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# How to Fight and Pray



## Covered Dish TODAY


You'll want to stay after Life Groups today for a delicious meal and a great time of fellowship. All are welcome, whether you brought a dish or not.

Our speakers this month are from *Loving Hands*, a men's ministry based in Palmetto.



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### *The Excellent Wife* by Martha Peace BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

 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 (\$1) is now available in the office. If you are just joining us and need a book (\$11), we have a few available in the office.

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### *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.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BLAST

### BUILDING LIVES AROUND SOLID TRUTH

#### 6:00PM Family Dinner

All welcome (no kids required!)  
Suggested Donation: \$3/person or \$10/family



#### 6:45PM Kids Clubs and Youth

from 3 years through 12th grade  
Salty Youth, Girls Club,  
Boys Club, and Preschool



### WORKERS WANTED

for an **A-MAZE-ING VBS**

**Monday-Thursday, June 19-22, 2023**

### SIGN UP TODAY TO SERVE!

If you'd like to serve during VBS, please sign up in the lobby **before the end of February**.

This gives us time to organize efficiently, run appropriate background checks, and it gives you the opportunity to be sure your calendar is clear for those four days, as we need our VBS workers to be available every evening (exact times to be announced.) See Steve with any questions.

**A-MAZE-ING HOLIDAYS** is our theme this year as we focus on a specific holiday each day (Christmas, Easter, 4th of July (Freedom in Christ), and Thanksgiving

## ***This Week at CrossPointe Fellowship***

### **Sunday, January 8**

- 9:00 am   Worship  
            Children's Church (4 years—5th grade)  
10:30 am   Life Groups (see back)  
11:40 am   Covered Dish Fellowship

### **Monday, January 9**

- 9:30 am   BSF Ladies  
6:00 pm   Persecuted Church (call for location & info)

### **Tuesday, January 10**

- 8:45 am   Azinger Compassion Center (Palmetto)

### **Wednesday, January 11**

- 7:00 am   Men's Bible Study  
9:00 am   *The Excellent Wife* (see back)  
6:00 pm   WNB Family Supper (All Welcome!)  
6:45 pm   Wednesday Night BLAST  
            groups for 3 years through 12th grade

### **Thursday, January 12**

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

### **Sunday, January 15**

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

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**Ladies' Faith Class** begins a **NEW** study in *Ezra* today. All women are welcome to join us in room 4 (Education Building, second floor, last door on right).

A **NEW** study in *1, 2, and 3 John* [PURPOSE, TRUTH, APPLICATION] also begins today. Led by Wayne Bronkema, this study meets in room 7 (Education Building, second floor, last door on left).

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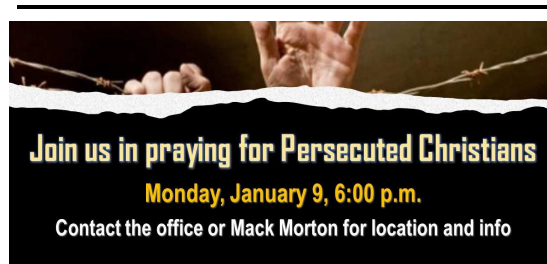
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*Awesome Adventure*, our **Children's Church** for 4 years through 5th grade, dismisses from the sanctuary before the message during the worship service.  
Children's Life Groups (10:30) meet in rooms on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.




**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>1st, 2nd, &amp; 3rd John</i> — Purpose-Trust-Application	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
	9:00 am	Women— <i>The Excellent Wife</i>	Beth Long	Fellowship Hall
Thurs	9:30 am	Prayer Circle <i>(on most Thursdays, a Hope Seeds packing party follows the prayer time)</i>	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."   
**YouTube videos:** [YouTube.com/@CPF-AMI](https://www.youtube.com/@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..



# How to Fight and Pray

1/8/23

## 1 Timothy 1

<sup>12</sup> I thank Christ Jesus our Lord,  
who has strengthened me,

because He considered me faithful,  
putting me into service;

<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>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,  
among whom I am foremost *of all*.

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

<sup>18</sup> This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son,  
in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you,  
that by them you may fight the good fight,

<sup>19</sup> keeping faith and a good conscience,  
which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.

<sup>20</sup> Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander,  
whom I have delivered over to Satan,

so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

**2:1** First of all, then,

I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made  
on behalf of all men,

<sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority,  
in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life  
in all godliness and dignity.

<sup>3</sup> This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

<sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

<sup>5</sup> For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men,  
*the man* Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who gave Himself as a ransom for all,  
the testimony *borne* at the proper time.

<sup>7</sup> And for this

I was appointed a preacher and an apostle  
(I am telling the truth, I am not lying)  
as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore I want the men in every place to pray,  
lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

**1 Timothy 6:10** ...the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

<sup>11</sup> But flee from these things, you man of God; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness.

<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

<sup>13</sup> I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

<sup>14</sup> that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**2 Timothy 2:3** Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

<sup>5</sup> And also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.

<sup>6</sup> The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops.

<sup>7</sup> Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel,

<sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned.

<sup>10</sup> For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus *and* with *it* eternal glory.

**2 Timothy 4:5** ...be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

<sup>8</sup> in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**1 Peter 2:11** Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.

**Galatians 5:13** ...you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

<sup>14</sup> For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

<sup>17</sup> For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

<sup>19</sup> Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

<sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

<sup>21</sup> envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

<sup>24</sup> Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

<sup>26</sup> Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

**2 Corinthians 10:3** ... though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,

<sup>4</sup> for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

<sup>5</sup> *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

<sup>6</sup> and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.

All scripture is from the NASV. 1Timothy 1:12-2:8 is in the form of a phrase by phrase break down. The words and word order have not been changed.