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***CrossPointeFellowship.church***

***August 10, 2025***



## Lunch Fellowship TODAY



We have a lunch fellowship each month, usually on the second Sunday of the month. Please join us for food and fellowship after Life Groups. We'll hear more about the youth trip to Knoxville during the luncheon.

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## Back to School!

Manatee District Schools begin the 2025-2026 school year **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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## 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!



## 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.

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*Give  
Thanks*

to the Lord,  
for He is good.

His *Love* endures  
forever. Psalm 136:1

## CPF Calendar

### 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

### Wednesday, August 13

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study

### Thursday, August 14

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

### Sunday, August 17

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

### Wednesday, August 20

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BLAST** resumes

- 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper (All welcome!)  
*Suggested donation: \$4/person or \$12/family*
- 6:45 pm **WNB Family Night!**  
A great time for the entire family

## 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 help and healing*

**Psalms 23:1** The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside quiet waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul;  
He guides me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You have anointed my head with oil;  
My cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*2. Our Father loves our children more than we do*

**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 home

**2 Samuel 12:119** ...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."

4. Our Father will bring us all home (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.

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."

**Job 38:1** Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,

<sup>2</sup> **"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?**

<sup>3</sup> "Now gird up your loins like a man,

**And I will ask you, and you instruct Me!**

<sup>4</sup> "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell *Me*, if you have understanding,

6. Our Father provides a f\_\_\_\_\_ to help in times of grief

**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

7. Our Father guides the grieving into e\_\_\_\_\_ worship, growth,  
ministry and witness

**2 Corinthians 1:3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction so

that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup>For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. <sup>6</sup>But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; <sup>7</sup>and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our comfort.

<sup>8</sup>For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came *to us* in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; <sup>9</sup>indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; <sup>10</sup>who delivered us from so great a *peril of* death, and will deliver *us*, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, <sup>11</sup>you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through *the prayers of* many.

8. Our Father delivers us from the devastation of i\_\_\_\_\_ (i\_\_\_\_\_)

**Luke 14:25** Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand *men* to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

<sup>34</sup>“Therefore, salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned? <sup>35</sup>It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”