

January 7, 2024
What Are You Looking For
John 13:18-35

1. The Disciples: _____

2. Judas: _____

3. Jesus: _____

4. You: _____

THIS WEEK: JANUARY 7 - 14

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM room 207	1/7
Sunday School for all ages <i>nursery room 110</i>	1/7
Coffee Fellowship Time 10 AM in the Fireside Room	1/7
Communion/ Benevolent Sunday 10:30 AM <i>nursery room 205</i>	1/7
Facebook Live Church 10:45 AM	1/7
Online Church 10:30 AM, Noon, 6 PM	1/7
Concert of Prayer 6 PM	1/7
Basketball Skills Clinic 5:30—8:30 PM	1/8
Basketball Skills Clinic 5:30—8:30 PM	1/9
January Fasting and Prayer (Sanctuary open 11am-1 pm)	1/10
Basketball Skills Clinic 5:30—8:30 PM	1/10
Wednesday Prayer 7 PM room 105	1/10
Board of Ministries 8:00 PM <i>Please note day and time change</i>	1/10
Basketball Skills Clinic 5:30—8:30 PM	1/11
Replenish Youth Retreat	January 12-14
Floor Hockey 10 am—Noon	1/13
Koins for Kids/Missions 10:30 AM <i>nursery room 205</i>	1/14
January Evening Blessings 6 PM "Hymn Sing"	1/14

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Volleyball resumes 6 PM ages 15 and up	1/16
Elder Board 7 PM	1/16
January Fasting and Prayer (Sanctuary open 11am-1 pm)	1/17
Wednesday Prayer 7 PM in room 105	1/17
First night of youth basketball games 5:30 pm	1/18
Floor Hockey 10 am—Noon	1/20
Annual Meeting during morning worship	1/21
All-Church Bowling 3-5 PM	1/27
Ladies Bible Study resumes 9:30 AM room 103	1/30
Kick-off for Sunday Family Night 6:00 PM	2/4

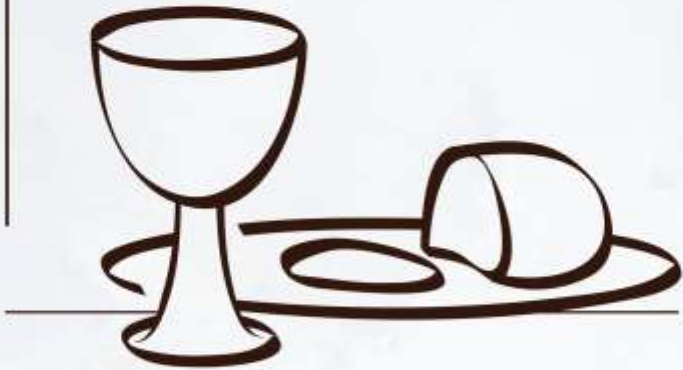
ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

- ⇒ Scan the QR code to set up one-time or recurring giving.
- ⇒ Text "Give" to 814-200-1939
- ⇒ Visit www.pcmachurch.org/giving



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JESUS PAID IT ALL
ALL TO HIM I OWE
SIN HAD LEFT A CRIMSON STAIN
HE WASHED IT WHITE AS SNOW



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Welcome and Announcements

Acknowledgement of God's Presence

Verse of the Month - John 3:16-17 NKJV

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

"Hosanna"

Meet and Greet

"God You Reign"

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Our Worship in Giving
Children's Church Dismissal*

Message: "What Are You Looking For"

"Way Maker"

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Parting Prayer

**For ages 3 - 3rd grade. Please see an usher if you require assistance.*

WELCOME!

We start with Jesus—He is the One who is the source of our love, the cause of our worship, and the core of our message. Acts 1:8—We rely on Holy Spirit filling as we seek to fulfill our calling to every segment of society. Family—We are at our best when we do this together—serving in a local church and among a community of local churches.

We sincerely WELCOME you today! If you are a first-time guest, we invite you to stop by the table in the narthex to select a gift from us.

JANUARY EVENING BLESSINGS

Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM

January 7 Concert of Prayer

January 14 Hymn Sing

January 21 Would You Like to Know?

January 28 An Evening of Worship with Megan & Kyle

ANNUAL REPORTS & ANNUAL MEETING

Annual reports are due **TODAY**. Please make every effort to submit reports as soon as possible. The **ANNUAL MEETING** is scheduled for **JANUARY 21, 2024**.

PRAYER AND FASTING

The Elders are calling our Fellowship to a time of prayer and fasting. We are asking you to set aside a time (i.e. over lunch) to pray and fast for our church. Please join us in prayer even if you are unable to fast. The church sanctuary will be open for prayer from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM each Wednesday during January. May we seek the Lord's face together.

CMA YOUTH BASKETBALL

230 children are registered to participate in our 2024 CMA Youth Basketball program! Please be in prayer as our 2024 CMA Youth Basketball Program kicks off with Skills Clinic Week, January 8, 9, 10, 11, and games begin January 18. It's not too late to volunteer! See Pastor Jones if interested.

SUNDAY FAMILY NIGHTS

Mark your calendars! Kick-off for Good News Club, Youth Group, and Adult Groups begins Sunday, February 4th, at 6:00 PM. Groups will not meet on February 11th but everyone is invited to our annual Tailgate Party at 5:30 PM. Groups will resume on February 18th.

VOLLEYBALL

Recreational volleyball for ages 15 and up begins Tuesday, January 16, at 6:00 PM. See Mary Hoover with any questions.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study resumes at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, January 30. All ladies are invited to come and bring a friend or two! See Judy Anthony with any questions.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the delicious Christmas cookies from the church. They were appreciated & enjoyed. Ruth Ann Vanderhoof

REMINDERS:

TEACHING CHILDREN EFFECTIVELY (level 2) - Call the Child Evangelism Fellowship office to register (814) 938-9206

BOWLING - January 27 - sign up in the narthex

FLOOR HOCKEY - Saturdays in January & February—no sign up required

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES - Basketball, Children's Ministries Coordinator, Nursery, Cravings

All information is available in the narthex.

Attendance Last Week		2024 Finances	Needed Weekly	Received
Inside	109	12/31/23	\$6,034.25	\$5,145.37
Facebook	27	1/7/24	\$6,034.25	
Online	3	1/14/24	\$6,034.25	
Total	139	1/21/24	\$6,034.25	

CALL TO PRAYER

JANUARY 2024



ONE ALLIANCE PLACE SET APART FOR GOD

On December 7, 2023, President John Stumbo, our National Office staff, local Alliance pastors, and other Alliance family members gathered on the property of One Alliance Place—the future home of the C&MA National Office—to consecrate it to the Lord. During a prayer time at the November 2023 Board meeting, it occurred to the members that the site had never been consecrated to God and to His purposes. Previously, it had been a place of unbridled sin. Drug activity, prostitution, and violence had thrived there while the old Kmart stood vacant, providing a convenient hiding place for illicit activities. John said, “In biblical times, when God’s people were ready to take a step forward, they were called to consecrate themselves and the land. So, that’s what today is about.”

Prior to heading out to the property, we worshipped the Lord in song. Mike Plunket, pastor of Risen King Alliance in New City, New York, led a teaching on cleansing prayer and our spiritual authority in Christ. Mike defined this as “the right and the ability to direct one’s speech into the ‘heavenly realms’ (Eph. 6:12) in such a way that agents in the spirit realm submit and

obey, with corresponding outcomes in the natural realm” (see Mark 11:23). This is also known as binding and loosing (see Matt. 18:18). An example of spiritual authority is seen when “Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness” (Matt. 10:1).

As groups of 15 filed out to the construction site, one National Office staff member carried a flag emblazoned with the phrase “An Appeal to Heaven.” A key aspect of the service involved taking back the enemy’s ground by confessing and repenting of the sin that had defiled the land. Examples of this biblical practice are seen in Daniel 9, Nehemiah 9, and elsewhere. In our God-given authority, those of us gathered spoke directly to the powers of darkness and canceled all of Satan’s legal rights to the property. We then declared the lordship of Christ over the land and called down God’s blessings on it, claiming spiritual promises and Scriptures. We covet your prayers as we continue to move forward with Project ReImagined, trusting God to bring it to completion.

| by National Office staff

INTO THE LAND OF PROMISE

Many people today are trying their best to keep, perhaps, a New Year’s resolution to live a different life, but before the year is past, they usually fail. They make these resolutions often and yet fail to keep them and so give up trying in despair. This is what the devil wants. He knew you would fail all the time. Many Christians are doing the same thing and perhaps think God has put them in hard places, and their efforts are vain to live in them.

Beloved, it is not what we can do but what God can do. Jesus Christ came not to impose taxes but to pay them. He does not command you to be right. That was the work of Moses. There is a great difference between law and grace, as great as between demand and supply. The law says, “You must”; grace says, “I will enable you to do.” The law says, “Be strong and be holy”; grace says, “I have come to bring you the blessings of holiness.” The first words spoken to Joshua were: “Go over into the land which I do give to you” (see Josh. 1:2b). Jesus comes to give, not to demand. He says, “My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

We are so grateful to our friends and partners in the gospel for their faithful prayers, heartfelt encouragement, and generous giving to Alliance ministries. We are here because of you! Following is a story from the spiritual harvest taking place in Sendai, Japan.

“Up until now, I had never considered God’s existence. After meeting the people at the church, I have begun to wonder if maybe there is a God!” These were the words of Sato-san* as she reflected on her visit to Freedom Life Church, the Sendai church plant. Like most Japanese, Sato-san had never considered God or His existence in her entire life—not even once. A friend invited her to a worship service, and Sato-san came. Experiencing a worship gathering and Christian community made an impact on her. It caused her to think about God and even opened her up to the possibility of His existence. This is a small step, but we celebrate all steps in the right direction! Thank you for making it possible for us to connect with people like Sato-san. Please pray for her and others in this harvest field as they contemplate the existence of God and consider the claims of Christ. Ask the Lord for a mighty harvest of souls!”



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by Stephen and Yire Woerner, Alliance
international workers serving with aXcess
in Japan

*Name changed

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