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A Story of
Providential Reconciliation

Philemon



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

-1 Chronicles 16:34



May your
Thanksgiving
be full of peace, love, and joy.

Service Opportunity



**Friday, December 2
5:00 p.m.
Holmes Beach
Open House and
Tree Lighting Ceremony**
at the AMI Chamber of Commerce



Be a blessing to our community.

Can you supply some delicious Christmas cookies or brownies for this event? You may bring them to the event or to the office before 3pm on December 2.

We want to bless our community by handing out these goodies and talking to our neighbors about Christ. Please join us in sharing the good news!



Retired Enlightened Accepted Loved
R.E.A.L. Women

All ladies
are invited to a

Christmas Brunch
Saturday, December 3

9:30-11:00 a.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

Ann Rector is speaking

Music by the MHS Girls Choir

Pick up a **flyer** in the lobby
and **sign up** today.

*You may also sign up to bring
bread or fruit for our Brunch.*

God is our Refuge and Strength

Psalm 46:1

This Week at CPF

Sunday, November 20

- 9:00 am Worship
Children's Church (4 years—5th grade)
10:30 am Life Groups (see back)*

Wednesday, November 23

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study

Thursday, November 24— Thanksgiving

Office closed

Friday, November 25

Office closed

Sunday, November 27

- 9:00 am Worship
Children's Church (4 years—5th grade)
10:30 am Life Groups (see back)

Monday, November 28

- 9:30 am BSF Ladies
6:00 pm Persecuted Church (contact office for info)

Tuesday, November 29

Education Bldg in use all day

Wednesday, November 30

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm WNB Family Supper (All Welcome!)
6:45 pm Wednesday Night BLAST
Kids Clubs, Salty Youth



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Awesome Adventure, our **Children's Church** for 4 years through 5th grade, dismisses from the sanctuary before the message during the worship service.
Children's Life Groups (10:30) meet in rooms on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.



Anchored Student Ministries (grades 6-12) Life Group meets at 10:30 each Sunday in the Youth Room (room 2) of the Education Building. There are a variety of other activities throughout the summer, including Wednesday evening activities and Fantastic Fridays. See Steve DeWitt for complete info.

CPF Adult Groups meeting weekly

Day	Time	Topic/Group	Leader	Location*
Sun	10:30 am	<i>Romans: Righteousness from God Revealed</i>	Wayne Bronkema	Rm 7
	10:30 am	<i>The Gospels</i>	Stoney Stone	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Women — <i>Job</i>	Benita Saldutti	Rm 4
	10:30 am	Young Adults — <i>The Gospel of John</i>	Andrew Turner	Basement
	10:30 am	<i>Genesis—A Book for Today</i>	David Romberger	Rm 1
Wed	7:00 am	Men — <i>Minor Prophets</i>	Ed Moss	Fellowship Hall
Thurs	9:30 am	Prayer Circle (<i>also Hope Seeds packing</i>)	Eloise Bobbitt	Bobbitt home
	7:00 pm	<i>Genesis</i>	Howard Payne	Payne home
Fri	10:00 am	Women— <i>Exodus</i>	Robbie Leech	Kari Stone's home

*We have several groups that meet monthly or biweekly.
Visit our online calendar to learn more about those groups.
Please check your directory or call the church office for addresses of the groups that meet away from CPF.*

*Room numbers are upstairs in the Education Bldg.
Fellowship Hall is the downstairs area of the Education Bldg.
"Basement" is behind the choir loft—through either wood door to the sides of the stage.*

Video & audio messages are available on our website. The current message will be on our home page and past messages available under



"Resources." Links to our church, youth and children's Facebook pages can also be found on our home page.

Our regular attenders are invited to give online at our website or use our giving app: Vanco Mobile, available from your mobile app store

You can also give by creating payments through your bank.

Giving Note: The Church Council has authorized "designated giving" for several ministries. Your gift designation is the highest priority. However, in accordance with IRS/governmental regulations, CPF retains discretion over the use of all gifts..



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Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved *brother* and fellow worker,

² and to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers,

⁵ because I hear of your love, and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints;

⁶ *and I pray* that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake.

⁷ For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

⁸ Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to order you *to do* that which is proper,

⁹ yet for love's sake I rather appeal *to you*-- since I am such a person as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus--

¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, whom I have begotten in my imprisonment, Onesimus,

¹¹ who formerly was useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me.

¹² And I have sent him back to you in person, that is, *sending* my very heart,

¹³ whom I wished to keep with me, that in your behalf he might minister to me in my imprisonment for the gospel;

¹⁴ but without your consent I did not want to do anything, that your goodness should not be as it were by compulsion, but of your own free will.

¹⁵ For perhaps he was for this reason parted *from you* for a while, that you should have him back forever,

¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ If then you regard me a partner, accept him as *you would* me.

¹⁸ But if he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account;

¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand, I will repay it (lest I should mention to you that you owe to me even your own self as well).

²⁰ Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, since I know that you will do even more than what I say.

²² And at the same time also prepare me a lodging; for I hope that through your prayers I shall be given to you.

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you,

²⁴ as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.

²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Colossians 3:1 If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

³ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

⁵ Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

⁶ For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come,

⁷ and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

⁸ But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.

⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,

¹⁰ and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him

¹¹ -- *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

- ¹⁴ And beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.
- ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.
- ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
- ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.
- ¹⁸ Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
- ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be embittered against them.
- ²⁰ Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.
- ²¹ Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart.
- ²² Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who *merely* please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.
- ²³ Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men;
- ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.
- ²⁵ For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.
- 4:1** Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.
- ² Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of* thanksgiving;
- ³ praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;
- ⁴ in order that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.
- ⁵ Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.
- ⁶ Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, *as it were*, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.
- ⁷ As to all my affairs, Tychicus, *our* beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow bond-servant in the Lord, will bring you information.
- ⁸ For I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know *about* our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts;
- ⁹ and with him Onesimus, *our* faithful and beloved brother, who is one of your *number*. They will inform you about the whole situation here.

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All scripture is from the NASV.