

WELCOME!

We're glad you're joining us this morning! We hope you experience the welcome of the risen Christ as we gather together.

SUNDAY LITURGY

01.04.26

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP IN SONG

“God So Loved”

GOSPEL WELCOME

WORSHIP IN SONG

“The Love Of The Father”

“Run To The Father”

FELLOWSHIP FIVE

Grab refreshments, mingle, and take children to Summit Kids classes.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:5-13

SERMON

“Upward: Communion With God”

Ben Sansburn

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Abide”

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Pastoral Prayers

Prayer is the heartbeat of our relationship with God, and corporate prayer has a deep and rich history as part of the church's worship. To pray is to express our need for God. A praying church is a dependent church. When we come to God together in prayer, we give voice to the fact that we don't possess in ourselves the resources, wisdom, and strength to do life and ministry on our own. Our selves, our church, and our world need God. Prayer turns us outward from self-centeredness to God-centeredness.

When we come into church on a Sunday morning, the problems of the world don't vanish. We feel the weight of brokenness around us. Society faces struggles, family members face sickness, and each of us face our own sin. In a pastoral prayer, the person praying brings these needs before a loving and gracious Father on behalf of the entire congregation. Although voiced by one person, pastoral prayers are intended to reflect the burdens we all carry.

Prayer, however, goes beyond simply listing our needs. It is a rich expression of worship, lament, thanksgiving, confession and intercession. Throughout different seasons of the church calendar, pastoral prayers will highlight various aspects of prayer, emphasizing the dimensions that align with the season or the needs of the moment.

For each of us, these prayers invitations to worship. As we listen, our hearts should join in—by faith, we take hold of God's promises, feel the weight of His concerns, and add our “Amen” (so be it) to what aligns with His purposes in the world. Our hope is that these prayers will bless and unite us, drawing us corporately into the very heart and presence of the living God who is with us.

NEW HERE?

We're glad you came and would love to get to know you. Stop by our Connect Desk on the way out for a free gift! If you'd like to get connected at Summit, simply fill out a Connect Card and pass it on to a member of our host team. You can also join us on the 1st Sunday of the month for our Newcomers Coffee Connect after service!

ABOUT US

Summit Christian Fellowship is a gospel-centered church with a vision to know and make known the real Jesus in our church, our city, and around the world. To do that we partner nationally with the Crossway Network and locally with other like-minded churches and ministries. To find out more about our vision, values, and beliefs visit our website at www.summit-christian.org

SERVE

The church is a family and as a family we share in the responsibility of serving together. If you are interested in serving, please fill out a Connect Card and drop it off with a member of our host team or fill out the serve form on our website!

SUMMIT YOUTH

Students in 6th-12th Grade - Meet every other Sunday at the Summit Building from 5:00-7:00p. Dates for the New Year schedule will be coming soon!

01.11 | Youth Group Gathering

YOUNG ADULTS

If you are between the ages of 18-35, join us for our Young Adult gatherings on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month starting at 5:30pm! Join the group in our Church Center app for more information.

CALENDAR

01.12 | Biblical Stewardship Class

01.20 | Precepts Study Begins

01.26 | Biblical Stewardship Class

02.01 | Newcomers Coffee Connect

NEWS & NOTES

New Series | Prayer In Four Dimensions

Prayer is hard. For many of us, it's a struggle to pray at all, let alone to pray with consistency and depth. *Prayer in Four Dimensions* is a four-week invitation into prayer as we begin a new year. This series doesn't offer quick fixes for our prayerlessness; instead, it explores prayer as a multi-dimensional life with God—lifting our eyes upward in worship, inviting God inward to shape our hearts, reaching outward in love for others, and moving forward in God's mission. Join us as we rediscover prayer as the space God meets us, forms us, strengthens us, and sends us.

Precepts Study | Starts Jan 20 & Jan 22

Ladies! Join us for a 4-week study of the life of Joseph. We'll dig deep into God's sovereignty, being faithful in difficulty, redemption and reconciliation, all while learning more about the Patriarchs. It's Genesis up close and personal. It will build your faith in God's plan when you're tempted to lose hope. It's Precepts, it's in-depth and you're invited! Starts Tuesday, Jan 20th and Thursday, Jan 22nd. Please contact Kathy Waltosz for additional details at (401) 323-2683 or email her at cg.kathymoore@gmail.com.

Intro to Biblical Stewardship Class | Jan 12

Join us January 12th & 26th from 6-8pm for a two-part Biblical Stewardship class taught by our very own Nathan Cruz. Nathan has been a Financial Advisor and Planner for many years and is excited to help equip those who want to learn the tools for stewarding their finances through a biblical lens! Register through our church website or via the Church Center App!

Financial Update

Thank you for your faithful giving! Here's a snapshot of how God is providing.

Average monthly giving needed (based on the 2025 budget): \$39,730.82

Average monthly giving in 2025: \$38,831.37

Giving last month (Nov): \$43,224.16

PRAYER IN FOUR DIMENSIONS

UPWARD
Intimacy & Amb

INWARD Formation

OUTWARD

FORWARD

SERMON NOTES

“Upward: Communion With God”

Matthew 6:9-13

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