

## TO OUR FAMILY AT CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CHURCH,

**There is no mistaking the fact that God has blessed CHC.** Our ultimate aim has been that we will “in all things, grow up into Him who is the Head, that is Christ,” as Paul put it in Ephesians 4. In the process of growing up, we have grown numerically and will soon exceed our current seating capacity, which is roughly 200 adults in the Worship Center. We are already beyond capacity in our nursery, toddlers and tots areas. Our growth means that more and more people are getting to experience all that you have come to love about CHC. This is always good, but it presents some facility challenges and some tough decisions to make with regard to this community. Here are some things to consider:

1. We know there are benefits as well as drawbacks to whatever plans we make.
2. For various strategic reasons, we do not feel it would be wise to take on a sizeable mortgage payment to build a larger building.
3. Our hope is to maintain a tightly-knit community but continue to welcome more people into it. Worshipping together in multiple smaller settings seems most conducive to maintaining that type of community.
4. Adding an additional service on Sunday morning appears to be our best (and possibly only) option right now, though we know other options will present themselves in the future.

**The decision to add an additional service highlights the fact that our Church mission is going to require flexibility and a willingness to keep our eyes on the prize.** It’s going to require hard work and even sacrifice, which many of us are already doing and making. It’s also going to require more people to share the responsibility of growth. We are convinced that this plan should not put more work on the shoulders of those who are currently serving. It should call others into action who may not be serving to the capacity they know they are able. This moment in the history of CHC should call us all to give our best – not as an obligation, but as an opportunity to worship God through our mutual commitment to be disciples *and* make disciples of Jesus. **There is nothing else of greater worth.**

**Our appeal, as pastors of CHC, is for us all to make room for what God is doing here.**

Make room in your hearts. Make room in your schedules. Make room in your finances. And make room on the row in which you sit on Sunday morning.

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**Very specifically, here is what we feel God is asking of us all...**

1. A willingness to serve *where* needed and *when* needed – our children’s ministries and deacons/greeters will need more volunteers. Please consider joining these efforts. If someone is volunteering to care for your child, please do the same for others once every 6-8 weeks.
2. A willingness to attend an earlier service so that our services are balanced. We want to begin this new schedule by asking you to sign up for a particular service and commit to attending at that time for 6 months.
3. Patience with the inconveniences a new schedule would present. In light of what Paul called his “light and momentary troubles” ( 2 Cor 4:17), these things are by far even lighter!
4. SERVE ONE, ATTEND ONE – We know it is not ideal, but to share the value and responsibility as God adds people to our church, many of us will be at both services – serving in one, worshipping in another. And at times, some people will be serving in both.

# SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

## **When will this change in schedule happen?**

Sunday, September 20th

## **How will we decide which service to attend?**

We are asking everyone to agree to attend one particular service for a six-month period. We will make a sign-up sheet available about a month in advance of the change.

## **Will one service be different than another?**

Rarely. Both services will have the same worship music, teaching, communion, etc. The only difference is that baby dedications, baptisms and new member celebrations may happen in either service on a given week, but not in both services.

## **What will the new weekly schedule look like?**

### **SUNDAYS**

9am - First Worship Service  
- Seniors Sunday School  
11am - Second Worship Service

### **WEDNESDAYS**

Every First Wednesday of the Month  
6 – 8pm - “First Wednesday” Fellowship & Fun  
Every Other Wednesday  
7 - 7:45pm - Momentum Groups  
7:45 – 8:15 - Worship & Prayer

## **What about prayer on Sunday mornings?**

Corporate prayer will be taking on a much bigger and more visible role at CHC. Though we will no longer have prayer at 9:30am on Sundays, we will be incorporating a focused prayer time into our services and the midweek services. See the new schedule above.

## **What about Sunday School?**

Sunday school will continue for our seniors, but will be discontinued for the children.

## **What about the Connection Breakfast?**

We will continue to have coffee and water on a regular basis, and occasionally a light breakfast will be available before each service.

## **How can I sign up to serve in the Nursery, Toddlers & Tots ministry?**

Please call the church office at 877.2288 or email Susan Keller at tinkakeller@yahoo.com

## **How can I sign up to serve in the Greeters & Deacons ministry?**

Please call the church office at 877.2288 or email E.L. Mont at E\_L\_mont@yahoo.com