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The Land, The War and The Blessing



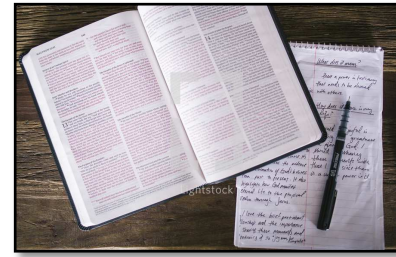
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

This 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 several weeks ago. Had copies are still available in the office. Please see a member of the Stewardship Team with any questions *before* the meeting.

We'll also vote on officers and trustees and confirm team leaders. There may be other items, including confirming new members, which will need a vote. Members are urged to be present.



All women are invited to this free brunch. Please sign up in the lobby so we can plan accordingly. The

MHS Girls Chorus will be bringing music of the season and we are excited that our speaker will be author *Dixie Johnston Fraley Keller*.



Optional: bring a box of diapers which will be donated to the *Azinger Family Compassion Center*.

Contact the church office if you have questions.

DECEMBER EVENTS

It's time to mark your calendars for December activities!

Friday, December 1, 5:00-8:00 pm

Holmes Beach Tree Lighting Ceremony

We'll be asking you for cookies, etc.

Saturday, December 2, 9:30-11:00 am

REAL Women Christmas Brunch (see left)

December 3-10

Week of Prayer for International Missions
(Lottie Moon Christmas Offering)

Friday, December 8, 5:00-8:00 pm

Pine Ave Holiday Walk of Treasures

We'll be asking you for cookies again

Sunday, December 24

Normal Sunday morning schedule
and a **Candlelight Service** at 7:00pm

Wednesday Night BLAST will take a break after Family Night on December 12 and will resume January 10, 2024.

This Week at CrossPointe

Sunday, November 12

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

Monday, November 13

9:30 am BSF (Ladies)

Wednesday, November 15

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 16

9:30 am Prayer Circle (and *Hope Seeds packing*—see back)
6:00 pm ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, November 17

10:00 am Friday Ladies (see back)

Sunday, November 19

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

Monday, November 20

9:30 am BSF (Ladies)

Wednesday, November 22

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday, November 23 –THANKSGIVING

Church office closed

Friday, November 24

Church office closed



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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
Wed	7:00 am	Men — <i>Minor Prophets</i>	Ed Moss	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

part 2

11/12/23

The Blessing

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."

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.

Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy *place*.

²⁵ "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

²⁶ "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

²⁷ "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

Matthew 24:15 "Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;...

...²¹ for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.

²² "And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short.

The War

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.'

¹³ "Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all its villages, will say to you, 'Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?'"

¹⁴ "Therefore, prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord God, "On that day when My people Israel are living securely, will you not know *it*?

¹⁵ "And you will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army;

¹⁶ and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It will come about in the last days that I shall bring you against My land, in order that the nations may know Me when I shall be sanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog."

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.

⁴ "In that day," declares the LORD, "I will strike every horse with bewilderment, and his rider with madness. But I will watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

⁵ "Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, 'A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the LORD of hosts, their God.'

⁶ "In that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples, while the inhabitants of Jerusalem again dwell on their own sites in Jerusalem.

⁷ "The LORD also will save the tents of Judah first in order that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah.

⁸ "In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David *will be* like God, like the angel of the LORD before them.

⁹ "And it will come about in that day that I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

¹⁰ "And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born.

¹¹ "In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

¹² "And the land will mourn, every family by itself;...

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.