



# The Pilot Light

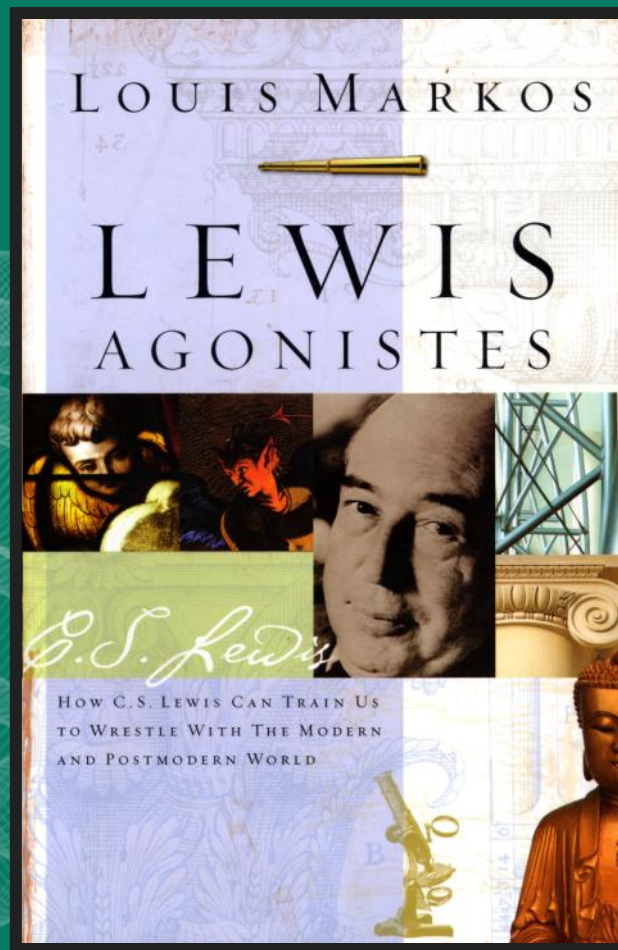


*"Columbia Presbyterian Church: encouraging you to enter into a life-changing relationship with Jesus, and helping you find your place in God's work."*

October 2011

## *A Weekend of Spiritual Renewal with Louis Markos*

**October 21 - 23, 2011**



*Professor at Houston Baptist University &  
C.S. Lewis Scholar*

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## Save the Date! -- Consecration Sunday is Coming

### Divine Conspiracy: Consecration Sunday – November 6th

Christians that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such communities of faith see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our Session has selected the *Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

**Consecration Sunday** is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Consecration Sunday* encourages all of us toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During worship on Consecration Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missional program, and discipleship ministries in Vancouver and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on (re)consecrate Sunday. We urge people to attend who may not be planning to complete a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship we will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Session. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Stewardship Chairperson,

**Julie Mauer**



# THE VIEW OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

## The Divine Conspiracy

Professor Dallas Willard of the University of Southern California entitled his book on the Sermon on the Mount, "The Divine Conspiracy".

What's that title all about? It's about a conspiracy of the triune God to subvert the established order of things and change everything and everyone for the good – to make the whole universe new again – to reverse the power of sin and evil, death and disease and establish God's rule over everything, everywhere.

The Sermon on the Mount means that God is up to something. He isn't just trying to send a message to the world, he's out to transform it. This transformation comes through Christ – through his word, through his identity as the unique personal presence of God in the world, and through his mighty acts. The Sermon on the Mount is simply one of the places where we encounter his word. They are words from God.

Because of this, they are worth our effort to learn, to apply, to do. So I want to encourage you to make Sundays a priority this year, not because church attendance is so important, but because gathering around God's word with God's people is so important. These are words that have the power to do them embedded within the utterance of the words by Jesus. They aren't advice or helpful hints for living. They are world-creating. They are deeply disturbing. They will re-orient your whole life.

So bring your Bible, I-Pad, or smart phone. Let's open this Word together and let it have its way with us. Bring a friend. They need this Word too.



## Consecration Sunday

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, November 6<sup>th</sup> will be our Consecration Sunday this year. Once again, we will gather for a continental brunch after each worship service. At that time, we will hear about our vision for the future, and receive the results of our stewardship commitments for the year 2012, and enjoy being together – something we only get to do a few times a year.

You will be hearing more about the details of how all this works. We will be sending each of you a letter with an invitation to brunch that morning. We will also look into some details of our financial discipleship as a congregation. But above all, we will pray that we will each grow in our discipleship as it relates to how we plan for, manage, and practice generosity with our resources – including the money we are blessed with by God.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus was clear: our hearts gather around whatever we treasure. It's a matter of our *hearts*, not our checkbooks. Where is your heart? What do you treasure? How can what you treasure reflect what God treasures? These questions are always good to ask. They are even more important to answer.

See you on November 6<sup>th</sup> – and every Sunday between now and then.

Blessings in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fitz Neal". The signature is stylized and cursive.



Fitz Neal  
Pastor

# ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

## CPC Done-in-a-Day, October 15 Matching needs with willing workers



If you have a need (or know someone who has a need) such as yard work or small repairs, contact Pastor Brian Craker, 694-7549 x209, [brian@columbiapresbyterian.org](mailto:brian@columbiapresbyterian.org). You may also qualify to have your house painted through Brush with Kindness. We will also be making and delivering meals.

If you have a desire to be part of a work crew or cooking crew, contact Joan Cram, [joanecram@gmail.com](mailto:joanecram@gmail.com), 253-7662). This is an intergenerational ministry sponsored by the Deacons, as we strive to be the hands and feet of Christ. All ages are encouraged to participate.



Dear CPC Family & Staff,

We wanted to take a moment to send our heartfelt thanks to all of you. Our family has been so blessed by Columbia in such a short time: from the wonderful welcome after our arrival in August, to all of the gifts and cards with Casey's birth, and all of the notes of prayer and support during Casey's extended stay in the hospital. You have shown the heart of Christ so clearly and beautifully to our family and we feel so blessed to be a part of Columbia! May the Lord continue to richly bless you and the Kingdom work we have been called to together.

The Craker Family,  
Brian, Alison, Tyler & Casey



Brian Craker  
Interim Associate Pastor





# NEWS FOR YOU-TH

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Middle School Back to School Retreat- November 4-6 at Camp Tadmor
- Middle School Sunday School – Sundays at 9:30 AM

## HIGH SCHOOL

- High School Back to School Retreat – Oct 7-9 at The Dunes Bible Camp in Ocean Park, WA
- High School DIG groups – Sundays at 9:30 AM

We had a great time in Canada on Bike Hike.  
Next year we'll be heading to Idaho.



## Core Leaders for 2011-2012

### HS Core Leaders

Katie Mack  
Johnna Gurgel  
Jessica Taylor  
Elizabeth Wiley

### MS Core Leaders

Beth Putney  
Parker Liebe  
Krissy White  
Megan Husko  
Sean Taylor  
Jeff Longust



Matt Overton  
Associate Pastor  
Youth & Family Ministries



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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



## Bible Sunday.....October 16

An exciting day for second graders! Every fall we give Bibles to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and older elementary children who haven't received them. The date for our Bible presentation this year is **Sunday, October 16**, during both the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **If your child is older than 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and doesn't have his own Bible**, please notify Jennifer Neal in the church office, ext. 204 so we can have one ready for him/her.

## Welcome Back!

Our regular Sunday School took off last Sunday with great enthusiasm. We are excited to have our rooms full of delightful children who are eager to learn and teachers who are so committed to sharing Jesus and Bible stories with the kids. Most of the children transitioned to new rooms or new teachers very well. Some younger children may have a little anxiety for a few weeks in new situations.

Here's a few ways you can help your child be very comfortable and successful at Sunday School:

For younger:

- Talk about Sunday School during the week...what room they will go to, who they will see, things they might talk about.
- If they are a little anxious, remind them often that you go to your "class" and they go to theirs and you always come and get them afterwards.
- On Sunday morning, remind them of these things on the way to church. Then, when you arrive, have a little routine that is always the same....bring them in, say something reassuring to them, kiss or hug them and then leave. Usually the longer you linger, the longer they will fuss. You can be sure that we will never let them cry or be unhappy the whole time...we will come and find you if we cannot calm them. Usually, the fussing is over within minutes (or seconds) of the parent leaving.

For older:

- Come regularly so it becomes a usual part of the child's week. This is especially important for older children as well.
- Help your child to develop relationships with other kids at church by arranging other activities outside of church, inviting the family to dinner, etc. Kids want to be where they have strong friendships.
- Sunday School does still **need a couple of half-time assistant leaders** in the preschool area. The qualifications are a heart for children and a desire to share God with them. Is God calling you to use your gifts and talents?



Please pray and listen to see if God may be nudging you or that He may be guiding you to encourage ministering with children to a friend. Interested? Talk to Sharon in the office, 694-7549, ext. 211

Sharon Franklin  
Director of Children's  
Ministries



# Circle of Friends Preschool

## 2011-2012 Circle of Friends Staff



Sharon Wallenborn  
Preschool Director  
17 years



Michell Freeman  
Teacher, Lollipops - 4's  
16 years



Debbie Johnson  
Assistant Director  
15 years



Miki Strobel  
Teacher, Jelly Beans - 4/5's  
8 years



Laura Veasy  
Teacher, Gumdrops - Young 3's  
8 years



Beth Short  
Teacher, Gummi Bears - Older 3's  
Science  
7 years



LeeAnn Gates  
Teacher, Gummi Bears - Older 3's  
6 years



Jana Postma  
Teacher, Gumdrops - young 3's  
4 years



Debbie Alcomendas  
Teacher, Gumballs - Young 4's  
2 years



Laura Ericcsen  
Teacher, Gumballs - Young 4's  
2 year



Nicole Harris  
Teacher, Gumdrops - Young 3's  
1<sup>st</sup> year



Monica Hill  
Teacher, Lollipops - 4's  
1<sup>st</sup> year

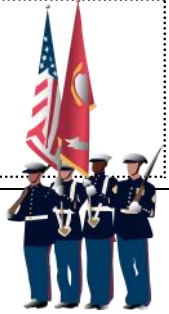


Audri Lambert  
Teacher, Gumballs - Young 4's  
1<sup>st</sup> year

Train up a child in the way he should go: and  
when he is old, he will not depart from it.

~Proverbs 22:6

# MILITARY PRAYER MINISTRY



Thanks for those who have served our country through the years, and continued prayer for those in our church family currently on active duty. Keep in prayer:

- **Capt. Richard Ian Porter, USMC**, is serving his second deployment in Afghanistan. He is based at Camp Leatherneck, and his assignment is to train Afghan military and police in the use of military intelligence (cousin of Susan Horton).
- **Chaplain (Capt.) Nathan Whitham**, US Army, currently serving in Afghanistan (brother-in-law of Julie Mauer).
- **Lt. Steven Whitham**, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA., recently returned from Iraq (cousin of Julie Mauer).
- **Scott Matthews**, US Army, serving in Afghanistan. His wife Amanda and two children Mattea, age 4, and Sawyer, age 1, are staying in their house on base at Ft. Benning, GA. while he is deployed (son-in-law of Pauline Wolfe).
- **Capt. Ryan C. Laughton**, US Air Force, Vandenburg AFB, CA (son of Gary & Sherry Laughton).
- **MIDN Matthew VanEerden**, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD (son of Ted & Sharon VanEerden).
- **Alasdair Stuart**, finished Naval basic training; followed up with training in Pensacola, FL; continued with SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape) training in San Diego, CA; has been home-ported in Virginia Beach since August 2010. Is assigned to a support unit that supports a US Navy Seal Team (son of Robert and Geri Stuart).
- **Major William F. Byrd IV**, and family, deployed in Iraq (grandson of William and Catharine Byrd).
- **1st Lt. James V. Elieff**, US Army (son of Jim and Helen Elieff).
- **Navy Seal Jake Roberts**, and family, now stationed in Guam (son of Dean and Annmarie Roberts).
- **David Michael Murray**; Michael is making very good progress in his recovery. Although he has lost the vision in one eye he is doing very well. He has been discharged from active duty but continues with medical care to complete his healing from combat injuries. Please pray for his continued recovery and re-entry into the civilian world (great nephew of Terry and Marilyn Robertson).
- **MST SGT Geoff T. Robertson** and family, currently serving in Okinawa (son of Terry and Marilyn Robertson).
- **David Weddel, Ass't Deputy Chief of Naval Operations**, Pentagon (son of Marge Weddel).
- **Lt. Drew Ziccardi, U.S. Army**, deploying to Afghanistan this summer (godson of Pastor Fitz Neal).

If you know of a service person who is not listed here, please contact Viva Dennis in the church office, 694-7549 ext. 213.





# MISSIONS



## Kairos News – Kairos in Oregon

*I was in prison and you visited me. Matthew 25:36*

Here at Columbia we have been a part of Kairos for years. We have made cookies, we have prayed, and some of us have been on Kairos teams. For a long time we and many others have prayed and worked toward the formation of Kairos in Oregon. This seems to be God's time.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Kairos, Kairos is an international ecumenical ministry reaching out to those in prison and also their families. Life-changing weekends are conducted presenting Jesus Christ and His love to residents of prisons, many of whom in all their lives have never known love. Kairos is able to reach those prisoners hardest to reach by other ministries. Kairos not only benefits prisoners, it benefits society as well. Recidivism (returning to prison) is reduced, and behavior within the prison is improved.

Some of us have been on Kairos teams in Washington, and that has entailed traveling to Tacoma and Seattle or farther north for team meetings and weekends, because the Washington prisons are in the northern part of the state. We have known for a long time that Oregon is our natural mission field for prison ministry, and that mission field is finally opening up. In fact, Oregon and Southwest Washington will be a regional entity in the future.

Kairos has been invited to conduct a weekend at the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem in the fall of 2012. A steering committee is being formed, and people are being sought to augment that committee and also to be on the team going into the prison. At least sixty team members are needed. Although only men can go into the men's prison, there is great deal of work available to women. A prison-ministry prayer team meets every two months to pray, and all are welcome to join this team.

Do you think God may be calling you into this ministry? Do you know of someone? Pray and ask God if He may be calling you. For more information, contact Betty Ruth Frakes 256-6359, [frakes\\_fbr@netzero.net](mailto:frakes_fbr@netzero.net).



YoungLives

**Applebee's Pancake Breakfast**  
**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 8-10 AM**  
**\$7 per ticket**

Proceeds benefit YoungLives, an outreach and mentoring program for teenage moms.

*Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar*  
*13006 NE Highway 99 in Vancouver*

*Contact Judie Cole for more info @*  
*360-737-0849*



# MISSIONS

**29,177---15---2 tons**

Interested in the above numbers?

**29,177** - Average number of people per month receiving emergency food assistance here in Clark County.

**15** - Number of food banks in Clark County providing emergency food assistance.

**2 tons** - Amount of fresh produce supplied to the food banks from the Churches in Partnership Community Garden (as of Aug. 24th)

Join us every Wednesday or Saturday, weather permitting (9 to 11 AM) to help with the harvest. The garden is located at 1919 NE 78th Street. Need more information? Contact Jerry Hofer (521-7944) or Lynne Helmke (883-5661).



Also, don't forget the food bins at the church. Through our involvement with Northwest Harvest South, these items also go to the Clark County Food Bank. They currently need instant oatmeal and rice.

## Senegal News

**The 2012 Senegal trip update:** Currently travel to Senegal in 2012 remains up in the air due to political issues. Senegal's national election is scheduled for late February 2012 and some of our Senegal contacts are predicting some instability. Others have told us that coming in early February should be no problem and that they don't see that there will be any significant unrest which would disturb our trip. We are waiting for World Vision Senegal to confirm trip dates for us. **Please pray that Senegal has peaceful elections and that our team will be allowed to visit at the same time as has been our custom.**

**2012 Go Team Selection:** The 2012 Team will spend the majority of its time visiting with the Christian Organizations in Senegal with which we partner. They will be trying to gain some sense of where Columbia Presbyterian Church should increase its emphasis and where it should decrease its emphasis. Thus, the team will be made up primarily of experienced travelers to Senegal and will not spend time preparing for nor experiencing a new culture for the first time. The Senegal Strategy Team expects to announce the composition of the 2012 Go Team in October.

**Please pray for the selection process and that the right people will step forward to go again.**

**Indigenous churches in Senegal:** We continue to pursue the establishment of indigenous churches among the Wolof and Serer people in Senegal. We support Senegalese missionaries at the Baba Garage outpost who are teaching computers to high school students. We also support Pastor Ngor's Adult Literacy program in the Diakhao Area Development Project (ADP).

**Please pray that hearts and minds in Senegal would be open to the Word. Also pray that the Christian Community in Senegal would be filled with the Holy Spirit and joyfully spread the good news.**

# CPC NEWS

## Session Member Contact Information

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Jerry Hofer	521-7944		

**Clerk of Session:**  
Donnetta Spink 944-6716

## How are we doing?

Summer is traditionally a slower time for giving, with members out of town on vacations, family outings and other events. This year is no exception. Pledge and offering income through August is \$783,000. While this is about \$55,000 more than last year, it is about \$30,000 below our plan. Although expenses are below budget, we are not surprised with a deficit through August of approximately \$31,000.



The congregation has been very faithful in giving this year, even though many have been affected by the sluggish economy. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the trustees.

Bruce Farnsworth, Treasurer

**CPC**

**MOVIE NIGHT**



**Friday, October 14**

*(Due to other church events, we are not meeting on our usual night)*

6:00 PM - (BYOBBD) Bring your own brown bag dinner

7:00 PM - Movie starts

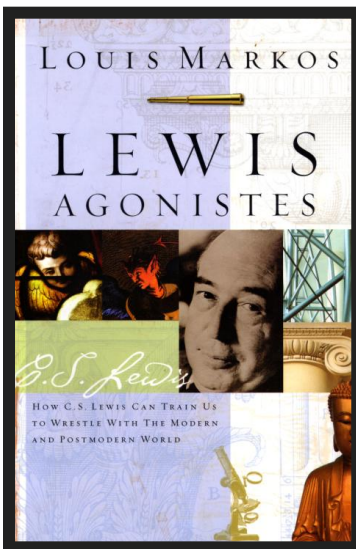
# CPC NEWS

We are thankful for your prayers. John is now living at Mountainview House in Camas. It is only three blocks from our condo and within walking distance, which is handy since I can no longer drive.

~ Wilma Bloodworth

I wanted to thank everyone for their amazing support and prayers for myself and my family during my short illness. I feel great, am on the mend and feel very fortunate. It is very humbling to be on the receiving end of such support and caring from everyone. Again, thank you everyone from myself and my family.

~ Brian Ableidinger



On October 21st thru 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011 we welcome Professor Louis Markos, a C.S. Lewis scholar. He will be giving some challenging lectures on how C.S. Lewis can train us to wrestle with the modern and post modern world as well as engaging young and young-at-heart as he discusses the Narnia films.

C.S. Lewis was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century and arguably the most influential Christian writer of his day. He was a Fellow and tutor in English literature at Oxford University until 1954 when he was unanimously elected to be the Chair of Medieval and Renaissance English at Cambridge University a position he held until his retirement. He wrote more than thirty books allowing him to reach a vast audience and his works continue to attract thousands of new readers every year. His most distinguished and popular accomplishments include *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *The Four Loves*, *The Screwtape Letters* and *Mere Christianity*.

Cost: \$20.00 per person  
\$30.00 per family

**\*\*Childcare (birth - 5th grade) is available by reservation ONLY.\*\***

Scholarships available. Contact Pastor Brian Craker for more information, 694-7549 x 209, [brian@columbiapresbyterian.org](mailto:brian@columbiapresbyterian.org).



Prof. Louis Markos, Speaker

## Friday, October 21

7:45 PM - 9:30 PM, Author of "Lewis Agonistes" will discuss *Wrestling with Science*.

## Saturday, October 22

12:30 - 2:00 PM, Author of "Lewis Agonistes" will discuss *Wrestling with the New Age*.

## Saturday, October 22

\*\* 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Dramatization of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and lecture on the Christian Meaning of the book, plus a Q&A time. ***This is designed for children, youth and adults. A free will donation may be made to cover the cost of this special session.***

## Sunday, October 23

Prof. Markos will be preaching at the 11AM service.

# CONTACT INFORMATION



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## How to Reach Us:

Please call the church office at 694-7549 to reach any of the church staff. Staff can also be reached via e-mail by using the person's first name followed by @columbiapresbyterian.org. *Example: bruce@columbiapresbyterian.org.* The only exceptions to that rule are Sharon Franklin, Sharon Wallenborn and John Ignoffo. In those cases, use their first name with the first initial of their last name.

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