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CHURCH

January 1, 2012

Church Logo - Christ's Church is the Church Triumphant in Heaven and the Church Militant on earth. The Shield reminds us of our warfare with weapons, such as love and truth, used by His Spirit and grace. The four triquetra symbolize The Trinity. They are arranged in a cross similar to the Huguenot cross reminding us of God's love for us through all the Persons of the Godhead.

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WE WELCOME all who are visiting today. After worship, join us for coffee and tea in our fellowship hall. Please sign our attendance pad with an address and phone number. We receive the Lord's Supper on the first and third Lord's Day. We have numerous small groups that meet throughout the week; please call our church office for more information.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction to Worship

*Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:21-25

*Prayer for God's Blessing & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise *Have You Not Known, Have You Not Heard?*

Trinity 31

*Confession of Faith *Of Providence*

Trinity 851

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter V:I,VII

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Reading of God's Word: *Psalm 103*

Pew Bible 436

Doxology

Trinity 731

Receiving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Special Music

I Believe

Adult Choir

Hymn of Preparation *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul*

Trinity 57

Reading of God's Word *Numbers 29:1-6*

Pew Bible 124

Preaching of God's Word

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn of Response *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Trinity 30

*Gloria Patri

Trinity 734

*Benediction

Postlude

*Standing

SMALL GROUPS

SMALL GROUPS are a gathering of 6-12 individuals who come together for Christian study and worship, mutual support and encouragement, practical love and service, with a genuine concern for God's glory, everyone's growth in grace, and a sincere desire to see others come to Christ. Speak with Pete Hurst or one of these leaders if you would like to know more about small groups.

Leader: Arden Dahl

Where: CRPC

When: Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Topic: Romans

Leader: Pete Hurst

Where: Bradley Home

119 Pine Creek Drive, Hampton 23669

When: Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m..

Topic: Joshua

Leader: Dave Doughty

Assistant: Ed Kline

Where: Doughty Home

548 Kings Court, Newport News 23606

When: Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Judges

Leader: Dave Mericle

Where: Mericle Home

203 Chelmsford Way, NN 23606

When: Sundays, 5:00 p.m. (1st, 3rd, 4th)

Topic: *Relationships: A Mess Worth Making*

Leader: Matt Erichsen

Where: Erichsen Home

418 Robin Hood Drive, Yorktown 23693

When: Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Topic: Ephesians

Leader: Scott Mericle

Where: CRPC

When: Fridays, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: I Peter

Leader: Bill Griffin

Assistant: Mike Cochrane

Where: Griffin Home

304 Rock Creek Court, Yorktown 23693

When: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Topic: *Love Walked Among Us*

Leader: Stuart Pope

Where: Hairr Home

50 Cedar Rd., Poquoson, VA

When: Biweekly, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

with one additional event each month

Topic: Gospel of Mark

Leader: Jake Hughes

Where: 793 Michelle Dr. Newport News

When: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hand*

Leader: Byron Snapp

Where: CRPC

When: Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Topic: Parables of Jesus

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Hope

If your hope disappoints you, it is the wrong kind of hope. You see, hope in God never disappoints, precisely because it is hope in God. This means that hope placed in any other thing will always end up disappointing. Let this principle sink in for a moment. Allow yourself to consider how far-reaching and life-altering its implications are.

What do we mean when we say we are hoping for something? Essentially, hope is a desire coupled with a logical or confident expectation of fulfillment. But hope is much more than this. When I place my hope in something, I am attaching my sense of well-being, identity, meaning, and purpose to that thing in some way. In this way I “need” my hopes to become realities because I have connected my life to them. You must realize that every human being does this. If you are still alive and able to think and feel, you are putting your hope somewhere. Some kind of hope gets every person out of bed in the morning. This is also why disappointment is such a universal human experience, because most of what we hope in isn’t able to deliver. So we keep shuffling our little deck of hope cards, thinking that sooner or later we will come up with an ace. But the deck we’re holding doesn’t have any aces in it! When your hope disappoints you, it is because it is the wrong hope. . . .

The brand of Christianity that presents God as the ultimate guarantor of our felt needs always becomes hopeless and self-defeating. You see, we struggle with hopelessness and doubt because the “good” things we want seem constantly beyond our reach. The irony is that we are already receiving the best things from his hands, but we don’t even recognize it.

Your hope is absolutely attached to what kingdom you are serving. If your life is defined by how many of your little kingdom purposes you can realize, you will tend to be stressed, controlling, anxious, disappointed, and fearful. You have defined your life by what you cannot control and by what God has not promised. Sadly, it is all very self-defeating. But if your hope no longer rests on your personal wisdom, strength, and character, if it no longer rests on the acceptance and performance of other people, and no longer rests on the belief that circumstances, institutions, and situations will not fail you, then you are beginning to move toward reliable hope.

Big kingdom hope rests on one place and one place alone – God.

Paul David Tripp, A Quest for More: Living for Something Bigger Than You (Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, 2007) 200-203.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for both adults and children meet at 11:15 a.m. each week. Locator maps for the youth and children’s classes are posted above the water fountains in the Commons and by the church office. Adult classes for this quarter are:

The Promise Keeper: The God of the Covenants – Arden Dahl (auditorium)

Grace in Practice – Jimmy Hughes (fellowship hall)

I Peter – Byron Snapp (conference room)

WEEKLY EVENTS

TODAY	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Sunday School
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Women in the Church
WEDNESDAY	9:30 a.m.	Ladies’ Bible Study

NURSERY SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK:	9:30	Rebekah Hughes, Miriam & Tyler Neese, OPEN
January 1	11:15	Paula Erichsen
NEXT WEEK:	9:30	Adam & Casey Hoxter, Tim & Lisa Tonkovic
January 8	11:15	Jane & Elizabeth Grant
	6:00	OPEN, OPEN

USHERS

JANUARY	Greg Hairr, Dave Neese, Dave Parker, Dave Soistmann
FEBRUARY	Dave Bailey, Jake Hughes, Brad Lawing, Tim Tonkovic

DEACON of the MONTH

Jake Hughes (592-4881)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIVERSIDE SERVICE TODAY: Due to a number of volunteers being unavailable, the January service at Riverside Convalescent Center has been canceled. Our normal afternoon service will resume on the first Sunday in February at 3 pm. Those interested in participating in this ministry through preaching, playing piano, leading music, or assisting residents, please contact Scott Mericle at scmericle@cox.net or 757-369-9674.

ATTENTION YOUTH GROUP: We will not meet tonight but will resume our regular meetings on Sunday, January 15, from 6-8 p.m. Please see the youth group bulletin board for updated calendars. Happy New Year!

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH meeting will be held this Tuesday, January 3, 7 p.m., at the church. Please join us as we continue our study of *Really Bad Women of the Bible*. This month's topic is the woman caught in adultery. Come whether you have the book or not; it's great discussion and even better fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Bekah Lawing at r.lawing@hotmail.com or 757-659-0817. See you there!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will begin for ages 3 years old through 2nd grade on January 22. We will meet in the conference room each Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Latham at rebeccaslatham@yahoo.com or 757-926-5934.

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP and time of singing will resume next week between worship and Sunday School. Students in grades 1-6 are asked to meet in Modular 1 after worship as we learn some songs from our supplemental songbook.

BY FAITH, the PCA denominational magazine, is available today. Sample copies are in the Commons.

TableTALK, January issue, is available on the table in the Commons. The theme for this month's devotional booklet is the book of Revelation.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN VIRGINIA RUF ministries and other CRPC supported works? Recently received letters from some ministries we support provide answers to this question. Please take time to read the newly posted letters on the missions bulletin board in the main hallway.

OUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING for Casa de la Gloria in Lima, Peru, totaled \$1775.75. A project of PCA missionaries, this home provides help for pregnant girls coming out of abuse and neglect situations.

I BELIEVE

Written by Natalie Grant
Arranged by Bradley Knight

In a land far away, time stood still long ago; there were shepherds in fields,
or at least this is how the story goes, the story goes.

Woman with child and an inn with no room; born in a manger,
foretelling a tomb. This is how the story goes.

But it's more than a fable, and it's more than a fairy tale,
and more than my mind can conceive.

I believe the wise men saw the baby boy the angels called the Son of God.
Heaven's child, the great I AM, born to take away my sin through nail-pierced hands.
Emmanuel has come. And I believe.

Two thousand years, still the story lives on. God's gift to us,
sent to earth wrapped in flesh, His only Son, His only Son.

And the heartbeat of heaven confounded our wisdom,
but it's still the simple truth that set me free.

I believe the wise men saw the baby boy the angels called the Son of God.
Heaven's child, the great I AM, born to take away my sin through nail-pierced hands.
Emmanuel has come. And I believe.

Precious child, how can it be that God's great plan for history
would send you to a lonely tree, that you would come for one like me?

I believe in a cross; I believe He came for one, He came for all.
Heaven's child became a man; He gave His life for me in spite of all I am.
I believe. I believe. I believe. Christmas lives in me. I believe.