

CPC THIS WEEK
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I Am With You Always!

By the time most of you read this, I will have landed in Nairobi and, perhaps, in my bed at “The Luke” – perhaps. I want to thank all of you back at CPC for your encouragement and support for this rather quick trip back to Thika. My heart has been growing with anticipation of seeing friends from last year and, hopefully, making new ones!

I’m still amazed at our ability to travel to other parts of the world in relatively short periods of time. As large as our world is, it can also be incredibly small. One of the things that has the ability to shrink such a large world is the global fellowship we share with other believers in the Church of Jesus Christ. What an amazing body of souls connected by the boundless love of Christ! And the Lord knew this, didn’t He?!

***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”***
Matthew 28:19,20

Known best by the phrase, “**The Great Commission**,” these verses are a daily reminder of Lord’s desire for His body to grow globally. What it must have been like to hear His voice and see His expressions as He charged His disciples with these words – these decisive words of action; and interaction!

I’ve been asked by a few how I feel about going to Africa this time alone. Well, let me be honest, it would be a blessing to have a traveling companion – it’s great traveling with Jim Roszell; I just have to take bigger steps to keep up! But I’m not going alone. None us ever do – wherever we go. We stay in stride with His Spirit!

Someone once told me “You don’t become a missionary by crossing the sea, you become a missionary by seeing the cross.” A simple truth for life and ministry. I’ve had the wonderful privilege of “going” to a number of places for the sake of the gospel. All of them with their unique challenges and blessings – the same is true for Thika, Kenya. And as I go, I know I’m not going alone – Jesus gave His word on it!

“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Wherever we go, whenever we go – we never go alone. Wherever we are, we are never alone. Wherever we find ourselves, no matter how distant or foreign, we are never alone. Wherever we are, Jesus, by His Spirit, is there with us – the entire time. This is the message of the Bible and our life in Christ – it is the Immanuel presence of “God with us.” And we go “in Him,” so that others, by His grace and mercy, can be “with Him.” So, for this week I’ve crossed the Atlantic to share in that presence through our mutual discipleship. But we don’t have to cross the Atlantic to do that. Sometimes, all we have to do is “go” across the street and love a neighbor!

See you soon – please pray for me!

CPC MINISTRY INFORMATION

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Title: "Used by God"

Text: 2 Kings 5

Associate Pastor Jeff Schrage

SUNDAY SCHOOL – There will be Sunday School for our youth. We will use the Adult class time today to set-up for tonight's "**Pasta and Performance.**"

WOMEN'S RESTROOM RENOVATION – The restroom will not be available this week. However, the Family Restroom across the hall is available. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

PASTA AND PERFORMANCE – You are cordially invited to our first talent show and spaghetti dinner fundraiser to support the Youth Ministry tonight, Feb 24, from 5 - till no later than 7:30 p.m. See Jeff for details.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' STUDY – If you would like to join us for our new study of 1 Kings we will begin next Tuesday, 8:30 – 10:00 am in the church foyer. Study guides are available at the welcome center

A MOVIE OPPORTUNITY – This Tuesday evening we will show the movie "GOSNELL – The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer" at CPC. The movie chronicles the activities of the inner-city Philadelphia abortion clinic in that led to Dr. Gosnell's trial in 2010. Because of the topic and some language, the movie is rated, appropriately, PG-13. We would encourage parents to consider that regarding their youth; even those 13 or older. We will have a second presentation March 20th. Given the recent developments in our nation, we believe this movie will encourage the sanctity of life. Flyers for friends are available at the Welcome Center.

ROCK SOLID MEAL MINISTRY – We meet this Tuesday, Feb 26, at 4:15pm at Rock Solid Please see Aaron and Emily Fredrick if you would like to help with this ministry.

LADIES NIGHT OUT MOVIE (& GAMES) NIGHT – Ladies are invited to join with others on Fri, Mar 1, at 6pm. for a fun evening together. We will meet at the Kehlenbrink's, 1546 Idlewild Drive. Please bring your favorite appetizer or snack to share. Please RSVP to Laura, as soon as possible, via text or call (765)277-1590. (Movie TBD by majority vote of those attending.)

YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER – Sunday, March 10, at 9:30am at the church. Join us for a Pancake Breakfast followed by Morning Worship at **10:30am**. Donations will gladly be accepted. See this week's bulletin insert for your RSVP. (No Sunday School) Please note that this is "**Spring Forward**" Sunday.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE - SING! Books from the most recent Getty Sponsored "Sing Conference" are available at the Welcome Counter for \$5 each. The book was written to remind us why the Church should sing, when the Church should sing, and how the Church should sing.

SUNDAY CPC VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

THIS WEEK, FEBRUARY 24

Worship Nursery: Val Moore, Becca McClain, Colleen Martin
Sunday School Nursery: Shannon Schrage, LaTonya Todd
Pre-K/K Children's Church: Lori Staifer

NEXT WEEK, MARCH 3

Worship Nursery: Emily Fredrick, Brad Wood, Conner Miller
Sunday School Nursery: Kathy Anderson, Mark Harrington
Pre-K/K Children's Church: Jane Robinson, Jeff Schrage

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

This Week: Pat James, Rebecca Adcock, Sara Rhodes
Next Week: Melissa Owens, Laura Kehlenbrink

WELCOME/GREETERS

This Week: Jon & Judy Ford
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DEACON ON DUTY

This Week: Les Hunt
Next Week: Bob Foust

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

February: Projection/Madeline Steinfort; Sound/Brian Todd
March: Projection/Sadie Steinfort; Sound/Jodi McKinney

THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURE: ONE MAN PROVES MISSIONS DOESN'T STOP AT RETIREMENT

Longtime MTW supporter, Ambassador, and member of the Committee on Mission to the World (CMTW), Frank Finfrock retired from CMTW (Committee on Mission to the World) last year, following decades of faithful service. It is difficult to overstate just how much of an impact Frank has had on the organization. His story is a testimony to the remarkable ways in which God equips and uses His people's time, talents, and treasure for His glory and to build His kingdom.

After graduating from university in 1951, Frank began a 31-year career with an integrated oil corporation, with a break for an active duty tour with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He began his career as a project engineer, but ultimately moved up to executive management, and also served for 11 years on the board of a national bank.

Rethinking retirement

Upon retirement, Frank and his wife, Mary Alice, moved from Texas to South Florida. There, they joined a PCA church and Frank served as a ruling elder and session member. Frank had had a great career and financial success, but he wasn't satisfied.

“As I reflected on life in retirement I knew that I wanted more than a life of leisure,” said Frank. “I wanted a purpose in life, but the corporate world had lost its appeal.”

One day, the Finfrocks’ pastor invited them to a Christian financial planning weekend conference in Atlanta. At that point, Frank had little involvement in foreign missions and had not even heard of MTW. But during the conference, MTW’s then-coordinator, Paul McKaughan, spoke on church planting internationally.

“His message piqued my interest,” Frank said.

Within a few weeks, the Finfrocks had made an appointment to meet with Paul. Frank wanted to know whether he, as a ruling elder, could be of service to MTW, despite not having a seminary education. Rather than answering the question directly, Paul suggested that they visit an active mission field and see for themselves what life on the field was like. He arranged for Frank and Mary Alice to visit a church-planting team in Mexico.

It was a moment that changed Frank’s life forever.

Sharing business expertise

After that first visit to Mexico, Frank realized that his business experience could be of use to missionary teams, helping them sharpen the steps required to execute their long-term objectives. Frank volunteered to be available three weeks per calendar quarter to return to Mexico or anywhere else he might be of help. Trips to Kenya, Ecuador, and Japan soon followed, allowing Frank to meet more missionaries and teams. On a follow-up trip to Japan, Frank worked with team leaders to create a financial plan needed to execute the ministry plan they had developed. Today, that same ministry in Japan is a robust, remarkable success story through which many have come to know the Lord.

As MTW grew, Frank’s assignments changed accordingly, becoming more and more related to his broad corporate experience. He helped develop MTW’s organizational infrastructure, chaired a group that solved a problem concerning tracking the designation of donated funds, and helped evaluate a change to MTW’s employee retirement benefits plan. Most importantly, Frank also participated with staff and professional investment advisors in developing MTW’s Center for Estate and Gift Planning. He was able to contribute his experience from industry and banking as MTW set up internal processes, and helped consult as they established instruments like annuities, charitable trusts, endowments, and donor-advised funds to work with churches and individuals that provide funds to support MTW’s kingdom-building ministry.

“Speaking as one who has served MTW in a variety of roles for more than 30 years, and with direct knowledge of how these systems function, I can attest to the value afforded the individual donor from the services of the Center for Estate and Gift Planning,” Frank said. “Awareness of long-term giving options is so valuable. It allows those interested in giving from their assets at death, to do so, as Mary Alice and I are doing.”

Looking back, Frank could scarcely have known what would come of his 31 years managing engineering projects, oil companies, and banks in the corporate world. His professional career earned him financial security and the esteem of his peers, but more importantly, God took the skills and experiences Frank had gained in the corporate world and applied them through MTW for the sake of the gospel.

Connect with us at go@mtw.org or visit www.mtw.org/serve and learn how you can use your expertise to serve in missions. Learn more about estate planning through MTW’s Estate and Gift Design.

ANDREW SHAUGHNESSY Feb 19, 2019

<https://www.mtw.org/stories/details/0219-time-talents-and-treasure-one-man-proves-missions-doesnt-stop-at-retirement>

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

February Birthdays!

1	Ed Gallo	14	Bill Kehlenbrink
4	Mindy Deckard	18	Michael Gifford
4	Tom Deckard	18	Ruth Williamson
8	Jane Robinson	20	Kim Gray
9	Mike Luker	21	Olivia Pfeil
11	Kim Pratt	22	Diane Angilella
12	Jon Pfeil	23	Samantha Schrage
13	Kayla Esposito		

February Anniversaries!

17 John & Debbie Gentry

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Winter Farmers Market

Richmond Senior Community Center
1600 South 2nd Street, Richmond, IN 47374

Saturdays: 10 am to 1 pm

Event Details: Find local products EVERY week from 100% certified local farmers and vendors. Produce, meat, eggs, baked goods, jams and jellies, candles, soaps, jewelry, fine art, and so much more!

RSO Brass Concert

Holy Family Catholic Church
815 West Main Street
Richmond, IN 47374
765.966.5181

Sunday, February 24, 2109 – 3:00 to 4:30pm

The Richmond Symphony Orchestra offers a FREE Brass Concert conducted by Guy Victor Bordo. Families are welcome to attend this free concert.
<https://richmondsymphony.org/the-community-series/>

Mark Pearson “Seeing the ‘Extra’ in the Ordinary”

Reid Hospital, MacDowell Gallery
1100 Reid Parkway
Richmond, IN 47374
612.592.6108

Richmond resident Mark Pearson is currently exhibiting photography. The show, titled “Seeing the ‘Extra’ in the Ordinary,” features landscapes, nature shots and glimpses of the industrial past, as well as scenes from recent travels in Greece. The exhibit will be on display through mid-March (Saturday, Mar 16). Many of the 29 works in the show are black and white images.

<https://www.dailyadvocate.com/features/life/68398/new-exhibit-at-reid-hospital-features-local-photographer-mark-pearson>

<https://visitrichmond.org/visitors/events-festivals/day/2019-02-15>

Jazz Stylings at MRL

Morrisson Reeves Library
80 North 6th Street
Richmond, IN 47374
765.966.8291

Thursday, February 28, 2019 – 6:00 to 7:00pm in the Bard Room

In honor of Black History Month, Evelyn Gordon will present a jazz set featuring the work of African American composers who recorded for Gennett Records, including Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Thomas Dorsey, and more.

Please join us at MRL to enjoy the jazz stylings of our special guest! Free and open to the public.

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2019 Richmond Gem & Mineral Show

Wayne County Fairgrounds, Kulman Center
861 Salisbury Road North
Richmond, IN 47374

The 46th annual Richmond Gem & Mineral Show, hosted by the Eastern Indiana Gem and Geology Society, will be held at the Kuhlman Center at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on March 1, 2 and 3, 2019.

Sale items include gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, lapidary and craft tools as well as books, posters and magazines; Silent auctions held on Saturday and Sunday; Displays; Demonstrators; Children’s Activities. Food available. Over 25 dealers & demonstrators.

Hours: Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2: 10am – 6pm.
Sunday hours will be 11am to 4 pm.

Adults \$5; Seniors \$3; Children \$1; under 7 free. Scouts in uniform free.

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