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***August 3, 2025***



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT BLAST

2025-2026 year begins

## August 20

6:00PM **Family Dinner**

All Welcome

Delicious Meals

Donations Appreciated



6:00PM **Activities for All!**

Join us on August 20

to learn what's new & exciting this year!



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## Wednesday Women's Bible Study begins September 10



The title is *Letters to the Thessalonians - Encouragement for Living in the End Times* by Elizabeth Ficken.

We will meet on Wednesday mornings (come at 9:00 for fellowship – we'll begin our study at 9:30) beginning September 10. Sue DeForest and Karen Moss will facilitate this study: talk to either of them if you have questions.

**What did the Thessalonians find when they opened Paul's pages of papyrus? There was something for everyone!** Almost every major doctrine of the Christian faith is covered in Thessalonians. Purchase the book (available online from several websites, including Amazon, for about \$16) and do the first *two lessons* before our first session so we can discuss those lessons then.

## Lunch Fellowship Next Sunday



We have a lunch fellowship each month, usually on the second Sunday of the month. Please join us next Sunday for food and fellowship after Life Groups. Our regular attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite dish to the kitchen before the worship service begins.  
*Thank you!*

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## Back to School!

Manatee District Schools begin the 2025-2026 school year a week from tomorrow. Be extra diligent in watching out for students while driving and *please pray* for all our children as they go back to school.

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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**. Pick up a copy and pray for our CPF family as they celebrate anniversaries and birthdays.

The online calendar is always the most up to date for our church events, with more information on each activity.

## CPF Calendar

### Sunday, August 3

- 9:00 am Worship
- 9:00 am Children's Church (4-9 years old)
- 10:30 am Life Groups
- Youth Mission trip returns

### Wednesday, August 6

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study

### Thursday, August 7

- 9:30 am Prayer Circle (see back)
- 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall in use (afternoon/evening)
- 7:00 pm Payne Life Group (see back)

### Friday, August 8

- 5:00 pm Youth End-of-Summer event (see Steve D.)

### Saturday, August 9

- Fellowship Hall in use (morning/afternoon)

### Sunday, August 10

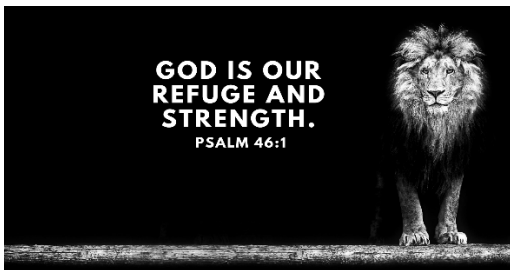
- 9:00 am Worship
- 9:00 am Children's Church (4-9 years old)
- 10:30 am Life Groups
- 11:45 am Fellowship Lunch (see left)

### Monday, August 11

- Public Schools Resume

### Tuesday, August 12

- 8:45 am Compassion Center (contact the office for details)
- 4:00 pm Church Council



## How to Reach Us

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

**Children's Church** (ages 4-9) dismisses from the sanctuary following the music portion of the worship service.

## **CPF Adult Life Groups Meeting Weekly**

Day	Time	Topic/Group	Leader/Contact	Location
Sun	10:30 am	<i>Proverbs</i>	Stoney Stone	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	<i>Hebrews</i>	David Moss	Basement
	10:30 am	<i>Titus</i> (Women's Group)	Jill Hutsko	Room 1
	10:30 am	<i>1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel</i>	Steve Pettit	Room 7
Wed	7:00 am	<i>Hebrews</i> (Men's Group)	Ed Moss	Fellowship Hall
Thurs	9:30 am	Prayer Circle ( <i>Hope Seeds</i> follows)	Eloise Bobbitt	Bobbitt home
	7:00 pm	<i>Philippians</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 donations.

# Why?

*How to survive the loss of a child*

1. Our Father provides h\_\_\_\_\_ and h\_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 46:1** God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change

And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;

<sup>3</sup> Though its waters roar *and* foam,

Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. *Selah*.

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

The holy dwelling places of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

**Psalm 34:15** The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous

And His ears are *open* to their cry.

<sup>16</sup> The face of the Lord is against evildoers,

To cut off the memory of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup> *The righteous* cry, and the Lord hears

And delivers them out of all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to the brokenhearted

And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

But the Lord delivers him out of them all.

2. Our Father l\_\_\_\_\_ our children more than we do

**Ephesians 3:14** For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

**Romans 8:35** Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> Just as it is written,

“For Your sake we are being put to death all day long;

We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved

us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor

any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. Our Father provides great joy for the children He brings h\_\_\_\_\_

**2 Samuel 12:15** Then the Lord struck the child that Uriah's widow bore to David, so that he was *very* sick. <sup>16</sup> David therefore inquired of God for the child; and David fasted and went and lay all night on the ground. <sup>17</sup> The elders of his household stood beside him in order to raise him up from the ground, but he was unwilling and would not eat food with them. <sup>18</sup> Then it happened on the seventh day that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was *still* alive, we spoke to him and he did not listen to our voice. How then can we tell him that the child is dead, since he might do *himself* harm!" <sup>19</sup> But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; so David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead." <sup>20</sup> So David arose from the ground, washed, anointed *himself*, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the Lord and worshiped. Then he came to his own house, and when he requested, they set food before him and he ate.

<sup>21</sup> Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept; but when the child died, you arose and ate food." <sup>22</sup> He said, "While the child was *still* alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who knows, the Lord may be gracious to me, that the child may live.' <sup>23</sup> But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."

**Luke 18:16** Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>17</sup> Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it *at all*."

4. Our Father will bring us all h\_\_\_\_\_ (together forever)

**1 Thessalonians 4:13** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. <sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**John 14:1** “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas \*said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus \*said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

5. Our Father is s\_\_\_\_\_, and He is good

**Job 42:1** Then Job answered the Lord and said,

<sup>2</sup>“I know that You can do all things,

And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

<sup>3</sup>‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand,

Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.”

<sup>4</sup>‘Hear, now, and I will speak;

I will ask You, and You instruct me.’

<sup>5</sup>“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear;

But now my eye sees You;

<sup>6</sup>Therefore I retract,

And I repent in dust and ashes.”

**Acts 4:23** When they had been released, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> And when

they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, “O Lord, it is You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in

them, <sup>25</sup> who by the Holy Spirit, *through* the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, And the peoples devise futile things?

<sup>26</sup> ‘The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the Lord and against His Christ.’

<sup>27</sup> For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along

with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and

grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, <sup>30</sup> while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the

name of Your holy servant Jesus.” <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy

Spirit and *began* to speak the word of God with boldness