



## THE CHURCH SPIRE

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This morning I want to offer you a classic and powerful Psalm: Psalm 121. It is a reminder of God's constancy of presence and activity. Our default is not usually to see the multitude of ways that God is working in the world. But this Psalm reassures us that God is constant, and because of that, we lift our eyes to him. Here is the Psalm:

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

Let this Psalm remind you that our faith is not a new one. God has been tested before. People have been in times of trouble, and they have found our God to be tireless and sure. He will neither slumber nor sleep, but will keep us from evil. He is our sure right hand.

This constancy that God provides is a great comfort in times of trouble. In other times, it is permission—and even an expectation—to take risks for the sake our faith. It is natural to worry about what will happen when we follow where God is leading us. Throughout the Bible, people do. It is natural to worry about proclaiming our faith with words and deeds, and that it will disrupt a life that is going well.

So, whether this week finds you basking in the sun or waiting desperately for a glimmer of light, take confidence in this Psalm. God will neither slumber nor sleep, and you can be confident that his help is coming.

**The Experiencing Prayer Sunday School Class, which is an extension of the Youth's Sunday School will meet again this Sunday (March 6th) at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All classes are invited to join, though not required! You are also invited to continue meeting in your normal Sunday School Class, as well.**

**March Dates for RITI:**

**March 5th, March 18th, March 26th**

**Please Consider Volunteering!**

**If you would like to help in any way, please contact Lil Noble at 256-574-1495, 256-609-8864 or by email at [lillynoble3@yahoo.com](mailto:lillynoble3@yahoo.com)**

**The Member Care Team** needs your input. Please provide the name, address and exam schedule for your post high school student in order for us to prepare exam care packages. These Packages are prepared by members of our church as an outreach to the students to let them know we care.

**Prayers of the People:**

Shelia Amos, Mary Jo Bradford, Strobly Stewart; Erica Scott; David Patrick; Des Noble; Jim Holmes; Judy Hood, Christine Miller, Andy and June Vaughn, Rex Parris, Mike Lee, Viki Harrell, Miriah Penick, Ivy Bridges, Angie Feldwich, June Stripling, Alison McCracken, James Bowman, Christy, Dwight Byrum and Family, Jane Radon, Kelli Newman, , Marie Edwards, Gene Marable and others in our thoughts and prayers from Sunday, February 28th.

*If you have a name to add to the prayer list please use the Christian pads in the pews and drop it in the offering plate Sunday morning. You may also email them to: [scottsborocpc@gmail.com](mailto:scottsborocpc@gmail.com).*



## Mark Your Calendars:

Tenebrae Service

Thursday March 24th at 6PM

Good Friday Service

Friday March 25th

At Noon



### 24 Hour Famine:

On Good Friday, the youth will be participating in a 24 hour fast. The youth will fast together while they have a lock-in Friday night. They will be asking for people to sponsor them while they fast. All the money that the youth raise will go to the Guatemala Hot Lunch Program. The youth will be fasting in solidarity with others who go without food, daily. If you are willing to sponsor one (or more) of our youth as they fast, make sure to track them down!

The Fast will begin on Friday Morning, March 25th at 8AM and will end on Saturday morning at 8AM. The Youth will meet at the church on Friday night at 6:30PM and will lock-in for the night. They will break the fast with BREAKFAST at 8AM on Saturday. Pick up is at 8:30AM.

Session Meeting

March 15th

5PM



**Daylight Savings Time**



**MARCH 13**

Spring  
Forward!

**Set your clocks ahead**

Deacon Meeting

March 13th

Immediately Following Worship Service

Dear Scottsboro CPC,

Early this year, we approved the construction of a new Administrative Building to replace the old Campbell House. It's primary purpose are to provide handicap-accessible restrooms, another ground-floor multipurpose room, a more accessible Deacon Pantry, and to free space in our existing building. The lack of this space has been especially felt during recent funerals, where there was no gathering room for families or sufficient restrooms for guests.

We have been very encouraged by all the positive feedback, but with any decision of this magnitude, we know there are differing opinions. We want to assure you that the decision to build was not undertaken lightly. After many months of conversation, hours of work by our building committee, prayer, and soliciting the thoughts of the congregation, we came to the conclusion that this building will help our church to better fulfill its mission in the world. It will help us serve our own and our community. We are excited for the opportunities it presents, and hope that you will share our excitement.

Our plan is to begin construction as soon as possible, to make sure that we are able to get the remainder of the insurance money from the Campbell House. Any donations to the Building Fund will go directly to the new Administrative Building, and whatever amount we raise over the cost of construction will be used to refurbish our existing space. Please Prayerfully consider how you can help us in this exciting time.

Sincerely,

The Session of Scottsboro CPC

## ???CHOIR???

No matter who you rooted for to win the Super Bowl, there's one thing we can all agree on-CPC has a wonderful choir! I can attest that they are a great group with which to work to enhance worship. However, we are always looking for new members. Singing in choir is a rich and rewarding experience. There's fellowship galore, plenty of brain stimulation, and the fulfilling feeling of using your God-given talent to not only give back to God but also to play a vital part of worship at CPC.

If you like to sing, we would love for you to come and give it a try. Please consider singing with us for Holy Week Tenebrae Service and/or Palm Sunday and Easter. We will begin rehearsals on that music next week, February 17th at 7:00p.m. We will start rehearsal with that music so you could leave after it when we rehearse regular Sunday music.

The more members we have, not only is the sound greater but also we would still have a goodly number when there is sickness and vacations. We can also train you to read music if that's a problem and we can have a babysitter if there is a need.

Remember that our worship is a major way of praising God for all that He has done for us. Please come be a part of this ministry!

Join us this spring as CPYC hits the road to bring the CPYC experience to a town near you.  
Register online at [cpcmc.org/cpyc](http://cpcmc.org/cpyc)

April 23  
Chandler, IN  
The CPYC Experience  
Huntsville, AL  
April 30

Chandler, IN  
Saturday, April 23  
1PM-8:30PM  
Chandler Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
338 S. State St  
Chandler, IN 47610

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Huntsville, AL  
Saturday, April 30  
1PM-8:30PM  
Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America  
228 Church Street Northwest  
Huntsville, AL 35801

Register for both one-day events online at [cpcmc.org/cpyc](http://cpcmc.org/cpyc)

And don't forget to register for CPYC  
June 26-July 1  
at Bethel University

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us at **Scottsboro Cumberland Presbyterian Church**  
For our **Annual Egg Hunt, Games and Snacks!**

**March 26th**

**9 AM**

For Ages 12 and under



**New in the library:**

*Little Victories; Perfect Rules for Imperfect Living by Jason Gay*

**The Building Fund has hit the ground running thanks to all the generous donations!!**

*Please prayerfully consider donating to the building fund!*



A reminder for those going on the team to Guatemala this summer:  
**\$800 is due by March 15 in order for us to buy plane tickets!**

## GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

Pictures of the Hot Lunch Program in Guatemala City.



Guatemala is a country located in Central America, south of Mexico. Its capital is Guatemala City, and that is where our team will be serving.

Guatemala was once the core of the Mayan civilization. As such, a rich tradition of Mayan culture, language, and crafts still exist. Guatemala endured a long civil war between 1960-1996. That civil war left the country in much disarray.

Several years ago, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church decided to focus on Central America as a mission point. The CP Church has a lot of churches, schools, and ministries already in existence in the United States and in Colombia, South America. Central America is located nicely in between the two, and so our mission's boards decided to focus on Central America. Since this focus began, the CP Church has sent 3 Colombian missionaries to begin work in Guatemala: planting churches, administering a medical clinic, and now starting a Hot Lunch Program.



### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

A team from Scottsboro CP Church will be headed to Guatemala to work in this Hot Lunch Program, and to service the kids' medical needs in any ways we can.

In order for this trip to be possible, we are asking **that you prayerfully consider donating to this trip.** We will need to buy plane tickets, lodging, and supplies for this team to go.

Please pray for the team as things begin to come together. And if you feel so led, please donate to the church with "Guatemala Mission Trip" in the subject line.



2016

General Fund

February 28th offering: \$3,396.00

Total Offering to date: \$ 56,294.40

Budget Requirements

Giving Required per Sunday: \$6,747.40

Required to meet budget to date: \$ 60,726.46

**Attendance for:**

**Sunday 2/28/16**

Sunday School: 55

Worship: 131

**Worship Aids for Sunday**

Head Usher: Eddie Sisco

Pastor: Micaiah Tanck

Worship Leader : Susan Krell

Greeter: Bill and Gay Zimmerman

Flowers: Bert and Leah Boykin

If you cannot serve, please find someone who will replace you.

If you need something please call the Church office If no answer please call Micaiah, (205) 478-5985; Brian (630) 730-1577 . Your concerns and needs are important to us.

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