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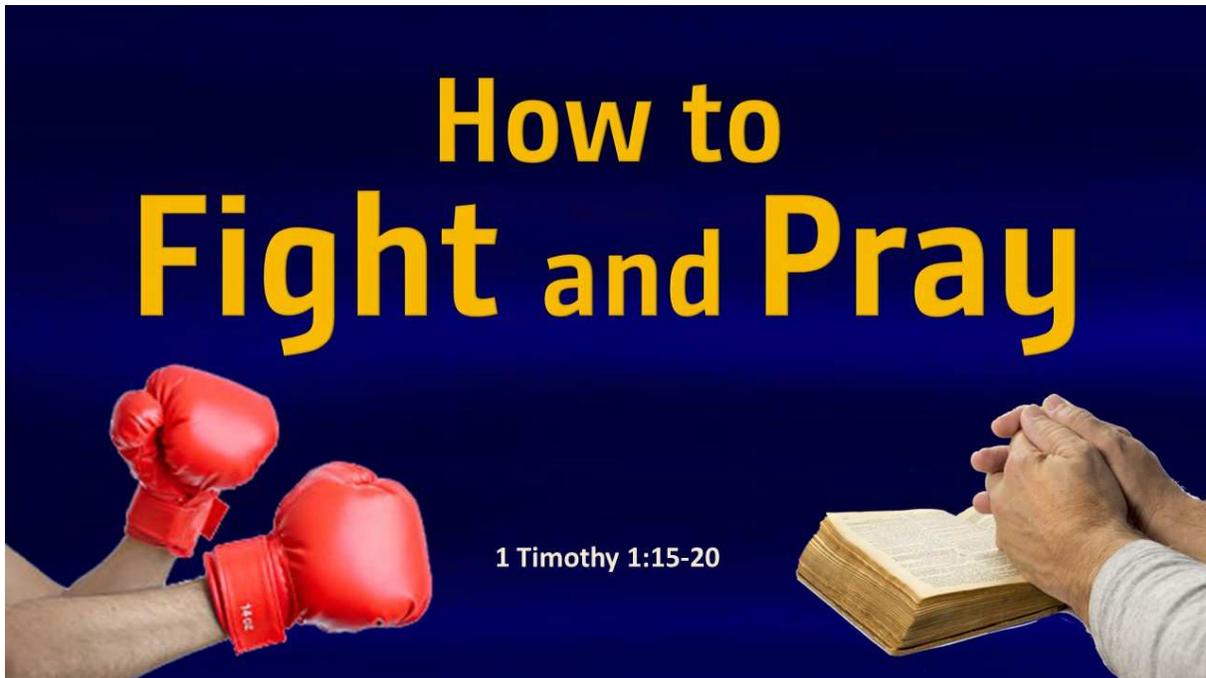
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# A-MAZE-ING HOLIDAYS

**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—VBS workers are asked to arrive at 5:30pm. 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.

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## *The Gospel on the Ground*

This is a fascinating DVD-led ladies Bible study on the book of Acts. Facilitated by Sue DeForest, it will meet on Monday evenings at 6:00 and is scheduled to begin next week on **January 30** on the second floor of the Education Bldg. Books are available in the office. Join us for an evening of learning and fellowship.



## Do This Now!

### Get **TEXTS** from CPF

We'd like to send text messages to our members and regular attenders with reminders (*don't miss the important meeting...*) and important messages (*no service due to Hurricane Zelda*).

*Even if we "should know" you want to receive texts, you **must opt-in** in order for us to send you messages from a "business" texting app (even if we have your cell number on file.)*

Opt-in by

- texting **CPF** to **888-858-0716**,
- emailing the church office, or
- using the *Welcome Sheet* insert in this bulletin (fill in your name and cell number and write "text me" somewhere on the form.)

Don't forget to add 888-858-0716 to your contacts so you know it's CPF texting you!

**Thanks to everyone who has already done this!**

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## THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

We all want to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their faith. But how do we know what specifically to pray for?

Contact Mack Morton for information on the next meeting of our CPF Persecuted Church team. (Tomorrow, Jan. 23) You'll learn of many needs and several ways you can help.

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

### **Sunday, January 22**

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

### **Monday, January 23**

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

### **Wednesday, January 25**

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
9:00 am Wednesday Women (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 26**

- 9:30 am Prayer Circle (see back, *Hope Seeds* packing follows)  
7:00 pm Payne Life Group (see back)

### **Friday, January 27**

- 10:00 am Friday Women Bible Study (see back)

### **Sunday, January 29**

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



## **How to Reach Us**

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## **— Google Reviews**

*Thank you* for the many encouraging and positive reviews posted recently. If you'd like a direct link to easily post a review, contact Sandy in the office for an email (or text if you've opted in.)

*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	1st, 2nd, & 3rd John — Purpose-Trust-Application	Wayne Bronkema	Rm 7
	10:30 am	The Gospels	Stoney Stone	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Women — Ezra	Benita Saldutti	Rm 4
	10:30 am	Young Adults — The Gospel of John	Andrew Turner	Basement
	10:30 am	Genesis—A Book for Today	David Romberger	Rm 1
Wed	7:00 am	Men — Minor Prophets	Ed Moss	Fellowship Hall
	9:00 am	Women—The Excellent Wife	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	Genesis	Howard Payne	Payne home
Fri	10:00 am	Exodus	Robbie Leech	Stone 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

1/22/23

## 1 Timothy 1:18-2:8

<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, (*see 2 Peter 1:2-11 below*)  
<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, (*see the rest of the passages below*)  
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.

## 2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

<sup>3</sup> seeing that His divine power has granted to us  
everything pertaining to life and godliness,  
through the true knowledge of Him who called us  
by His own glory and excellence.  
<sup>4</sup> For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises,  
in order that by them you might become partakers of *the* divine nature,  
having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.  
<sup>5</sup> Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence,  
in your faith supply moral excellence,  
and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge;  
<sup>6</sup> and in *your* knowledge, self-control,  
and in *your* self-control, perseverance,  
and in *your* perseverance, godliness;  
<sup>7</sup> and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness,  
and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.  
<sup>8</sup> For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing,  
they render you neither useless nor unfruitful  
in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind *or* short-sighted,  
having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins.  
<sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren,

be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you;  
for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;  
<sup>11</sup> for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

**Matthew 7:1** "Do not judge lest you be judged.

<sup>2</sup> "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.

<sup>3</sup> "And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

<sup>4</sup> "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?"

<sup>5</sup> "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

<sup>6</sup> "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

**Matthew 18:12** "What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?"

<sup>13</sup> "And if it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

<sup>14</sup> "Thus it is not *the* will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

<sup>15</sup> "And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

<sup>16</sup> "But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed.

<sup>17</sup> "And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax-gatherer.

<sup>18</sup> "Truly I say to you, whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.

<sup>20</sup> "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

**Romans 14:1** Now accept the one who is weak in faith, *but* not for *the purpose of* passing judgment on his opinions.

<sup>2</sup> One man has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables *only*.

<sup>3</sup> Let not him who eats regard with contempt him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats, for God has accepted him.

<sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup> One man regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike*. Let each man be fully convinced in his own mind.

<sup>6</sup> He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.

**Romans 16:17** Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.

<sup>18</sup> For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

**1 Corinthians 5:1** It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.

<sup>2</sup> And you have become arrogant, and have not mourned instead, in order that the one who had done this deed might be removed from your midst.

<sup>3</sup> For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

<sup>4</sup> In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

<sup>5</sup> *I have decided* to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

<sup>6</sup> Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump *of dough*?

<sup>7</sup> Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

<sup>8</sup> Let us therefore celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

<sup>9</sup> I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people;

<sup>10</sup> I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.

<sup>11</sup> But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler-- not even to eat with such a one.

<sup>12</sup> For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within *the church*?

<sup>13</sup> But those who are outside, God judges. Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.

**6:1** Does any one of you, when he has a case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

<sup>2</sup> Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you not competent *to constitute* the smallest law courts?

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, matters of this life?

All scripture is from the NASV. 1Timothy 1:18-2:8 is in the form of a phrase by phrase break down. 2 Peter 1 is presented phrase by phrase. The words and word order have not been changed in any passage.