



From the Pastor's Desk...

NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Cup family and friends,

One of the qualities I have really appreciated about Cup church is your 'can-do' spirit. Tasks that would often be left to someone else, or be hired out are tackled 'in house.' There are times, of course, when it is best to get some professional assistance, such as our latest round of carpet cleaning. Yet the moving of chairs and furniture for that cleaning was a communal effort, and saved a great deal of time, money, and effort.

Many of our Trustees and handful of gratefully welcomed church members felled and removed two really large trees from the Manse property last week. One was a maple, and the other a locust, both of which were likely planted on the property along with the church 62 years ago! For many years, they have provided shade, shelter, and beauty. But over time, what had been blessings began to turn into liabilities. The roots of the locust tree were tearing up the manse patio area, and disease had all but killed off the maple out front. Both trees, left unattended, could have caused significant damage. Pruning, and, in some cases, removal of some trees are needed in order to provide the opportunity for other old-growth trees to continue to thrive, and to provide the opportunity for new growth to occur.

This is true in the life of a church with programming as well. Certain traditions or 'ways we've always done things' that have been meaningful for decades can become shopworn or confusing over time. God-given saints who have taken on certain tasks in the congregation need to be refreshed, or mentor others into the role of eventual leadership. Paul talks about it this way: "My child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to the faithful who will be able to teach others also." (2 Tim. 2:2) Watching long term members and newcomers join together in ministry is one of the great joys I have as a pastor, because we all have a stake in passing on the "faith that was once for all delivered to the saints." (Jude 1:3) Part of that work involves teaching youngsters at "Shine" how to pray or open up the Bible in a meaningful way. Part of that work is maintaining a functioning and updated property dedicated to worship and proclamation. Part of that is sharing the good news of great joy in our homes, our schools, our workplaces and our neighborhoods. In the end, this broad participation should result in creating "students well trained in God's kingdom (who) are like owners of a general store who can put their hands on anything they need, old or new, exactly when they need it," (Matthew 13:52, the Message)

Let's keep working together – and see what new adventures God has in store!

Blessings,
Pastor Scott



**Tree Removal
at the Manse
during October
Trustee/Church
Workday**

* **This reminder may be a little early, but** *
* **as we look forward (or not!) to Winter** *
* **weather, please remember that we are** *
* **now linked with WPXI Channel 11 for** *
* **any closings that may occur.** *



**Scrapbooking Event
Fundraiser for
Youth Missions
Monday November 18th
5:00-9:00pm**

**Bring your Scrapbooking Supplies –
We provide the space for \$10./Table**



**SUNDAYS
at 6:00pm**

**Check with the
Church Office
for each
Week's Meeting
Location**

**Parenting is not easy.
Even when you're doing your best,
it can still leave you overwhelmed
and discouraged.**

The course will help you to:

- Keep your long term aim in mind
- Meet you teenager's needs
- Set clear boundaries
- Develop emotional health
- Help them make good choices

IN NEED OF PRAYER?

***Members of the prayer team are available
in the library following worship
each Sunday.***

*Please join us in the library and let us
pray with you. If you know of family
members or others in the community
who are in need of prayer, please
encourage them to join us on Sundays.*

***Cup Church also has a Prayer Chain set
up for anyone in need throughout the week
or anyone having a prayer request.
Either call Cindy during Office hours
(Tuesday—Friday 9:00am—2:00pm)
at 724-843-1594 or notify Pastor Scott
or Joel to start the chain.***

*Also, we are available if you would like to
set up a more convenient time to pray
together with the prayer team or one of
our elders.*

*Please remember that all prayer requests
will remain confidential unless we are given
permission to publically share!*



**Monday November 11th
at 6:30pm
(1 night session led
by the Pawlos')**

Weekly Meetings...

**Sunday Evenings 6:00pm
Parenting Teenagers Group**

**Monday 1:00pm Adult Bible Study
(A Life God Rewards)**

**Second Wednesday 1:00pm Game Day
(November 13)**

**Thursday Morning 9:00am
Women's Small Group**

**3rd Thursday at noon Lunch Bunch
(November 21@ Yolanda's, please
see Laura Crawford with your reservation)**

**Saturday Morning 7:30am
Men's Group @ Eat 'n Park**

NOVEMBER Calendar

<u>November 5</u>	5:45pm DEACONS 7:00pm WORSHIP 7:30pm TRUSTEES
<u>November 10</u>	10:30am SHINE Sunday
<u>November 11</u>	6:30pm Surviving the Holidays
<u>November 13</u>	1:00pm Game Day
<u>November 18</u>	5:00pm Scrapbooking Fundraiser
<u>November 19</u>	7:00pm SESSION
<u>November 21</u>	12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch @ Yolanda's
<u>November 24</u>	7:00pm Crosscurrent Friendsgiving
<u>November 26</u>	9:00am SHINE Musical Rehearsal 7:00pm Thanksgiving Service
<u>November 28-29</u>	OFFICE CLOSED
<u>November 29</u>	9:00am Hanging of the Greens
<u>Every Monday</u>	1:00pm Adult Bible Study
<u>Tues. /January</u>	7:00pm Mini's Youth Group (Movie Night 11/22)
<u>Every Wednesday</u>	3:30pm SHINE After School Program followed by Family Dinner at 6:00pm (NO SHINE ACTIVITY—NOVEMBER 27)
<u>Every Thursday</u>	9:00am Women's Small Group 7:00pm Choir Practice
<u>Every Saturday</u>	7:30am Men's Breakfast @ Eat 'n Park
<u>Every Sunday</u>	6:00pm Crosscurrent 6:00pm Parenting Teenagers Group



SHINE SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 10th



FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 29th
at 9:00am

We would love to have you join us in decorating the Church! All help is greatly appreciated.

God, thank You for Your provision and faithful presence in our lives. Help us to live in a contented way, exhibiting true gratefulness to You.

CUP LIBRARY NEWS

Persecution of Christians is on the rise around the world particularly in countries where there is a Muslim majority. Andrew Brunson is an American EPC pastor who holds a Ph.D. in New Testament from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He and his wife Norine were involved in starting Christian churches, training believers and assisting refugees in Turkey for twenty-three years before they were arrested by the Turkish government in October of 2016. Although Norine was released within a short period of time Andrew was falsely accused of terrorism and of being a spy and was unjustly imprisoned for over two years. Many of you may remember his name because he was added to our church prayer chain. Due to the resulting worldwide prayer movement and pressure from the U. S. government he was finally sentenced to time served and released in October 2018.

Brunson with the help of Craig Borlase has written a book to relate the true story of his Imprisonment, his faithfulness and his freedom. Titled "God's Hostage" and published earlier this year we now have his book available for your use in our church library.

This and many other books and videos are available for anyone to check out anytime the church is open and the library isn't in use for a meeting. We have fiction and non-fiction, children's books and books for teens. Just come and take a look, if you find something of interest, pull out the borrower's card in the back pocket, sign it and leave in the small basket on the side table.

Paula Keefer, Cup Librarian



Happy Fall!!

God has been blessing us greatly, it has been an amazing 3 years so far, and I am so excited to continue to share the adventure with the Children and Youth at CUP Church. This past month has been filled with fun! We kicked off our Series on Philippians Sunday nights. We also took some time to share fun together at the Corn Maze and hay ride along with a Chili Cook off Fall Party. Fall is beautiful with the leaves changing and the cooler nights! Its been fun!! We have lots upcoming as we enter into Thanksgiving and Christmas! We will have our Friendsgiving Dinner on November 24th, Youth don't forget to mark your calendar and invite you friends!!

Youth Winter Retreat is January 31-Feb 2nd. Cost is \$100 a student. We will be having a soup luncheon to raise funding to help defer the cost of the retreat for the students. The luncheon will be held in January after worship in fellowship hall. All donations welcome!

Mini's Youth Group is still going full steam ahead. We have been working our way through Genesis and just had our Fall Party!! We are having a GREAT time! Please note our calendar for the next two months is not weekly meeting times. Contact Joel for more information if you are interested in joining us!

Shine is in full swing and gearing up for the Christmas Musical "Carol and the Belles" Mark your calendars to come see the show on December 15th at 7pm.

As always I ask you please continue to keep both our Children and Youth as well as our community in prayer! There are so many great and wonderful things happening!

Your sister in Christ,

Joel Cunniff

CUP Children and Youth Director

