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The Land, The War and The Blessing





**A Potluck Gathering to Welcome
the James Arcuri Family
TODAY**

Everyone is invited to join us after Life Groups to welcome James and Lindsey Arcuri and their children Josie (5) and Finn (2). We meet in the Fellowship Hall, which is the 1st floor of the Education Building.



**Shoebboxes
Available
Today**

**Return to CPF by next Sunday
November 12**

Birthday & Anniversary Calendar



While our online calendar is always the most up-to-date on events for the month, the printed calendar in the lobby (in the *Love One Another* area) has the month's **birthdays and anniversaries** on the back.



**ANNUAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

Thursday, Nov. 16 @ 6:00pm

At our annual meeting we are updated on “the state of the church” including team and elder reports.

We will vote on the Proposed Budget for 2024, which was emailed to members a couple of weeks ago. Please see a member of the Stewardship Team with any questions *before* the meeting.

We’ll vote on officers and trustees and confirm team leaders. There may be other items which need a vote. Members are urged to be present.

CPF Family Directory



Ed has encouraged us to **pray through our directory frequently**. If you are a member or regular attender of

CPF, whether year-round or simply visit frequently, we’d like to include you in our church-wide directory.

Copies of the directory are available to everyone with a photo in the directory. They are printed “on demand.” Black and white copies are free, colored available for the cost of printing (approx. \$3). Remember to check your directory to see that your info and photo are up-to-date.

This Week at CrossPointe



Sunday, November 5—DST Ends

- 9:00 am Worship
Children's Church (4 years—5th grade)
10:30 am Life Groups
11:40 am Potluck to Welcome the Arcuri family

Monday, November 6

- 9:30 am BSF (Ladies)
6:00 pm Monday Women (Rm. 4)

Tuesday, November 7—Election Day

- 8:45 am Compassion Center (Palmetto)
Contact Suzanne Farrar for information

Wednesday, November 8

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Wednesday Women (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm WNB Supper (ALL WELCOME, donations appreciated)
6:45 pm Wednesday Night BLAST

Thursday, November 9

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

Friday, November 10

- 7:15 am Guys Building Project
8:00 am Cleaning Crew (*your help appreciated*)
10:00 am Friday Ladies (see back)

Sunday, November 12

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



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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..



Life Groups for **Babies** through **12th grade** meet at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Check the calendar for other activities for students during the week.

CPF Adult Groups meeting weekly

Day	Time	Topic/Group	Leader	Location*
Sun	10:30 am	Adult Coed— <i>Mark</i>	Steve Pettit	Rm. 7
	10:30 am	Adult Coed— <i>Revelation</i>	Stoney Stone	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Younger Adult Coed— <i>Hebrews</i>	multiple teachers	Basement
	10:30 am	Ladies— <i>Mark</i>	Lois Ann Swineford	Rm. 4
Mon	6:00 pm	Ladies' Study—Respectable Sins	Sue DeForest	Rm. 4
Wed	7:00 am	Men — <i>Minor Prophets</i>	Ed Moss	Fellowship Hall
	9:00 am	Ladies' Study—Respectable Sins	Sue DeForest	Fellowship Hall
Thurs	9:30 am	Prayer Circle (all welcome)	Eloise Bobbitt	Bobbitt home
	7:00 pm	Adult Coed— <i>Genesis</i>	Howard Payne	Payne home
Fri	10:00 am	Women— <i>Deuteronomy</i>	Robbie Leech	Stone home

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.

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.

GIVING INFORMATION: Our Donation Buckets are by the doors leading to the lobby

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..





The Land, The War and The Blessing

11/5/23

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;

² And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;

³ And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 16:11 The angel of the LORD said to her (*Hagar*) further, "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son; And you shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has given heed to your affliction.

¹² "And he will be a wild donkey of a man, His hand *will be* against everyone, And everyone's hand *will be* against him; And he will live to the east of all his brothers."

Genesis 17:19 ...God said (*to Abraham*), "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

²⁰ "And as for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

²¹ "But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year."

The Land

Genesis 15:18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:

Deuteronomy 1:7 'Turn and set your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites, and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negev and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.

⁸ 'See, I have placed the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to them and their descendants after them.'

Deuteronomy 2:4 ...command the people, saying, "You will pass through the territory of your brothers the sons of Esau who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. So be very careful;

⁵ do not provoke them, for I will not give you any of their land, even as *little as* a footstep because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

The War

Psalm 83:1 *A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.* O God, do not remain quiet; Do not be silent and, O God, do not be still.

² For, behold, Thine enemies make an uproar; And those who hate Thee have exalted themselves.

³ They make shrewd plans against Thy people, And conspire together against Thy treasured ones.

⁴ They have said, "Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation, That the name of Israel be remembered no more."

⁵ For they have conspired together with one mind; Against Thee do they make a covenant:

⁶ The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab, and the Hagrites;

⁷ Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

⁸ Assyria also has joined with them; They have become a help to the children of Lot. Selah.

Ezekiel 38-39

38:1 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

² "Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

³ and say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

⁴ "And I will turn you about, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them splendidly attired, a great company *with* buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords;

⁵ Persia, Ethiopia, and Put with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet;

⁶ Gomer with all its troops; Beth-togarmah *from* the remote parts of the north with all its troops-- many peoples with you.

⁷ "Be prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them.

⁸ "After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, *whose inhabitants* have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are living securely, all of them.

⁹ "And you will go up, you will come like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you."

¹⁰ 'Thus says the Lord God, "It will come about on that day, that thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan,

¹¹ and you will say, 'I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls, and having no bars or gates,

¹² to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are *now* inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world.'

Zechariah 12-14

12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel. *Thus* declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,

² "Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.

³ "And it will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

Revelation 16:12 And the sixth *angel* poured out his bowl upon the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the kings from the east.

¹³ And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;

¹⁴ for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

¹⁵ ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame.")

¹⁶ And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called HarMagedon.

Revelation 19:19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who sat upon the horse, and against His army.

²⁰ And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

²¹ And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat upon the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Revelation 20:7 And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,

⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.

⁹ And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

¹⁰ And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Romans 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

²⁰ "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

13:1 Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

² Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

³ For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same;

⁴ for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

The Blessing See opening passage: **Genesis 12:1-3**

Galatians 3:7 Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, "All the nations shall be blessed in you."

⁹ So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

Galatians 3:27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Romans 11:25 ...I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in;

²⁶ and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob."

²⁷ "And this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

²⁸ From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers;

²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

All scripture is from the NASV.