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**Vision 2024:  
Transformed  
from Glory to Glory**

Grandparenting Seminar  
**Saturday, January 20**  
**GRANDPARENTING**  
**WITH GRACE**  
9am-2pm, lunch provided

You'll hear more about this seminar today. Mark your calendars and sign up in the lobby or contact the office to reserve your spot.



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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BLAST**  
Building Lives Around Solid Truth  
**Resumes This Week!**

Everyone is welcome to join us  
for our WNB Supper [donations appreciated]

***This is a Family Night!***  
*Devotions and Games for Families*  
(A family will adopt you if you come alone)

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**Covered Dish  
Next Sunday**



Our January fellowship lunch immediately follows Life Groups, generally on the second Sunday of each month. All are welcome!

We invite you to bring a favorite dish to the kitchen before the worship service.

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**New Ministry**  
*Widows of Wonder*  
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CPF is launching a new support group for all widows. We desire to bring honor and glory to God by compassionately encouraging widows, both new and experienced, to be victorious and fruitful in their walk with the Lord. Our initial gathering will be a luncheon on **Friday, January 19, 2024**, at 12:30pm. This is for widows only.

An invitation will be sent with full details to those who plan to attend. Please contact Sandy in the church office by this Tuesday, January 9, to accept and receive details including location.

*New Women's Study Begins in January*



Ladies, get your books now for **Trusting God**, a 12-week Bible study by Jerry Bridges, explores the scope of God's power over nations, nature, and even the

details of our individual lives. You'll find yourself trusting Him more completely—even when life hurts.

The study **begins this week** and is offered on Monday evenings beginning Jan. 8 or Wednesday mornings beginning Jan. 10. Pick up your book today if you haven't already! Books are in the office for \$8. We will discuss the first lesson at the meetings this week.



*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>	David Moss	Basement
	10:30 am	Ladies— <i>Mark</i>	Lois Ann Swineford	Rm. 4
Mon.	6:00 pm	Women — <i>Trusting God</i>	Sue DeForest	Room 4
Wed	7:00 am	Men — <i>Minor Prophets</i>	Ed Moss	Fellowship Hall
	9:00 am	Women — <i>Trusting God</i>	Sue DeForest	Room 4
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 attendees are invited to give online at our website or use our giving app: [Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement](#) available from your mobile app store or **scan the QR for a link to your app store.**

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..



# Vision 2024: Transformed from Glory to Glory

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**2 Corinthians 3:18**...we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

**4:1** Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart,  
<sup>2</sup> but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,  
<sup>4</sup> in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

<sup>5</sup> For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake.

<sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves;

*God's means of transformation:*

## *1. Prayer and Worship*

**Ephesians 5:18** ...be filled with the Spirit,

<sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

<sup>20</sup> always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

## *2. Bible meditation and application (Hear, read, study, memorize, meditate and apply)*

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted *it* not as the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

## *3. Fasting and solitude*

**Luke 6:12** And it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

<sup>13</sup> And when day came, He called His disciples to Him; and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles.

#### 4. Stewardship and simplicity

**Matthew 6:19** Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

<sup>20</sup> "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

<sup>21</sup> for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>22</sup> "The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

<sup>23</sup> "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

#### 5. Marriage and family

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;

<sup>26</sup> that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

<sup>27</sup> that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

#### 6. Fellowship (friendships w Christ-followers)

**Hebrews 10:24** let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.

... <sup>32</sup> But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,

<sup>33</sup> partly, by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.

<sup>34</sup> For you showed sympathy to the prisoners, and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and an abiding one.

#### 7. Small groups (Life groups)

**Ephesians 4:14** ...we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

<sup>15</sup> but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him, who is the head, *even* Christ,

<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

### 8. Partnerships

**2 Timothy 2:1** You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup> And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

**Titus 2:3** Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

<sup>4</sup> that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

<sup>5</sup> *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.

### 9. Ministry to God's family locally

**Philippians 2:1** If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

<sup>2</sup> make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;

<sup>4</sup> do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

### 10. Ministry to God's family worldwide

**2 Corinthians 8:1** Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,

<sup>2</sup> that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.

<sup>3</sup> For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability *they gave* of their own accord,

<sup>4</sup> begging us with much entreaty for the favor of participation in the support of the saints,

<sup>5</sup> and *this*, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

### 11. Outreach (love, serve and share)

**Acts 4:18** ... they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

<sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

<sup>20</sup> for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard."

**Acts 8:1** And ...on that day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

<sup>2</sup> And *some* devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.

<sup>3</sup> But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house; and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

### 12. Missions

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

<sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

### 13. Adverse circumstances

**Romans 5:3** ...we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

<sup>4</sup> and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

### 14. Temptation

**James 1:2** Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

<sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

<sup>4</sup> And let endurance have *its* perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

### 15. Persecution

**1 Peter 1:6** ... you have been distressed by various trials,

<sup>7</sup> that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;