

## PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

In the Prayer Room 30 minutes prior to each service. Everyone is welcome!

## VERSE BY VERSE

*Sundays, 11:15am-12:15pm; Rooms S213 & S219*

An interactive study of the Gospel of John offered in 2 small group formats. Walk-ins encouraged. Childcare locations as usual. Contact Steve & Kris Smith at 423.383.3781 or Saul & Johnna Hernandez at 276.791.0643.

## LIVING A LIFE OF TRUE WORSHIP BIBLE STUDY

*Sundays, 10am-11am; Room S213*

This 40-minute, no-homework series examines what the Bible says about true worship, how we are created for the purpose of worship. Ken Thompson leads middle schoolers through a 40-minute study from 10am-11am, nursery and children's classes available. Contact: Michael and Ellen West: ellen\_west@yahoo.com or 423-502-2168.

## MEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

*Monday Nights; 6:30pm; Room S208*

Act Like Men by James MacDonald. Men are so busy doing things, but what society and church desperately need are men who embrace all God created them to be - men who long to follow God and meet the needs of those around them. To get there we need a deep probing exploration and reparation of all that it means to be a man. E-mail men@cctri.org.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Finding Freedom: A Seminar For Healing Your Soul taught by Robert Russell.

## CROSSROADS MEDICAL MISSION

*Thursday, December 20th; 9am-2pm*

The Crossroads Medical Mission is a non-profit Christian ministry providing quality primary medical services to those 'falling through the cracks' of the current health care system. This ministry is offered to the uninsured, the under-insured, those with poor access to medical care, and anyone not currently receiving medical care.

## CHRISTMAS AT CELEBRATION

December 15th-16th: He Shall Reign! An offering of music, worship arts, and a message for the whole family.

December 22nd-23rd: A Country Christmas – An old-fashioned carol service.

December 24th: Glorious Night – Christmas Eve service led by the Incurrent Worship Team.

## BAPTISMS

*Weekend of January 5th & 6th*

Buried with Him in death; raised to walk in the newness of life! Interested in Baptism?

Please mark on the tear tab or contact the office at 423.323.3969.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

*January 17th thru March 31st; 6:30-8:30pm; Summit*

There are thousands of verses in the Bible that relate to money and possessions. Learn how to take control of your money! Free preview on January 17th. Classes start on January 24th. Childcare available. Contact Heather Johnson: imheatherh@yahoo.com or 423.361.5200; or Mark Fleury: mjfleury59@gmail.com or 423.863.9464. FPU kits available at free preview.

## THE INVISIBLE WAR BY CHIP INGRAM

In a culture where spiritual warfare is everywhere, it's time to raise the shield of faith and fight the forces at work in this world! Drawing on Ephesians 6, this expanded edition of Ingram's bestseller reveals what believers need to know in order to prayerfully defend themselves and their families against Satan's daily attacks. Begins in February. If you would like to host this study, sign up on the program tab or contact Sandy Tull at 423.384.7839.

# JUST PRAYER

Romans 12:17-21

December 8 & 9, 2018

## PREVIOUS TEACHING: PRAYERFUL THANKSGIVING

**Psalm 95:1-3:** Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB):** Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 14:14-15:** For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.

1. How are prayer and thankfulness interconnected?
2. How is it possible to pray without ceasing when we are told by Jesus not to go on babbling like pagans (Matthew 6:7)?
3. Are your mind and heart continuously set upon and aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? Do you continuously seek to follow His voice?

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## THIS WEEK'S TEACHING:

### 1. PRAYERS FOR JUSTICE

**Psalm 7:6, 9:** Arise, O LORD, in your anger; rise up against the rage of my enemies. Awake, my God; decree justice.... O righteous God, who searches minds and hearts, bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure.

**Psalm 55:9, 15:** Confuse the wicked, O Lord, confound their speech, for I see violence and strife in the city.... Let death take my enemies by surprise; let them go down alive to the grave, for evil finds lodging among them.

**Psalm 69:22-28:** May the table set before them become a snare; may it become retribution and a trap. May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever. Pour out your wrath on them; let your fierce anger overtake them. May their place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in their tents. For they persecute those you wound and talk about the pain of those you hurt. Charge them with crime upon crime; do not let them share in your salvation. May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.

DQ 1. What is "Just War Theory" within Christianity?

DQ 2. How does God use humans in meting out justice?

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### 2. PRECONDITIONS FOR JUSTICE

**Romans 12:17-21:** Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Matthew 6:12:** Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**Matthew 5:43-45:** You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

DQ 3. Why is vengeance the province of God rather than man?

DQ 4. Is God calling you to forgive someone before you can ask for justice?

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### 3. PRAY!!!

**Matthew 6:9-13 (NASB):** Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]'

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB):** Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_ not transactional. God means for it to \_\_\_\_\_ burdens, not impose guilt. It is the means by which we develop greater \_\_\_\_\_ with God. Prayer is also \_\_\_\_\_ in the battle against evil and in \_\_\_\_\_ the will of God while \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom of God.

DQ 5. How is God renewing, remaking, and reenergizing your view of prayer?

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## Regular Attendee?

Let us know any updated information.

Saturday Night

Sunday, 9:30am

Sunday, 11:15am

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Address

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First Time Guest

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Regular Attendee

## OPPORTUNITIES

Yes, I am interested in hosting the DVD:

In My Home  Wednesday at Church

Sunday at Church  Other

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