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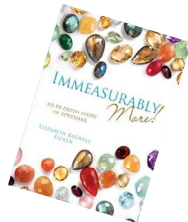
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A landscape photograph with a sunset sky. In the foreground, there is a wooden structure made of branches and straw. In the background, a hill has three crosses on top. The text "The Infinite Love of God" is overlaid in the center of the image.

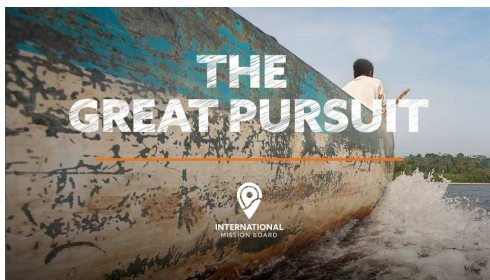
The Infinite Love of God

A *New Ladies'* Bible Study begins
This Wednesday
January 8, 2025



Do you want your walk with Christ to be more intimate, more faithful, and more obedient? God is able to do *immeasurably more* than you can imagine through His power in your life!

Immeasurable More! by *Elizabeth Bagwell Ficken* is a 12-week study which will begin **Wednesday, January 8**. You're welcome to join us at 9:00 for Fellowship before the 9:30-11:00 study. Please order your book online (it's readily available on Amazon, where you can find more information on this study). Contact Sue DeForest or the office if you have questions.



CPF family have generously given **\$17,295** to the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions*. You may give to this fund at any time by marking your envelope or check with "Lottie Moon," "Christmas Offering," or "International Missions." You can also use our giving app (see back page). *Thank you for supporting missionaries serving around the world!*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BLAST
Resumes This Wednesday
with a fun-filled Family Night

Come at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy a delicious supper. A donation of \$3 per person helps offset the cost of preparing this meal.

The *Family Night* begins at 6:45 p.m.



**Our Next
Lunch Fellowship
is on January 19**



We are having our first Lunch Fellowship of 2025 on the third Sunday in order to be able to hear from some of the men from *Loving Hand Ministry*. Please plan to join us!

Love God

Matthew 22:37-38

Love One Another

Matthew 22:39

Live the Mission

Matthew 22:18-20

CPF Calendar

Sunday, January 5

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

Monday, January 6

- 9:30 am BSF Ladies
6:00 pm Persecuted Church (see left)

Wednesday, January 8

- 7:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9:00 am Women's Study (see back)
6:00 pm WNB Supper (all welcome, donation appreciated)
6:45 pm Wednesday Night BLAST
FAMILY NIGHT!

Thursday, January 9

- 9:30 am Prayer Circle (see back)
7:00 pm Payne Life Group (see back)

Sunday, January 12

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

Pray with the CPF Persecuted Church Team

Praying for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ



Christians around the world are being persecuted simply for believing that Jesus came to save. They are losing their jobs, their homes, and even their lives for His sake. Join us on the first and third Mondays of each month to pray for them. The first meeting for 2025 will be Jan. 6 at the Rector home.



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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/Contact	Location
Sun	10:30 am	<i>Romans</i>	Stoney Stone	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	<i>Hebrews</i>	David Moss	Basement
	10:30 am	<i>James</i> (Women's Group)	Jill Hutsko	Room 1
	10:30 am	<i>How Then Shall We Live?</i>	Steve Pettit	Room 7
Wed	7:00 am	<i>Hebrews</i> (Men's Group)	Ed Moss	Fellowship Hall
	9:00 am	<i>Immeasurably More!</i> (Women's Group)	Sue DeForest	Room 1
Thurs	9:30 am	Prayer Circle (<i>Hope Seeds</i> follows)	Eloise Bobbitt	Bobbitt home
	7:00 pm	<i>Hebrews</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, including our Persecuted Church Team, Mission Team, Compassion Center workers, and more, 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..

The Infinite Love of God

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1 John 4:8 ...God is love.

Matthew 23:36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ And He said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

³⁹ "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

⁴⁰ "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

How to love God

1. Meditate on the infinite love of J_____

John 13:1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

John 15:9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

John 17:22 "And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one;

²³ I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me.

²⁴ "Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "O righteous Father, although the world has not known Thee, yet I have known Thee; and these have known that Thou didst send Me;

²⁶ and I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them."

2. Meditate on the infinite love of God in the g_____

Romans 5:1 Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

² through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

³ And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

⁴ and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

⁵ and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

¹¹ And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

³³ Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

³⁴ who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ Just as it is written, "For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God loved you infinitely in eternity past

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,
⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love
⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,
⁸ which He lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight

God loved you infinitely when you were in rebellion

Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.
³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

God loves you infinitely now

⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus,

God will love you infinitely for all eternity

⁷ in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
⁸ For by grace you have been saved ...

3. Pray for e_____ to comprehend God's infinite love

Ephesians 3:16 ...(*I pray*) that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man;
¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.

4. I_____ God's infinite love

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;
² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;
²⁶ that He might sanctify her...

Ephesians 6:24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with a love incorruptible.