



## THE CHURCH SPIRE

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A Reflection on Mark 9: 14-29

There is this story in Mark 9 about a boy who is possessed by an impure spirit. In this story the boy's father brings his son before Jesus in hopes that he can find healing. The father literally carries his son, searching out Jesus in the midst of the crowd. He begins explaining to Jesus the sufferings his son has been through. He tells the boy's story, and on his son's behalf, he asks for healing.

The father initially hoped that the disciples would be able to drive out this spirit. But they could not. Jesus rebukes all those standing around by saying "you unbelieving generation," and proclaims that anything is possible if you believe. The father recognizes his own insufficiency, his own lack of belief, so he cries out, "I believe. Lord, help my unbelief." And then, Jesus drives out the spirit.

Our church has a practice in worship each week of lifting up the names of those we care about who are in need of healing. We carry those we love to God in prayer, hoping that they will find healing. We do this knowing full well that we are not faithful enough to warrant their healing. So with this father, we cry out, "Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief."

This week, we hope you will carry this story with you. We hope you will carry the father's humility as well as his faith. So take a moment and reflect: Who in your life needs to be carried to God in prayer? How would you tell their story to Jesus? What is your hope for them?

Then, take the next step and actually pray it. It's a vulnerable place to be, asking for help with no assurance that anything will happen. But, we do have some assurance. The father's prayer for belief was enough, by God's grace, God's power was enough and his son was healed. While we do not get to decide what God's healing looks like, we continue to carry those we love to him in prayer, trusting that his healing is coming.

"Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief."

The Experiencing Prayer Sunday School Class, which is an extension of the Youth's Sunday School will meet again this Sunday (Feb 28th) 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.

**Youth will resume on Feb. 28th as usual.**

*Food is needed for this night*

(We DO Need volunteers to sign up to bring food on Sunday night for the Youth.) If you volunteer to serve food to the youth, you are welcome to bring it to the church before 6PM on Sunday night and drop it off. You are more than welcome to stay and serve the youth and eat with them. BUT, you don't have to. (You are also welcome to simply bring the food to the fellowship hall and drop it off We will serve it and clean it up. A sign up sheet will be outside of the main office.)

**Plans are under way for Primetimers' Luncheon, 11:30, Feb. 26th at Stevenson CPC. Ricky Dooley has kindly agreed to drive the church van. That is another fun part for all who ride. We will depart church at 11:10. Come one, come all, the fellowship will lift your spirits.**

Prayers of the People:

Shelia Amos, Mary Jo Bradford, Strobey 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, Tammy Holcomb, Angie Feldwich, June Stripling, Alison McCracken, James Bowman, Barbara Cordes in the passing of her father and her mother, Christy, The Family of Mike Benson, Dwight Byrum and Family, Jane Radon, Kelli Newman, The family of Rosa Pearl Light, Marie Edwards and others in our thoughts and prayers from Sunday, February 21st.

*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.*

## Mark Your Calendars:

**Primetimer's**  
**Friday February 26th at 11:30 AM**  
**Stevenson Cumberland**  
**Presbyterian Church**



**March Dates for RITI:**  
**March 5th, March 18th, March 26th**  
**Please Consider Volunteering!**

### **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!

Food For Thought starts March 2nd  
Please be in prayer for this ministry,  
and if you feel so led, please contact  
the main office about volunteering to  
provide snacks or to tutor kids.

### **Daylight Savings Time**



**MARCH 13**

**Spring  
Forward!**

**Set your clocks ahead**



**Carillons Practice Wednesdays at 6 PM**  
**Choir Practice Wednesdays at 7 PM**



**What is it?** Food for Thought is a program that seeks to meet the nutritional and educational needs in our community. It is a program where volunteers in the church will work with 15 kids, grades K-8 to help them with homework, feed them a snack, play games with them, read books with them, and build relationships with them.

**Where?** This ministry will take place at Hollywood Elementary School.

**When?** Wednesday afternoons from 2:45-4. It will start on March 2 and run through April 13.

**What's needed?** We will need volunteers who are willing to provide a snack each week for the kids. And we will need volunteers who are willing to come work with the kids on Wednesday afternoons.

If you have any further questions about it, please contact the main office.

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

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 [cpymc.org/cpyc](http://cpymc.org/cpyc)

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

## ???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 Tenzbrae 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!

**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.

Sincere thank you to everyone who sent letters, texts and contacts regarding the recent passing of my parents. I truly appreciate all of you for thinking of me and my family at this time. I have felt all my friends and church family's arms around me through this sad journey. ~Barbara Cordes

“Thank you to church Family for all the visits, cards, phone calls, and prayers. I am in rehab and on the way to recovery. Having to learn all the things you do with your hands will be a long slow process. Knowing you are there praying for me and my family during this time means so much to me.

Love, Grace, & Peace Jane”

**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. It's 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 21st offering: \$4,923.00

Total Offering to date: \$ 52,898.40

Budget Requirements

Giving Required per Sunday: \$6,747.40

Required to meet budget to date: \$ 53, 979.08

**Attendance for:**

**Sunday 2/21/16**

Sunday School: 45

Worship: 107

**Worship Aids for Sunday**

Head Usher: Mark Williams

Pastor: Micaiah Tanck

Worship Leader : Brian Tanck

Greeter: Donna and Steve Campbell

Flowers: Mary and Nigel Davis

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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