND WORSHIP NURSERY:

Tiffany Wiske & Julie Russell

WEE WORSHIP: J. Hoover & M. Adair

VAN DRIVER: Jim Howard

DECEMBER 25, 2011

Morning Services 273

Offering \$12,355.94

Budget Need \$9,381.44

Bible Classes N/A

Evening Service N/A

Parent & Baby Recognition Day, Jan. 22nd

During our morning worship services on this day, we will be recognizing all of our babies born in the past year. We will introduce them (along with their parents), present them with their first Bible and pray for their upbringing. Please sign up in the entryway and be sure to specify which service you will be attending. **Attention:** we need 3 pictures submitted to andrew@cccpitt.org or dropped off in the church office no later than Sunday, January 8th. These photos will be used in the slideshow. Thanks!



Elders' meeting, Wednesday, January 11th, 7 p.m.
General Board meeting Sunday, January 15th, 4:30 p.m.

The Red Cross Blood Mobile

will be here Thursday, January 12th, 1-6:30 p.m. and Friday, January 13th, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Women of Joy Conference

Experience the fastest-growing Christian women's events! Oklahoma City, Oklahoma • April 13-15
State Fair Park Arena Special guests: Stormie Omartian, Anita Renfroe, Pam Tebow, Lisa Harper and more. Concert by Casting Crowns, Matthew West & Royal Taylor. Worship Leader: Charles Billingsley. Fliers and a sign up sheet are available in the entryway.. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 15th. Money due on or before February 26th. See Lisa Kloster for more information.

Conference with Lodging fees:

\$159 per person at 4 per room

\$179 per person at 3 per room

\$219 per person at 2 per room



College Students

There is a **Free Lunch** for college students Sunday, January 29th following 2nd service. If you are interested in helping, please see Jenny Jameson.



Couples' Retreat—February 3-4

Join us for a great time with a wonderful speaker (Cindy Dagnan), games, activities, music and free time for fellowship. The cost per couple will be \$100 and will cover lodging and food. Meet at the church at 5:30pm on Friday, February 3rd and we'll return around 5 p.m. Saturday the 4th. Please sign up in the entryway by January 21st.



The next seniors' dinner will be Thursday, January 5th at noon.



New Offering Envelopes

There are new offering envelopes available in the entryway for 2012. Please discard the old ones and start with a new box. Thank you!



February 24-25 – SuperStart! - Tulsa

Friday evening through Saturday for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades
Check out their website at www.civ.com/superstart/

January 29th – VBS Leadership Team Meeting

Vacation Bible School 2012 will be held June 4-8. Lots of planning takes place in order to provide VBS to over 400 children! If you would like to be a part of our leadership team, please attend this meeting. There are many areas in which to use your talents! This meeting is for anyone willing to be involved in behind-the-scenes planning and coordinating of a specific area of VBS...decorating, games, snacks, crafts, Bible lessons, photography, carnival, and more.



January 22—Volunteer Meetings

Important meetings for children's ministry volunteers

If you currently volunteer or would like to volunteer in any of the following areas, we urge you to attend. Together we will review our programs and brainstorm suggestions for improvement.

January 22 – Sunday

@ 4:30 p.m. – KIC & KIC Jr. volunteers

@ 5:15 p.m. – Nursery and Wee Worship Volunteers

@ 6:00 p.m. – Children's Sunday School Teachers



Your Life Version 2.12—February 24-25

--At Maranatha Bible Camp--

Straight talk about Christ, college and Your Life! This is put on by area college campus ministries for juniors and seniors in high school. Cost-\$30 if registered by Feb. 15 (add \$10 if registered after that). Visit maranathabiblecamp.org for registration forms or see Andrew.



U Turn! We will NOT be meeting again until January 11th.



The Oasis Coffee Shop

Countryside's very own teen coffee shop is open every Friday night, 8 to midnight. --We will not be meeting again until January 13th.

Youth Group New Year's Eve party

This is for Jr. High & High school from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Please bring \$3 for pizza & a 2 liter of pop. We will have lots of food, fun & games. Bring your friends!!

