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BeholdI bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people of you good tidings of the state	Prayer Wall
Life often has a certain predictability giving one a sense of being in control. Material blessings can further strengthen the belief that I am in control. James warns us about that in 4:13-17. I take this scripture from The Message. <i>And now I have a word for you who brashly announce, "Today—at the latest,</i> <i>tomorrow—we're off to such and such a city for the year. We're going to start a</i> <i>business and make a lot of money." You don't know the first thing about tomorrow.</i> <i>You're nothing but a wisp of fog, catching a brief bit of sun before disappearing.</i> <i>Instead, make it a habit to say, "If the Master wills it and we're still alive, we'll do this</i> <i>or that." As it is, you are full of your grandiose selves. All such vaunting self-</i> <i>importance is evil. In fact, if you know the right thing to do and don't do it, that, for</i> <i>you, is evil.</i>	Outreach Opportunities Student Newsletter- Summer 2020
The COVID-19 pandemic has helped everyone know how little control we have. We can follow the precautions to try to minimize our risk but never feel fully secure. Who knows when the pandemic will end? When will employers travel restrictions be lifted so people may travel again? When will people feel comfortable to attend live meetings together? The CPFI Board in trying to deal with these uncertainties and minimize financial losses made the difficult decision to replace this year's Myrtle Beach meeting with a virtual meeting. Details are still being finalized but our intention is to hold it around the same time but not the Memorial Day weekend. Plans are to offer around 12 hours of live CE and integrate worship experiences throughout.	
CPFI had to cancel our Doubletree contract at a cost to the organization of around \$26,000. We tried to make our best case for why Doubletree should allow us out of the contract, but were unsuccessful. Rather than pursuing legal help to break the contract we decided to pay. By making the decision when we did we saved about \$16,500. additional dollars if we had had to cancel later. The Board tried to balance the competing influences to do what was best for most. We trust our members will support our decision and that more members will now be able to participate in our Zoom Community. When we do meet together in Bonclarken in May 2022	

"what a day of rejoicing that will be." May it be our most joyous meeting ever.

With that joyful thought in mind, let me close this advent thought from Luke 2:10-14(ESV). And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manager." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Fred M. Eckel, Past President



CPFI's Prayer Ministry

The CPFI Past Presidents Committee was asked to implement a prayer ministry on behalf of CPFI. In March, we started a weekly Prayer Meeting on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. ET, initially to pray about Covid-19 needs. In August, we began meeting monthly on the 1st Sunday of the month. We've been having around 12 participants. We want to give other members a chance to join us. If you would like an invitation, e-mail Nena Lindrose at <u>Office@cpfi.org.</u> She will send a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to join and some suggested prayer concerns during the week prior to the meeting. We hope you will join us September 6 for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is voluntary.

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