

BELL TOWER NEWS

College Hill Presbyterian Church – July 2021

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WELCOME THE SHINDELDECKERS

On Sunday, July 18, Global Workers John and Laura Shindeldecker will join Pastor Drew Smith in illuminating Romans 5—Peace at All Times. Peace is not the absence of conflict or troubles. God's peace brings us comfort and confidence in every situation and empowers us to be His agents of His peace wherever we are. There are three other exciting opportunities to learn from the Shindeldeckers.



WHO ARE THEY? John and Laura became members of CHPC while attending the University of Cincinnati in the 1970s. They were commissioned as *Ambassadors for Christ* by CHPC in 1979. Since then, they have been helping people be reconciled to God and to other people as a foundation of discipleship. They lived in the Middle East for 26 years and have been in Europe since 2011.

Based in Spain, they train, coach, and consult for international ministries and national believers around the world. They specialize

in leadership development and biblical conflict resolution, which are two crucial and universal needs among Christians today. They travel internationally for in-person trainings and provide Internet-based resources and consulting. John is the founder of *PeacePursuit.org* and the author of *The Peace Pursuit Handbook*.

LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITY #1: Sat., July 17 (9 AM-12 PM), at the Peace Pursuit Interactive Workshop. Have relationships and areas of your life that are far from peaceful? Be equipped with God's tools to transform them. Practice biblical peacemaking principles using true-to-life church scenarios. Call ECC (513-542-9025) or email info@eccfellowship.org. FREE. Donations cover materials and refreshments.

MISSION:

"ACROSS THE STREET"

"AROUND THE WORLD"

In the *Great Commission*, Jesus declared, "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (MESSAGE)

God calls all Christians to serve—some "around the world," others "across the street." This *Bell Tower News* issue includes examples of people who are responding to Christ's call. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, they are transforming the world around them.





MISSION "ACROSS THE STREET" Jesus University

Instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

CHPC's Jesus University is our children's liturgical ballet troupe that partners with Princesses Ballet, a ministry of City Gospel Mission. Ballet lessons are available for underserved girls ages 3 to 18. Dancers develop poise, grace and character through the nurture and disciplines of ballet. The leadership makes the difference. Helen and Joe Brooks had the vision. The dance instructors are key in having the vision come alive through Christ's power.

MEET THE JESUS UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTORS

BY KELLY HIBBETT, BTN REPORTER



ALIYAH MOTLEY,
Advanced Ballet Instructor
From a very young age, Aliyah
was passionate about dance
and attended the Cincinnati
Ballet Academy, the Otto M.
Buddig Academy, and UC's
College Conservatory of Music
Preparatory Program. As a child,
she performed professionally for
five years in the *Nutcracker*. Her

experiences as a young dancer helped her develop poise, discipline, and the ability to work with all kinds of people in a professional industry.

Although her background is in theater, Aliyah moved into teaching and found her perfect fit. Although she still performs at various community and church events (she attends Lifechangers Church in Fairfield), her passion is for teaching young people.

God's divine hand was clearly at work in bringing Aliyah to us. In 2018, she was interning at CHPC under Robyn Hubbuch (former Director of Youth and Family) when Helen Brooks asked her to help out with Jesus University. However, Aliyah was preparing to go to India on a mission trip the following year. She asked Helen for a donation, but she got something even better: a job. Helen hired her to choreograph and teach one dance for Jesus University... and she's been here ever since!

Aliyah says, "It is very clear the Lord was using the girls to minister to me and vice versa: the kids we work with are just very special." As her students face a whole host of challenges—family situations, school, insecurity, finding their place in the world, developing faith—she realizes how similar they are to her. She can see herself in them and is reminded not to get lost in the dance, but to be a source of encouragement. Her goal is "to make sure that no matter how long a girl is in the program (one day or years), that girl will leave knowing who Jesus is by having experienced him through the loving instruction she got at dance class."

One of her most memorable times teaching at Jesus University involved the girls dancing to "The Blessing" music. During rehearsal, she and the girls explored the message of the song. She, herself, teared up,



thinking about the breaking of generational curses in her own life. She explained that the dance was more than just doing the motions; it was about choosing to take a different path in this moment, about living a life of abundance because they know to whom their lives belong. Afterwards, the girls danced it with a different sense of urgency. Aliyah explains, "When we're vulnerable about how much something means to us, it makes it most powerful."

If you're blessed enough to get to watch the Jesus University girls dance, Aliyah offers this insider tip: "Paying attention to even simple movements allows you to soak in the message. Focus on the emotions and the story that's being conveyed. Go beyond the



lyrics to the personal message that comes from the dancers. In liturgical dance, dancers are not playing a character. They are being totally open and unashamed before the Lord, more authentically themselves."

ALLISON JACOBS, Beginners Ballet Instructor



Like Aliyah, Allison Jacobs, "the dancing librarian," found her way to CHPC in a way that was clearly orchestrated by God. She "just so happened" to be filling in at the College Hill branch of the public library, where she told customer advisor Evelyn Sussberry that she taught dance but because of the pandemic had not been working. Evelyn "just happened" to be

Jesus University director Helen Brooks' cousin and told Alli about an opportunity to teach liturgical and praise dance at CHPC. Having no experience in that kind of dance, though, Alli thought the gig was up, so to speak, but then it turned out that what Helen needed was a ballet instructor to teach technique to children. And so, Alli was ours!

As a highschooler at Cincinnati's School for Creative and Performing Arts, Alli majored in dance and costume design. Then she went on to Northern Kentucky University to pursue a degree in psychology with minors in dance and art history before earning her master's degree in library science at Kent State.

Her psychology training has been invaluable to her in her work as a teen librarian. She believes the library is "the last place in this country where people are just free to be: people of all backgrounds--citizens or not-can get a library card. It's a place where loitering is encouraged, so it's a safe haven for folks struggling with homelessness. It's a place that calls for compassion, empathy, and patience." In other words, it's a place aligned with Alli's spirit.

Alli's passion for dance and the wellbeing of the planet and all the creatures in it radiates from her. She has been a performer with the Contemporary Dance Theater and has taught there and at High Steppers in Mount Healthy. Recently, she performed at Global Water Dances 2021, a world-wide event promoting "awareness and a behavioral shift toward solutions for water preservation and conservation" (globalwaterdances.org/). One of Alli's favorite and most

challenging performances was a modern dance piece about animal abuse. She had to learn to make animallike movements inspired by wolves and their packs.

Alli finds her greatest joy in "working with children, seeing their faces light up when they try something new, so filled with light and happiness and joy." She finds watching how each and every body moves a little differently to be so "charming and adorable" that she carries the memories home with her. And so do Alli's students as they study under her and then join her in read-alouds of stories about all different kinds of people with dancing in their souls.

Although Alli has never done liturgical dance before, she finds that "honoring the individual, the space, and the people involved translates well to lots of faiths." Alli teaches the children that the space in which the dancers move is part of the art being created. She teaches them to honor and be thankful for others—their families who make sacrifices for them to pursue their interests, their leaders, their fellow dancers, their audience. She teaches them to be mindful about what they're doing and appreciative of all involved.

Alli's "insider tip" for audience members is to "be aware of all of the aspects involved in the performance—dancers, music, choreography, costumes, lighting design, etc., and to engage with the dancers, their stories, and expressions. Be open to the experience.

JESUS UNIVERSITY

Classes BEGINNERS BALLET for Ages 4-9

Friday evenings: 6:45-7:45 PM Instructor: Allison Jacobs Each session ends with story time. Fee: \$20 a month (scholarships available)

ADVANCED BALLET for Ages 10-17

(Prior experience not necessary)

Saturday afternoons: 2:00 PM Instructors: Aliyah Motley and Helen Brooks Biblical instruction, choreography for future dances, snacks!

Fee: \$20 a month (scholarships available)

TO ENROLL: call Helen Brooks at 513.375.4230

FREE DANCE CLINIC: July 5-9, 6:00-8:15 PM





HOW CAN ONE MEASURE THE IMPACT OF COLLEGE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

BY THE KLAAS FAMILY, GLOBAL WORKERS— LAURIE (AUTHOR), RUDY, ANNIEO AND RUDYO

Perhaps a good place to start would be to consider the role CHPC has played in the life of our family. Rudy and I (Laurie) were commissioned by CHPC in May 1986 as *Ministers of the Gospel* through Wycliffe Bible Translators. Our training took us away from Ohio and then from the US. But we were never beyond the touch of the Missions Committee and the many others among whom we had grown in Christ.

Many supported and partnered with us in prayer and financially. Fellow Youth and Summer Staffers, ministerial staff, and parents of Choir School's Tiny Tots numbered among these partners, along with members of the Inquirer's class, the Engaged Couples class, SMASH (Sunday Morning Adult Study Hour), the HELPER clinic. Bible studies and other classes in which we'd been active. Some of these partners had become active at CHPC after learning about it through our work, attending one of our Bible studies or attending the Perspectives on the World Christian Movement course

from the US Center for World Missions with us.

As you can see, Rudy and I do not look a day older than we did in 1988 when we arrived in the tiny village of Egbita, Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo). We knew French, were learning Lingala (the regional language), and added Mangbetu (spoken by over 700,000 people in the middle of the Ituri Rain Forest) because making Scripture available in that language was our priority.

First, we needed to complete the alphabet and grammatical studies so that literacy efforts could be launched with books we created and teachers we

trained. Rudy and I found greater meaning in Scripture and prayer as we learned, grew, and drew others into the task compelling us.

When war started in the Congo, local leaders told us it would be impossible to hide our complexions in the dark forest. They encouraged us to take our baby Annieo out of harm's way. We moved to Kenya and worked remotely on the literacy efforts. The plan was to return when the situation simmered down. It didn't.

For many years people from CHPC and beyond had been praying for not only for our ministry, but also for us to have children. Interestingly, our son Rudyo was born less than eighteen months after Annieo's birth.

Wycliff, after much prayer, asked our family of four to move to Senegal on the other side of the African continent. Rudy served as the Senegal's Literacy Coordinator and I organized pre-school activities for Annieo, Rudyo, and several other children. Once Annieo and Rudyo were in Dakar Academy, I assisted Senegal

language teams in planning language programs and creating audio Scripture materials. Due to our literacy activities in Senegal, Wycliffe language skills, and integrity in business and relationships, Rudy was invited to be a consultant to a variety of international partners: various Bible societies, UNICEF, USAID, the World Bank and International Rescue Committee in refugee camps in Darfur, South Sudan, Ghana, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and other countries.

CHPC's Endowment Fund helped finance several projects: Ndut Scripture recordings, transportation for literacy training among the Kwatay in the southwestern corner of the country, and reconstruction of the flood-damaged church of a small Kaasa congregation on the outskirts of Dakar.

In April 2020, Rudy and I left Senegal and returned to the USA via a COVID-19 evacuation flight. We have been working from the USA since; returning when necessary. I flew back to Senegal, thanks to CHPC's financial help. For eight weeks I encouraged and was encouraged by colleagues through group conferences and facilitating Scripture Engagement training events. I also helped inventory and pack up our center so it could be moved to a city near Senegal's capital, Dakar.

Meanwhile, Rudy was preparing for training teachers in South Sudan with the World Bank. The trip has been delayed several times. Instead, he has been occupied with other projects: a dialect survey in a troubled area of Somalia, orthography problems in Central Sudan Languages, investigating reading program strategies in Uganda refugee camps (and some fishing slipped in). Fully vaccinated, we each antic-



FAMILY FAITH FORWARD

ipate travel within and beyond the USA. We hope to visit Cincinnati this summer.

FROM REV. JENNIFER CRONK, PASTOR TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

We have wonderful memories of other summers and times at CHPC—our kids learning lifelong skills like swimming and then teaching with the Swim Ministry. They joined Youth Mission Trips to



Kentucky, and were part of Splash Kingdom Drama Camp. We stayed at the CHPC Mission House at many times of year—building snowmen, celebrating birthdays, cooking great meals. The house was a place to call "home," where it was easy to host family and friends. Even when our family got older, we felt like we would be welcome to stay, worship and grow with our church family. We looked forward to planning for the next time in Ohio. Our family photo album shows us all growing up as part of a bigger family called College Hill Presbyterian Church.

CHPC has greatly impacted our family and many more families for the Lord's glory! What about you and yours? How has CHPC impacted you and those around you for His glory?





BY PASTOR DREW SMITH

No, this is not an article about a soccer game nor the pursuit of the ice hockey's Stanley Cup. Instead, hear the good news about God's work through the goals we have set as a congregation—a chance to imagine our personal ministry "across the street and around the world."

In March and April, church attenders were challenged to individually set some simple congregational and personal goals for the next six months. Some examples were a goal to grow in Jesus' Lordship by purposeful prayer and study of the Bible alone or with others; to invite others to church; and to intentionally care for others with acts of mercy in the name of Jesus. Some made daily, weekly, and monthly goals around these three categories.

Thanks to all who sent me their goals. I'm astonished at what happens when we set goals together. We have made clear commitments to do evangelism and discipleship in our daily lives: 562 plan to invite people to church or to know Christ; 367 plan on doing direct acts of mercy in the name of Christ; and we committed to do 4,275 different acts of discipleship over this 6-month period. Even if we only bat .500 (which is Hall-of-Fame caliber), God is working in our midst to pursue His mission for the church.

Goals may still be submitted at chpc.org/goals. Keep track of your progress on them. In October we'll celebrate what God has done and give Him the Glory!...

CONGRATS TO THE GRADS

COLLEGE —

Paul Klusmeier, Xavier University, B.S. in Computer Science; working for Meyer Tools.

Kendra Russell, Taylor University, B.S. in Biochemistry, magna cum laude; working for Eurofins.

Josh Scheid, Ohio State University, B.A. in Political Science/Policy Minor.

Nathaniel Andrew Smith, OSU, B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering with a minor in Organizational and Performance Psychology.

HIGH SCHOOL—

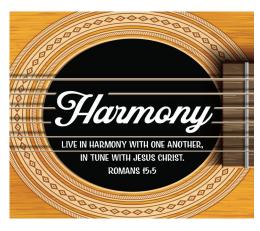
Ben Bowerman; Walnut Hills H.S.; going to the University of Cincinnati to study Geopgraphy (the study of the physical features of the earth and its atmosphere, and of human activity as it affects and is affected by these).

Aidan Moncelle; home school graduate; will be attending University of Alabama to study Mechanical Engineering.

Shallum True; Aiken H.S.; currently working as well as planning to become a nurse.

Zach Williams; Walnut Hills H.S.; entering the work force.

3C'S CHRISTIAN COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY provides students with an excellent foundation for both school and life. It is an excellent preschool and kindergarten for the students. It is also a community like no other—a supportive environment where parents and teachers support one another. The 3C's 2021 graduates are Adrienne Boyd, Rose Coffey, Austin Detmer, Olivia Dodd, Isaac Gehring, Maisie Gruber, Harper & Nora Jarrett, Silas Ramsey, Gabe Sanner, and Norah Vincent.



JULY SERMONS: ROMANS

Through the Bible book of Romans, the Apostle Paul continues to teach us how to live in harmony with one another through the innovative, ministry of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

JULY 4 Romans 3:21-31—God Sets You Free. Good News – God gives you freedom to do God's work right now. He frees you from shame, guilt, and fear so that you can love others, self, and God in the fullness of life.

JULY 11 Romans 4—*Trust*. How do you grow in trust and faith? Paul gives us practical examples and teaches us how to grow in trust in God and one another.

JULY 18 Romans 5—Peace at All Times. Peace is not the absence of conflict or troubles. God's peace brings us comfort and confidence in every situation.

JULY 25 Romans 6—Alive with God. God does not save us only for life after we die. God saves us for life today. Aug 1 Romans 7—Freedom! Want to experience God's freedom in your relationships with one another? God has made a way—Jesus.



SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP?

Info and videos at www.sonlightpower.org/join-mission-trip



SESSION UPDATE

BY JANET DUMFORD, CLERK OF SESSION

July 2021 —The Session is setting aside a third of their meeting every other month for guided prayer. In June, Elder Mark Evans and Contemporary Worship Leader Hope Davis lead a time of worship, praise, thanksgiving, and prayers for CHPC's people and ministries. Session received requests from staff members and were able to pray specifically for them.

Hope Davis shared her passion and calling for church planting. She has begun meeting with pastors within our Presbytery and some from other Cincinnati congregations about the steps and planning required to follow this call. She has started courses within the ECO that will help guide some of her decision making. Session is happy to support Hope as she seeks after God's plan for her life. It was a privilege to pray for her. Please join Session in praying for Hope.

Session began the annual budget discussion. Heather Lethander, Director of Human Resources and Finance, gave an extremely organized pre-



HEATHER LETHANDER

sentation on our current financial situation and the proposed budget for our next fiscal year. One elder commented that she has served at other churches and this was the clearest budget presentation she had ever experienced. Our congregation has continued to be faithful in giving and Session is grateful. We are on a firm footing as we enter the next year.

Session continues to study the ECO's Core Leadership Competencies training designed by the denomination to help church leaders learn to be more effective in their roles. Each month the Elders watch videos before the Session meeting and work through discussion questions. In June, the two competencies were Biblical Knowledge & Interpretation and Theological Knowledge.

To know more, contact: Mark Evans (evansmd1@gmail.com) or Janet Dumford (jdumford@chpc.org)

WHAT BEGAN AT CHPC WITH A 2-YEAR COMMITMENT AND THIS MONTH CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY?

F.A.T.H.E.R.S. — Fathers And Their Home Environment RelationshipS
It was envisioned by CHPC Pastor Rev. Dr. Ron Rand and tested and

nurtured in the home environments of the "Founding Fathers." Today the training is still so transformational for men that seminars are actively taught. One of the bonuses for Ron is that his son Josh and grandson Ethan now teach

with him and are "living visual aides" of the ways God changes generations through this unique ministry.





LOOK FOR THE FATHERS MEMORIAL AT CHPC





THREE GENERATIONS OF THE RAND FAMILY TEACHING ABOUT FATHERS

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

On May 30th, 2021, these CHPC Covenant Partners (members) who joined the Church Triumphant in the past year were remembered:

Mrs. John Dinsmore (Dorothy Rader), Mrs. Robert L. Parker (Lois Eileen), Mrs. Ronald Henke (Judith B), Mrs. Duane Deyer (Virginia M. Terry), Mrs. Robert Johnson (Doreen Lingamann),

Mr. John Michael Wagner & Mrs. Diane K. Hoffman Wagner,

Mr. Erwin John Wolber,

Mr. Richard Allen Meier,

Mrs. Donald S. Wall (Ursula Petre),

Mrs. Dorothy Louise Sneed Carr,

Mrs. James Bodmer (Mary Moomaw),

Mr. Dennis Sherman Risch.

KALUBI MISSION TRIP TO THE CONGO TO BRING HEALTH AND HOPE



BY DANIEL & JACKY KALUBI

July 21 to 31, 2021 CHPC member Jacky Kalubi and her son Daniel will return to Kalala Museu Clinic in the Congo (the red spot on the map). KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS!

In 2013, the Kalubis traveled with a SonLight Power team to install solar panels at the Kalala Museu Clinic. Electricity brought sustainable, reliable energy and endless possibilities to that little patch of land in Tshibombo, in the heart of the Congo. This summer, they travel with a group of 45 doctors, nurses, and volunteers on a medical mission trip with Christian Brigades.

Daniel is coordinating the logistical details of this trip and appreciates prayers for leadership, vision and calm. The team will hold free clinics and provide medical attention to people in need. Christian Brigades will also distribute medical kits, essential hygiene items as well as medical equipment.

Jacky has raised funds to provide sanitary menstrual products. "Period panties" are a relatively new product that is cost-effective, environment friendly, and sustainable. For more info, see Jacky jacky.kalubi@7hills.org . She plans to take 150 pairs. The CHPC World Mission Budget has donated funds toward the trip and cost of these products.

Pray specifically for Jacky and Daniel Kalubi and the team in the CONGO, July 21-31 for:

- Safety and traveling mercies for all.
 Safety and peace for loved ones
- left behind in the USA.

 3. Logistics on the ground such as
- transportation, lodging and food.
- 4. Getting through immigration and customs in the Congo with few issues.
 5. Much needed medication to be released from customs in the Congo.
- 6. The people of Mbuji-Mayi and Tshibombo to be receptive to the mission—to receive treatment and hear about Jesus Christ.
- 7. God to "shut the mouths of lions."
- 8. Break toxic family ties—people released from generational links.
- 9. Protection against demons and bad spirits [this is serious in the African context].
- 10. TRUST in the Lord; serve with Joy.

Jacky's Study Passages: Ps. 121 (given to Jacky by her father when she left Congo in 1980); Ps. 91 (given to her brother, a virologist, in 1990 when he moved to Philadelphia); Isaiah 43:2; Ps. 34:7 and Eph. 6:10-18 put on the whole armor of God.



WELCOME THE SHINDELDECKERS

CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT COVER

LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITY #2: Sunday, July 18 (12:00 to 12:30 PM), a 30-minute outreach and mission meeting in Fellowship Hall. John & Laura share in more detail how they see God at work in the world. All are welcome.

OPPORTUNITY #3: Sunday, July 18 (12:45 to 2:00 PM), a more intimate update from John & Laura on their ministry, life, and family during lunch at Krimmer's Italianette Pizza, 1704 W. Galbraith Rd., North College Hill. For reservations, contact Mary Sue Verhagen (513) 919-4549.



Until August 1, CHPC Kids will be an in-person kids' worship class at the 10:30 service only. Kids will join their parents for worship, then they'll be dismissed before the sermon. Pre-register your kid(s) at

www.chpc.org/kidssummer

No Kids' worship August 1, 8, and 15. As of 8/22, expect: 9:00 SERVICE-Nursery (birth-4 yrs. old); Children's Worship (5 yrs. old-3rd grade; 4th grade and up will sit with their parents in worship). 10:30 Service-Nursery (birth-3 yrs. old); Preschool & Kindergarten (4 yrs. old-kindergarten); 1st-3rd Grade Sunday School; 4th-6th Grade Sunday School.

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