

## WELCOME!!!

We are excited that you have chosen to join us for worship as we celebrate our Lord Jesus and God's loving plan for us.

Our prayer is that God will encourage you and give you hope, that He will bless you through His Word, and that you will know you are welcome here. Please let us know if you have any questions concerning our beliefs or practices.

*For your convenience, restrooms are located in the hallway immediately to the right of the front entrance. While the children are in class, only the handicap accessible bathroom will be available.*

*The children will be dismissed to their class just before the Pastor's sermon.*

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### OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 9:30am	WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:40	FELLOWSHIP
11am	QUARTERLY MEMBERS MEETING
MONDAY, 6:30pm	MEN'S GROUP
TUESDAY, 10am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP
6:30pm	COFFEE & A TASTE OF HONEY BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY, 7pm	TETELESTAI BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY, 6pm	YOUTH GROUP

**NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUPS START THIS WEEK!**



# OPEN DOOR CHURCH

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and Lisa Zabian

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

October 1, 2023

Call to Worship Chip Winnard

*"Come As You Are"*

*"Good Good Father"*

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim

Biblical Truth Skit Pastor Jim & Ali

Prayer Pastor Jim

*"Psalm 130"*

*"You Are God Alone"*

Prayer Chip Winnard

Dismissal of Children to Class

**"WHERE IS THE ESCAPE HATCH?"**

**1 Corinthians 7:10-16**

Opportunity for Decision Chip Winnard

Offertory Prayer Pastor Jim

Worship Through Tithes and Offerings Worship Team

*"He Knows My Name"*

Benediction Pastor Jim

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We would like to gauge interest in a Christmas Choir. If you are interested, please see Chip. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the rear of the church.

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**Please note that our Quarterly Member's Meeting is scheduled for today at 11am. Members are urged to attend. Guests are welcome.**

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### ***DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR***

October 8<sup>th</sup> COMMUNION

November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEAL

December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

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**Next week's Communion Offering will go to replenish our Benevolence Fund. Please give generously so that future needs of our members and attendees can be met.**

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### **KEEPING YOU INFORMED!**

***Attendance Last Sunday—56***

**Offering Last Sunday--\$2,602 Budgeted--\$3,556**

**Offering This Fiscal Year--\$114,720 Budgeted--\$106,680**

## **“GOD’S UNCOMMON MAN”**

**Men’s Group—Mondays, 6:30 to 7:45pm**

Meets at the Church

Do you ever wonder what it looks like to be a man of faith? In this three-session series, sportscaster James Brown and former NFL coach Tony Dungy will teach us what it means to be an “uncommon man”—a man who follows God faithfully. Are you ready to take the next step in your life of faith? Learn what it takes in God’s Uncommon Man.

**There is no cost for this course.**

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## **Women’s Bible Study and Fellowship**

**Tuesdays, 10am to Noon**

Meets at the Church

### **“WITH”**

Religion offers people particular ways of relating with God, but are we approaching Him with the right perspective? To what extent do fear and a desire for control skew our attitude toward God? We will join author Skye Jethani in this five-session study as he explores four popular but flawed postures then offers a more freeing and hopeful option for relating with the God who loves us.

What does Life WITH God look like?

**There is no cost for this course.**

## **COFFEE AND A TASTE OF HONEY**

**Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8pm**

Group Meets at the Church

(Fellowship 6:30 to 7pm, Study 7 to 8 pm)

### **“TEACH US TO PRAY”**

You are probably familiar with “The Lord’s Prayer.” Perhaps you can recite it verbatim. Or perhaps you’ve recited it so many times that the words fail to make much sense to you anymore. In this eight-part series, pastor Ranjit David explains how the Lord’s Prayer is much more than a model prayer. Instead, it is a declaration that establishes God’s reign not just in Heaven, but on Earth as well when we mean what we pray. The Lord’s prayer is not ritualistic dogma or a magical mantra but a deeply conversational one-on-one appointment with our Father. **There is no cost for this course.**

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## **BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

**Thursdays, 7 to 8:30pm**

Meets at the Church

### **“TETELESTAI”**

This 12-session study will help you trace God’s hand from the Garden of Eden to the Risen Christ and unfold the breathtaking story of a God who passionately loves humanity and paid the ultimate price for our Rescue. Whether you are spiritually curious or seeking to grow deeper in your understanding of God, this series will help you catch a stunning view of God’s love and how much He desires to have a relationship with you.

**Cost of Material--\$10**

## **“WHERE IS THE ESCAPE HATCH?”**

*(1 Corinthians 7:10-16)*

### **Introduction:**

### **I. THE PERMANENCE OF A CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE**

<sup>10</sup> But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband <sup>11</sup> (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife.

### **II. THE PRIORITY IN A MIXED MARRIAGE**

<sup>12</sup> But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her. <sup>13</sup> And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away. <sup>14</sup> For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

### **III. THE PROSPECT OF A TROUBLED MARRIAGE**

<sup>15</sup> Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such *cases*, but God has called us to peace. <sup>16</sup> For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

### **CONCLUSION:**