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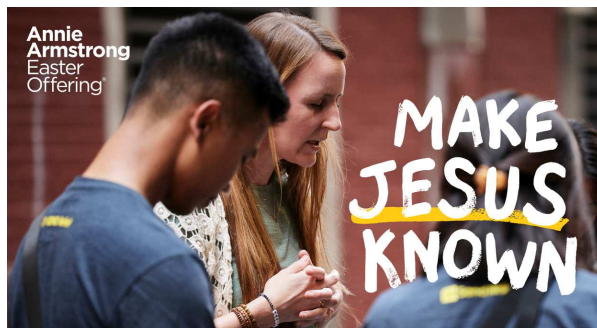


Lunch Fellowship Next Sunday



CPF holds a fellowship lunch monthly, generally on the second Sunday of the month. It's potluck! We encourage you to bring a favorite dish to the kitchen in the Education Building before the service begins next week.

Looking ahead to May—our luncheon will be on **May 5** since the second Sunday of May is *Mother's Day*. Our speakers in May will be our own Dave and Maxine Balsbaugh of *Hope Seeds International*.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

THANK YOU for your generous support of this offering! CPF has given **\$7,830** to the AAEO fund this year. You may give to this offering anytime during the year by marking your check or pew envelope with "Annie" or "AAEO."

One hundred percent of gifts given to this offering go to the field to support more than **2,900 missionary families** serving across the United States and Canada.

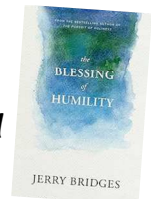
VBS Adult Leaders Meeting TODAY after Life Groups

Steve would like to meet with all adults who are interested in leading a VBS group this summer (June 17-21 evenings). If you are an adult interested in leading a group, please attend this meeting.



[There will be another meeting—*or two*—for all VBS volunteers later.]

New Women's Study The Blessing of Humility Begins this Wednesdays—9AM



This five-week study begins this Wednesday, meeting in room 1. We'll be studying two chapters each week. Please get your books and read chapters 1 and 2 before the first meeting. Books are \$12.50 and available from the church office. Contact Sue DeForest if you've questions about this study.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BLAST



6:00PM Family Dinner (donations appreciated)

6:45PM SALTY YOUTH grades 8-12 2023-2024

WARRIORS FOR CHRIST grades 5-7 2023-2024

Boys Club grades K-4 2023-2024

Girls Club grades K-4 2023-2024

Preschool 3-5 years old



CPF Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 7

- 9:00 am Worship
Children's Church (4 years—5th grade)
10:30 am Life Groups
11:30 am VBS group leaders meeting (see left)

Monday, April 8

- 9:30 am BSF Ladies

Tuesday, April 9

- 8:45 am Azinger Compassion Center (Palmetto)
Contact Suzanne Farrar 850-980-4472
6:00 pm CPF Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 10

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Wednesday Women (see left)
6:00 pm WNB Supper (all welcome, donation appreciated)
6:45 pm Wednesday Night BLAST
groups from 3 years—12th grade

Thursday, April 11

- 9:30 am Prayer Circle (followed by Hope Seeds packing time)
7:00 pm Payne Life Group (see back)

Sunday, April 14

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



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Birthday & Anniversary Calendar

The printed calendar in the lobby (in the *Love One Another* area) has the month's **birthdays and anniversaries** on the back.



CrossPointe Public: GoCrossPointe
Message Videos: YouTube.com/@CPF-AMI

Children's Church (4 years through 5th grade) dismisses from the sanctuary following the music portion of the worship service.



Age-appropriate Life Groups for Babies through 12th grade meet at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Most meet on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.

CPF Adult Groups meeting weekly

Day	Time	Topic/Group	Leader	Location
Sun	10:30 am	Adult Coed— <i>Mark</i>	Steve Pettit	Room 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	Women— <i>Mark</i>	Lois Ann Swineford	Room 1
Wed	7:00 am	Men — <i>Hebrews</i>	Ed Moss	Fellowship Hall
	9:00 am	Women— <i>The Blessing of Humility</i>	Sue DeForest	Room 1
Thurs	9:30 am	Prayer Circle (all welcome)	Eloise Bobbitt	Bobbitt home
	7:00 pm	Adult Coed— <i>1 Corinthians</i>	Howard Payne	Payne 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..

Several other groups meet **monthly** or **bi-weekly**.

Please check our calendar on the website for information about those groups.

GIVING INFORMATION:

Our Donation Buckets are by the doors leading to the lobby

You may give online at our website or use our giving app: ***Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement*** available from your mobile 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..



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4/7/24

Matthew 28:11 Now while they were on their way, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.

¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

¹³ and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.'

¹⁴ "And if this should come to the governor's ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble."

¹⁵ And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, *and is* to this day.

Luke 24:13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.

¹⁴ And they

were conversing with each other about all these things which had taken place.

¹⁵ And it came about that while they were conversing and discussing, Jesus Himself approached, and *began* traveling with them.

¹⁶ But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him.

¹⁷ And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸ And one of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"

¹⁹ And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people,

²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him up to the sentence of death, and crucified Him.

²¹ "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.

²² "But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning,

²³ and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive.

²⁴ "And some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see."

²⁵ And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

²⁶ "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"

²⁷ And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

²⁸ And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He would go farther.

²⁹ And they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." And He went in to stay with them.

³⁰ And it came about that when He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them.

³¹ And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

³² And they said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

³³ And they arose that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them,

³⁴ saying, "The Lord has really risen, and has appeared to Simon."

³⁵ And they *began* to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

John 20:19 When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you."

²⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ "If you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained."

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ The other disciples therefore were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I shall see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

²⁶ And after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace *be* with you."

²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing."

²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and *yet* believed."

³⁰ Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

³¹ but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 21:2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples.

³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out, and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing....

¹⁵ ...So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs."

¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep."

¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep."

¹⁸ "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself, and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to *go*."

¹⁹ Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me!"

²⁰ Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following *them*; the one who also had leaned back on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

²¹ Peter therefore seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?"

²² Jesus said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me!"

Luke 24:44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

⁴⁶ and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day;

⁴⁷ and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ "You are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹ "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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

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

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

Acts 1:3 To these He also presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over *a period of forty days*, and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

⁴ And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," *He said*, "you heard of from Me;

⁵ for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ And so when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

⁸ but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."