

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.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 9:30am	WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:40	FELLOWSHIP
11am	ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES
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

It is not too late to join one of our small groups!

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14)



OPEN DOOR CHURCH

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Worship Team: Chip Winnard, Brian Console
and Lisa Zabian

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

October 8, 2023

Call to Worship Chip Winnard

"I Surrender All"

"Yes, I Will"

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim

Biblical Truth Skit Pastor Jim & Ali

Prayer Pastor Jim

"Psalm 42"

"O Praise Him"

Offertory Prayer Chip Winnard

Tithes and Offerings *"Go Light Your World"*

Dismissal of Children to Class

"WHAT REALLY MATTERS"

1 Corinthians 7:17-32

Opportunity for Decision Chip Winnard

COMMUNION

"You Gave Your Life Away"

BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

THANK YOU!

Our church is grateful to those who responded to Pastor Jim's request for volunteers to pick up sticks and metal that remained in the debris from the demolition of the unsightly building next to the Worship Center. The task is approaching completion. Gratitude is extended to Mary Hood, Patty Savko, Mandie Hood, Matthew Somes, Ali Zabian, Jason Burgos-Ledford, and Ray Peebles.

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.

Today'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.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED!

Attendance Last Sunday—60

Offering Last Sunday--\$4,825 Budgeted--\$3,556

Offering This Fiscal Year--\$119,545 Budgeted--\$110,236

“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.

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.**

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

“WHAT REALLY MATTERS”

1 Corinthians 7:17-31

Introduction: ¹⁷ Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And so I direct in all the churches.

I. WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS A HOLY LIFE

¹⁸ Was any man called *when he was already* circumcised? He is not to become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? He is not to be circumcised. ¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but *what matters is* the keeping of the commandments of God. ²⁰ Each man must remain in that condition in which he was called.

II. WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS A LOYAL HEART

²¹ Were you called while a slave? Do not worry about it; but if you are able also to become free, rather do that. ²² For he who was called in the Lord while a slave, is the Lord’s freedman; likewise he who was called while free, is Christ’s slave. ²³ You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men. ²⁴ Brethren, each one is to remain with God in that *condition* in which he was called.

III. WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS A SINGLE MIND

²⁵ Now concerning virgins I have no command of the Lord, but I give an opinion as one who by the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy. ²⁶ I think then that this is good in view of the present distress, that it is good for a man to remain as he is. ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸ But if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.

IV. WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS A FOCUSED PASSION

²⁹ But this I say, brethren, the time has been shortened, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none; ³⁰ and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess; ³¹ and those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it; for the form of this world is passing away.

CONCLUSION: