

Loving God
Loving One Another
Living the Mission



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How God
Grows Us

A photograph of a small green seedling with three leaves growing out of a mound of dark, moist soil. The background is a soft-focus green and yellow, suggesting a natural, outdoor environment. The text 'How God Grows Us' is overlaid on the top left of the image in a large, green, sans-serif font.

Azinger Family Compassion Center

Service Opportunity

You're invited to serve at the **Azinger Family Compassion Center** in Palmetto with us this Tuesday, February 10. We serve in this ministry's warehouse on the second Tuesday morning of each month. We're blessed by serving together and we'd love to have you join us.



If you're interested in helping this Tuesday, please contact Suzanne Farrar (850-980-4472) and let her know. She lets the center know how many volunteers to expect so they can plan jobs for that number.

Remember to let her know even if you're a regular volunteer! Suzanne is more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BLAST

BUILDING LIVES AROUND SOLID TRUTH



6:00PM Family Dinner

All Welcome!
Donations appreciated

6:45PM Family Activities

"Souper Bowl" Sunday

Lunch Fellowship

TODAY



We have a potluck fellowship each month, usually on the second Sunday of the month. We greatly appreciate those who bring dishes each month, but *everyone* is encouraged to join us, whether you were able to bring a dish or not. Our speaker will be from **Agape Flights**, a ministry serving missionaries from the Venice Municipal Airport.



Sunday, March 8

Daylight Savings Time resumes

*Plan to arrive on time for church
after losing an hour overnight*

Fellowship Lunch (potluck)

Saturday, March 14

Region 6 Disaster Relief Training

*at McGregor Baptist in Fort Myers
Flyer available soon.*

Sunday evening – Wednesday, June 7-10

SBC Annual Convention in Orlando

We'll have more information as the date gets closer.

June 22-26 – Monday-Friday, 6:00-8:30PM

VBS

We'll give you the theme and more soon!

CPF Calendar

Sunday, February 8

9:00 am Worship
9:00 am Children's Church (4-9 years old)
10:30 am Life Groups
11:45 am Lunch Fellowship (see left)
6:30 pm Moss Life Group (see back)

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

7:00 am Men's Breakfast & Study (see back)
9:00 am Wednesday Women (see back)
6:00 pm Wed. Night Supper (*donations appreciated*)
6:45 pm Wednesday Night **BLAST**
(Building Lives Around Solid Truth)
FAMILY NIGHT!

Thursday, February 12

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

Valentine's Day 2026

Saturday, February 14

Sunday, February 15

9:00 am Worship
9:00 am Children's Church (4-9 years old)
10:30 am Life Groups
6:30 pm Moss Life Group (see back)

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

How to Reach Us

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Sensitive Ears? Ear plugs are

available in the office on the credenza under the clock.



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	Romans	Stoney Stone	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Nehemiah	Jill Hutsko	Room 1
	10:30 am	1 st and 2 nd Samuel	Steve Pettit	Room 7
	10:30 am	Hebrews	Ryan Kargleider	Basement
	6:30 pm	Real Life	Ed Moss	Moss home
Wed	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study	Ed Moss	Fellowship Hall
	9:00 am	Wednesday Women	Sue DeForest	Room 1
Thurs	9:30 am	Prayer Circle (<i>Hope Seeds packing follows</i>)	Eloise Bobbitt	Bobbitt home
	7:00 pm	<i>The Gospel of John</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 Containers are just inside the doors leading to the lobby

You may also give online at our website or use our giving app: [Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement](#), available from your mobile app store (QR code at right).

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.



As a church our goal is to honor Jesus as His fully devoted followers and experience His example of loving God, loving one another and making disciples.

God grows us in devotion to Jesus and His three priorities through mutual discipleship experienced in three relational settings:

1. honoring God together in **corporate worship**
2. doing life together in **Life Groups**
3. serving together in **ministry teams**

These relational groups are gifts God has given us to grow to us. They are *means of grace*. Please see our *Purpose, Vision and Strategy* Guide for more information.

Other means of grace God uses to grow us are presented in this guide. We encourage each of us to use this guide regularly as a check list. Those of us employing these means will grow rapidly. Neglect of any of these means stunts our growth.



February 2026

Personal Means of Grace

(Spiritual disciplines we practice privately)

1. Bible study, memorization, meditation and application

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it* not as the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2. Prayer and Worship

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 Rejoice always; ¹⁷ pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit;

Romans 8:13-14 ... if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Galatians 5:16-17 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

3. The sabbath principle

Exodus 20: 8-11 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work,¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

Mark 2:27-28 Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

4. Fasting and solitude

Matthew 6:17-18 “But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face¹⁸ so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

Acts 13:2-3 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”³ Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

5. Stewardship, simplicity and generosity

Matthew 6:19-21 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 14:33 So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

1 Timothy 6:6-11 But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. ⁷ For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. ⁸ If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

6. Studying and Imitating Godly leaders

Hebrews 13:7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

Relational Means

(Ministry we do with others)

These spiritual disciplines are in addition to participating in corporate worship and a Life Group and serving in a ministry team.

7. Marriage and family ministry

Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ These words, which I am commanding you today,

shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

8. Confession and counsel

James 5:16 ... confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

9. Partnerships which include accountability

Mark 6:7 And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits;

2 Timothy 1:1-2 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus,
² To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also

10. Serving and edifying each other

Galatians 5:13-14 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

Hebrews 10:24-25 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit

of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

11. Church discipline

Matthew 18:15-17 If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶ “But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. ¹⁷ “If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Galatians 6:1-2 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

12. Loving, serving and sharing the gospel

John 20:21-23 So Jesus 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.”

Matthew 10:16 “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.”

Providential Means

(Things God does or allows to happen to us to grow us)

Our response to these means has a great bearing on the effectiveness of these gifts to grow us. Our response to each should always include trust, worship, thankfulness and obedience.

13. Pleasurable circumstances

Romans 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

Romans 8:28-29 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.¹⁸ Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,¹⁹ storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

14. Adverse circumstances

Romans 5:3-4 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;

Hebrews 12:9-11 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.¹¹ All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

15. Temptation

James 1:2-4 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.⁴ And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

16. Persecution

1 Peter 1:5-7 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,⁷ so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Philippians 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

We are asking each of us to examine our lives regularly with this check list. Our elders would love to help you apply these *means of grace* to your life. Contact us and let's grow together.

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