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Lunch Fellowship Next Sunday



We are having our first Lunch Fellowship of 2025 next Sunday. We encourage everyone to bring a favorite dish to the kitchen before the service begins.

Loving Hand Ministry is scheduled to be with us to share some stories from 2024. Please plan to join us!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BLAST





6:00PM Family Dinner (donations appreciated)

6:45PM SALTY YOUTH grades 9-12

WARRIORS FOR CHRIST grades 6-8

Boys Club grades K-5

Girls Club grades K-5

Preschool 3-5 years old

There is a time
for everything,
and a season for every
activity under heaven...



Ecclesiastes 3:1



Azinger Family Compassion Center

Service Opportunity

You're invited to serve at the **Azinger Family Compassion Center** in Palmetto with us this Tuesday, January 14. We serve this ministry on the second Tuesday morning of each month and we often got out for lunch following our time of service. We'd love to have you join us!

If you're interested in helping this Tuesday, please let Suzanne Farrar (850-980-4472) for more information and to let her know so she can update the center on how many volunteers to expect.

CPF Family Directory



Ed encourages us to **pray through our directory frequently**. If you are a regular attendee of CPF, whether a member, winter attendee, or a frequent visitor, 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 upon request. Contact Sandy in the office for a copy. This would be a good time to update information and your family photo. Black and white copies are free, colored available for the cost of printing (approx. \$3).

CPF Calendar

Sunday, January 12

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

Monday, January 13

- 9:30 am BSF Ladies

Tuesday, January 14

- 8:45 am Azinger Compassion Center (see left)
4:00 pm CPF Church Council

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

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

Sunday, January 19

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



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. (The online calendar is always the most up to date for events.)



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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..

How to Love God

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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 Jesus*

John 15:9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. (see also John 17:22-26)

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.

God loves you infinitely in adversity

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 toward His family

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.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

⁹ By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹² No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

5. D what you d when you loved God

Revelation 2:1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:

² 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false;

³ and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary.

⁴ 'But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

⁵ 'Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you, and will remove your lampstand out of its place-- unless you repent.

6. Prioritize undistracted d + t with God

Luke 10:38 Now as they were traveling along, He entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.

³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who moreover was listening to the Lord's word, seated at His feet.

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up *to Him*, and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me."

⁴¹ But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things;

⁴² but *only* a few things are necessary, really *only* one, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."