



## “Consecration”

by Dr. Foster C. Dryden, Jr.

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

Romans 12.1

I had the privilege to spend the summer months “seeking the Kingdom of God.” During this sabbatical time there were two words that kept coming to mind: *consecration* and *accountability*.

The act of consecration is an Old Testament call by *Yahweh* or the leaders of Israel for the people “to separate them selves unto *Lord!*” One of these calls occurs after the 40 years in the wilderness; the people of God were about to cross the Jordan River and enter the Promised Land, and Joshua told them,

*‘Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.’*

Joshua 3.5

Consecration is an intentional act revealing commitment to God! Apprenticeship to Christ cannot happen without intentional acts (spiritual disciplines) on the part of God’s people as we seek to follow Him! It is not new to Christ’s Community Church. Every Sunday, the worship assistant introduces the offering by first declaring God’s offering of His love in Christ:

*For God so loved the world He gave His only Son....*

After this, an elder and youth present gift of the bread and cup – representing the broken body and shed blood of Christ – and place them on the Communion Table, showing forth the depths of God’s love, the crucified Christ. This act of presentation is followed by an invitation to the congregation to respond to our Father’s great act of love by bringing our gifts to the Table, concluded with these words,

“...but even more than this, let us **present our bodies as living sacrifices**, holy and acceptable to God.”

The presentation of our gifts of money and our bodies are acts of **consecration**, that is, we set apart these gifts (our money and our bodies) as intentional acts to be used only for God’s purposes. The next Sunday you are in worship listen carefully to the invitation as we prepare for the offering. Think about what it means to “present (consecrate) our bodies as living sacrifices to God.” To offer our bodies as living sacrifices to God is the greatest gift we can give!

In Him Who died and rose again,

Bud

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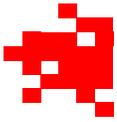
### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 | 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Worship Center

Live Nativity | 2:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Bring the whole family and invite a friend to this very special service!



The gift of prayer enables us to join with one another in consecrating our world, our lives, and our ministries to God.

Please lift in prayer:

Morgan, Sloane, Joanie, Melissa, Jerry, Jim, Kathy, Phillip, Michael, Sarah, Veronica, Madonna, Carol and Dick Pauls; shut-ins, the homeless, elderly, youth, the hungry, our nation, CCC, Presbytery of Philadelphia, General Assembly.

## PRAYER

*changes things*



November 17  
December 15

8:30 a.m. at Bud's House



### Church Mouse

November 9 & 10  
December 14 & 15  
9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

### Life Center Meal

Saturday, December 29  
Stay Tuned for  
Details!



Sunday,  
November 4  
Daylight  
Saving Time  
Ends  
Don't forget  
to set your  
clocks  
back one hour!



**DON'T FORGET  
NOVEMBER 6**

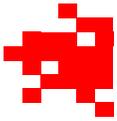


In news of the building, we have added two new groups. Both are Narcotics Anonymous (NA) groups, that were looking for a larger facility to hold their meetings. They meet Tuesday and Thursday nights in Fellowship Hall.

We have been making a number of repairs, including replacing the recirculating pump of the heaters, electrical fixes and roof repairs. Exciting projects in the works are a new sign, a new stove for the kitchen and new flooring. If you see or discover a problem, please let the Property committee (Heidi Hamilton, Woody Johnson, Ed Semmens, Sue Parker or Holton Falk) know.



**Open House at the Dryden's  
Sunday, December 9  
4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!**



**Session Corner**



Session is currently reviewing the book "Walking with God" which is a collection of some of James S. Stewart's sermons. Ronald J. Allen (Christian Theological Seminary, IN) says about the sermons – [they] "...cause us to tremble at the majesty of God, move us to awe at the wonder of God's grace, evoke love for the Savior, and lay bare life's deepest issues in the context of the faithfulness of God"

I would like to share with you excerpts from Chapter 5: - "How to make our Prayers more real". Every now and then we worry about the effectiveness of our prayers (at least I do), or even go further by asking if we actually know how to pray. I hope this sermon will help allay some of our worries.

The chapter opens with Psalm 55:17 "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud and He shall hear my voice." James Stewart then gives us seven (7) scripture-based "maxims" to making our prayers more real:

1. Pray Regularly: make time even if you are not in the mood, "keep your appointments with God".
2. Pray Continually: pray without ceasing, lift up your heart to God in all things.
3. Pray Concretely: be specific as to what you are praying about.
4. Pray Methodically: organize your prayer points.
5. Pray Affirmatively: positive affirmation is a vital form of prayer.
6. Pray Meditatively: walk in thought with Jesus, meditate on the attributes of God.
7. Pray Sincerely: empty your heart of sin (pages 44-48).

May this and other resources strengthen us on our journey to know Christ and make Him known.

The Elders meet in the Library for prayers every Sunday before worship. You are all invited to join us.

"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise" ([James 5:13](#))

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**Connect by Night**

It's only November, but the holidays will be over and January here before we know it. With January comes our commitment to - and enthusiastic participation in - the work of Connect by Night. For any of you who are not familiar with this program, it is part of the non-profit Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania. It finds emergency housing for adults who are without a home, and provides additional services at their office location in Upper Darby.

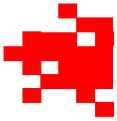


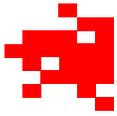
Christ's Community Church has been participating for many years, and offers a warm and safe place to sleep (in Fellowship Hall), evening snacks, brown-bag lunches and fellowship with some of our less fortunate neighbors in the Upper Darby area. Our guests tell us our church is their favorite place to stay – because they feel genuinely welcome (and probably because we offer them healthy and filling food!).

We host our guests for the months of January and March, and need your help in making their stay with us a friendly and welcoming experience. The ever-familiar calendar is ready to go. Please see Jannie Sirkin ([jannieds2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jannieds2001@yahoo.com)) or Linda Martin ([301lwm@gmail.com](mailto:301lwm@gmail.com)) to sign up and commit to providing a snack, or brown-bag lunches, or fellowship for our guests some night in January.



**Pray the Word!**  
**Practice the Word!**  
**Proclaim the Word!**





To know Christ and make Him known!

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Sunday worship

9:30 a.m. Informal Worship Service Nursery available

Fellowship Time 11:00 a.m.

Youth & Adult Bible Studies 11:00a.m.

NOVEMBER

- 16 Meaka Yeah 17 Woody Johnson 24 Joan Williams



DECEMBER

- 1 Helen Strube 6 Paula Dryden Eric Myers 11 Dominic Roth 21 Cathy Zink 25 Ethel Myers 26 Bea Feddy Ted Roth 28 Carol Pauls Alice Springer

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November/December Calendar

Weekly/Monthly Meetings

Table with 2 columns: Day and Meeting details. Rows include Sunday (9:30 a.m. Informal Worship, 11:15 a.m. The Magnificent Story Class, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School), Monday (9:30 a.m. Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m. Drexel Hill Raiders), Tuesday (7:00 p.m. Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall), Wednesday (7:00 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall), Thursday (7:00 p.m. Community Seekers Class, 7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall)

November

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Rows include November 1, Thursday (12:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal), November 4, Sunday (Daylight Saving Time Ends), November 6, Tuesday (Election Day), November 9 and 10 (9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Church Mouse), November 11, Sunday (4:00 p.m. Session Meet), November 14, Wednesday (7:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting), November 15, Thursday (12:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal), November 17, Saturday (8:30 a.m. Men's Group Meet at Bud's House), November 18, Sunday (Ecclesiastical Meeting), November 22, Thursday (November Birthday Celebration, Happy Thanksgiving—Office Closed)

December

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Rows include December 2, Sunday (Consecration Sunday, 4:00 p.m. Session Meet), December 9, Sunday (4:00 p.m. Open House at the Dryden's), December 14 and 15 (9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Church Mouse), December 15, Saturday (8:30 a.m. Men's Group Meet at Bud's House, January/February Viewpoint Deadline), December 16, Sunday (December Birthday Celebration), December 24, Monday (4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, 2:00 p.m. Live Nativity), December 25, Tuesday (Merry Christmas—Office Closed)



Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Rows include December 29, Saturday (Life Center Meal), December 31, Monday (New Year's Eve)

January 1, 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

