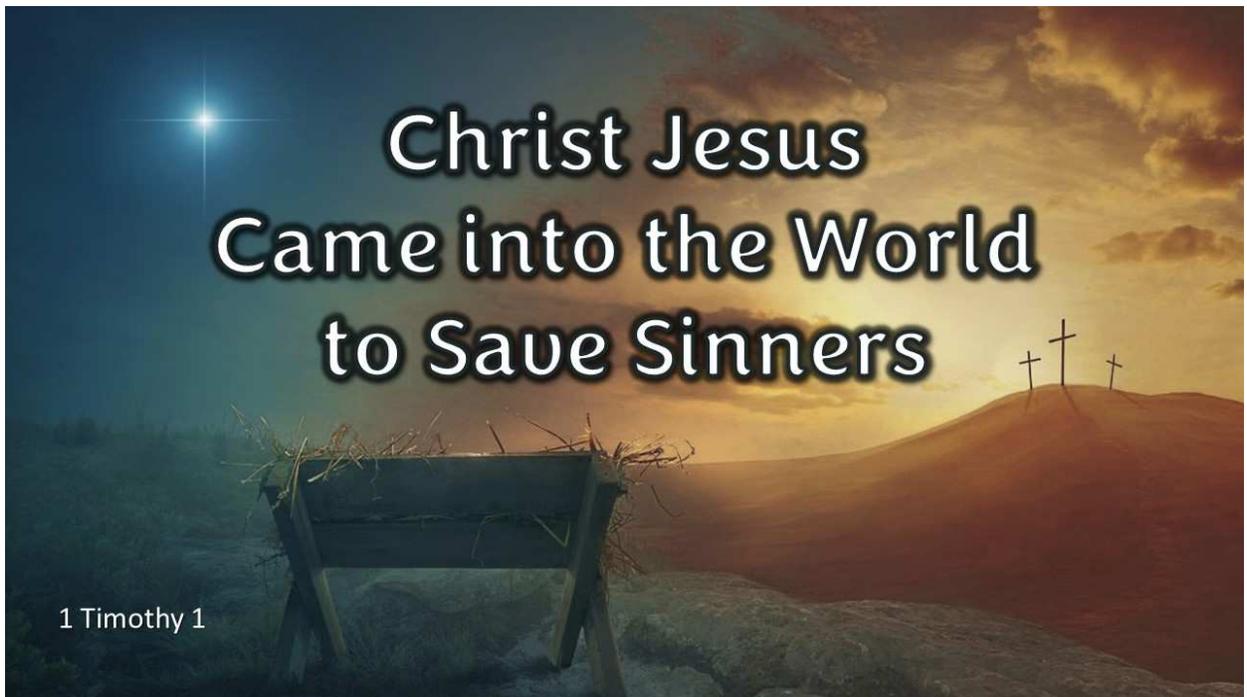




*December 18, 2022*





**Christmas Day  
Worship Service**  
9:00 a.m.  
**Sunday, Dec. 25**  
(No Life Groups)

## 2023 Ladies' Bible Studies



*The Excellent Wife* by Martha Peace

Led by Beth Long, this study continues from last winter, meeting on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall beginning **January 11**. Come at 9:00 for fellowship and coffee. The study itself will be from 9:30-11:00 a.m. You may use your book from last year—a “part 2” study guide will be available in the office soon. If you are just joining us and need a book, we have a few available in the office and can order more to arrive before the study begins.

## *The Gospel on the Ground*

This is a fascinating DVD-led study on the book of Acts. Facilitated by Sue DeForest, it will meet on Monday evenings at 6:00 and is scheduled to begin on **January 30**. Books are available in the office. Contact Sue or the church office to let us know you plan to attend.



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- Love God* ..... Matthew 22:37-38
- Love One Another* ..... Matthew 22:39
- Live the Mission* ..... Matthew 22:18-20

**MISSIONS**

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**This Tuesday, December 20**

**6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

*Everyone who would like to learn more about our Missions program is encouraged to attend*

# Looking Ahead... *CrossPointe Fellowship*

## Sunday, December 18

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

## Tuesday, December 20

6:30 pm Mission Team (Fellowship Hall)

## Wednesday, December 21

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

## Thursday, December 22

9:30 am Prayer Circle (Bobbitt home)  
7:00 pm Payne Life Group (see back)

## Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve

7:00 pm Candlelight Worship Service



## Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:00 am Worship

*The office will be closed Tues-Thurs, Dec. 27-29*

## Wednesday, December 28

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

## Thursday, December 29

9:30 am Prayer Circle (Bobbitt home)  
7:00 pm Payne Life Group (see back)

## Sunday, January 1, 2023—New Year's Day

9:00 am Worship  
10:30 am Life Groups (see back)



CrossPointe Public: GoCrossPointe

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Merry Christmas

May the  
Christmas Story  
shine God's Glory  
in your heart  
and in your home

*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	Eloise Bobbitt	Bobbitt home
	7:00 pm	<i>Genesis</i>	Howard Payne	Payne 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." **Our NEW YouTube handle is CPF-AMI.** 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 or scan the QR code to go to our giving page.



*You can also give by creating payments through your bank, or simply drop a check (or cash) in an offering bucket as you leave today.*

**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..



# Christ Jesus Came into the World to Save Sinners

12/18/22

## 1 Timothy 1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus

according to the commandment

of God our Savior,

and of Christ Jesus, *who is* our hope;

<sup>2</sup>to Timothy, *my* true child in *the* faith:

Grace, mercy *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia,

remain on at Ephesus,

in order that you may instruct certain men

not to teach strange doctrines,

<sup>4</sup>nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies,

which give rise to mere speculation

rather than *furthering* the administration of God which is by faith.

<sup>5</sup>But the goal of our instruction is love

from a pure heart

and a good conscience

and a sincere faith.

<sup>6</sup>For some men,

straying from these things,

have turned aside to fruitless discussion,

<sup>7</sup>wanting to be teachers of the Law,

even though they do not understand

either what they are saying

or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

<sup>8</sup>But we know that the Law is good,

if one uses it lawfully,

<sup>9</sup>realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous man,

but for those who are lawless and rebellious,

for the ungodly and sinners,

for the unholy and profane,

for those who kill their fathers or mothers,

for murderers

<sup>10</sup>and immoral men and homosexuals

and kidnappers and liars and perjurers,

and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching,

<sup>11</sup>according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God,

*(the gospel of the glory of The Blessed God)*

with which I have been entrusted.

<sup>12</sup>I thank Christ Jesus our Lord,  
who has strengthened me, <sup>1</sup>  
because He considered me faithful, <sup>2</sup>  
putting me into service; <sup>3</sup>  
<sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly  
a blasphemer  
and a persecutor  
and a violent aggressor.  
And yet I was shown mercy,  
because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; <sup>4</sup>  
<sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant,  
with the faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, <sup>5</sup>  
among whom I am foremost *of all*. <sup>6</sup>

<sup>16</sup>And yet for this reason I found mercy,  
in order that in me as the foremost,  
Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience,  
as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life. <sup>7</sup>

<sup>17</sup>Now to the King  
eternal, immortal, invisible,  
the only God,  
*be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Footnotes

1. **Philippians 4:12** I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

2. **Luke 16:10** "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

<sup>11</sup> "If therefore you have not been faithful in the *use of* unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true *riches* to you?

<sup>12</sup> "And if you have not been faithful in *the use of* that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

<sup>13</sup> "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

3. **Corinthians 4:1** Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

<sup>2</sup> In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

4. **Hebrews 3:7** ...as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you hear His voice,

<sup>8</sup> Do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, As in the day of trial in the wilderness,

<sup>9</sup> Where your fathers tried Me by testing Me, And saw My works for forty years.

<sup>10</sup> "Therefore I was angry with this generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart; And they did not know My ways';

<sup>11</sup> As I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'"

<sup>12</sup> Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God.

<sup>13</sup> But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

5. **Matthew 9:9** And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man, called Matthew, sitting in the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he rose, and followed Him.

<sup>10</sup> And it happened that as He was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold many tax-gatherers and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples.

<sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> But when He heard this, He said, "*It is* not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.

<sup>13</sup> "But go and learn what *this* means, 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

6. **Luke 19:10** (Story of Zaccheus) "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

7. **1 Corinthians 15:1** Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,

<sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

<sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

<sup>5</sup> and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

<sup>6</sup> After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

<sup>7</sup> then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

<sup>8</sup> and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

All scripture is from the NASV. 1Timothy 1:1-17 is in the form of a phrase by phrase break down. The words and word order have not been changed.