WORSHIP ARTS SPRING REGISTRATION

Interested in a Worship Arts class for the spring semester? There is Art, Dance, Drama, Percussion, and Sew & Serve. Visit the registration table in the Worship Center Lobby for information or register online at cctri.org. Contact Susan: susan@cctri.org or 423.323.3969.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

No Wednesday evening services on December 25th & January 1st. Beginning in January, Relationship RX with the Family Café Team in the Apex for married, divorced & singles.

January 9th: **Is It Me or Is It You?** January 16th: **The Relationship Garden**
January 23rd: **Breakers and Builders** January 30th: **Relationship Realities**

DIVORCE RECOVERY

Begins January 31st; 6:30pm; Room S 213

Divorce Recovery is a 7 week study for peoplewho are divorced or currently going through a divorce. $15 for workbook "A Time for Healing." Contact Phyllis: phyllis@cctri.org.

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.

LIVE IT UP LADIES NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, January 8th; 6:30pm; Summit Gym

Ladies, join us for a fun evening of friendship, faith, and fellowship! Every girl deserves a night out, so LIVE IT UP! Craft Night is back by popular demand! Childcare and light meal provided. Contact Leigh; leigh@cctri.org.

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.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Luke 2:21-35 December 29 & 30, 2018

PREVIOUS TEACHING: NOT FORGOTTEN

Psalm 13:1-3: How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? Look on me and answer, O LORD my God.

Psalm 13:5-6: But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me.

Psalm 33:18-22: But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

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

1. Have you been through seasons where it seemed God had forgotten you? What were those seasons like? Why?
2. How can we be certain God knows the situations of our lives even when it seems as if He is not involved?
3. Describe times when God rescued you from difficult circumstances and set your feet on solid ground?

THIS WEEK'S TEACHING:

1. CONSECRATED TO THE LORD

Luke 2:21-24: On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived. When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

DQ 1. Examine the requirements of the Law as it relates to newborns (see Leviticus 12:1-8; Exodus 13:1-2; Numbers 18:14-16). Why did Joseph and Mary make an offering of a pair of doves or pigeons?

2. EAGERLY AWAITING

Luke 2:25-26: Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

DQ 2. Has the Lord revealed a promise to you that He will fulfill in your lifetime?

3. AS PROMISED

Luke 2:27-32: Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

DQ 3. What was so significant about Simeon's statement that Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles"?

4. DESTINED TO REVEAL

Luke 2:33-35: The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

DQ 4. How does Luke 2:34-35 relate to Hebrews 4:12?

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Regular Attendee?

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❑ Saturday Night

❑ Sunday, 9:30am

❑ Sunday, 11:15am

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❑ Sunday at Church ❑ Other

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