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to Christ Community Church



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HOPE OUTREACH TODAY | 4PM | IN THE PARKING LOT

Come help us share the gospel with the community through live music, family activities, and giveaways in the parking lot on Sunday November 20 at 4 pm.



TOMORROW | 12-3 PM | IS THE LAST DAY FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES!



SCAN TO LEARN HOW
TO PACK A SHOEBOX

BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE! PLEASE TAKE ONE TODAY AND BRING IT BACK WITH TOYS AND SUPPLIES TOMORROW!

11/27 • BAPTISM SUNDAY (10 AM) & MEET THE PASTORS COFFEE (5 PM)

If Jesus is your Lord and Savior, but you haven't yet been baptized, learn more about baptism and sign up to be baptized on the CCC Mobile App or scan---



If you are new, recently baptized, or have never had the opportunity to meet our pastors in person - you are invited to an intimate coffee gathering for an introduction.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS - PLEASE CHOOSE A TAG AND RETURN BY 12/18

Bless a child from our community when you choose a tag from the tree and return a wrapped gift with the tag. Each tag represents a specific child in our area [KWAM, Ironmen, Wonderwoman, and IVNC] Please return the gift by Sunday 12/18 to the office or in the foyer by the tree so we can distribute them in time for their celebrations.

MIDWEEK GATHERING - EACH WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 PM

This Wednesday there is no Midweek Gathering due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Next Week on Wednesday (11/30) is Q&A Night! Go to the CCC App or Scan >> >> to anonymously submit your questions! (Please understand that time prohibits us from answering every question.)



CHECK WITH MINISTRY LEADERS ABOUT THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR ONGOING GATHERINGS

MASTER CHORALE PERFORMANCE OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH • DECEMBER 1 | 7PM

SPECIAL DELIVERY • SERMON SERIES • DECEMBER 4 - 25 • 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

CHRISTMAS SWEATER SUNDAY • DECEMBER 4 | 10 AM • SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

ANGEL TREE GIFTS • PLEASE RETURN WRAPPED & TAGGED GIFTS BY 12/18

THE BEST NEWS EVER CHRISTMAS ROCK CONCERT • DECEMBER 18 | 7 PM • CALEXICO

NIGHT OF CAROLS / CANDLELIGHT SERVICE / LIVE NATIVITY • DECEMBER 21 | 5:30 PM

KWAM CHRISTMAS PARTY OUTREACH • DECEMBER 23 | 5:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE • DECEMBER 25 | 10 AM • TOGETHER IN THE SANCTUARY

25TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY • JANUARY 8 2023 | 10 AM • ALL CAMPUS GATHERING

CHRISTMAS

You will find the **SERMON & LIFEGROUP RESOURCES** on the **CCC Mobile App**

Getting to Know You:

1. A popular plot in movies or television presents the protagonist with a supernatural ability to know the future. How would your daily life be transformed if you were granted that ability?
2. As you read the text in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2, imagine yourself as one of the Thessalonian believers of that time; what would have been your biggest concern? Why do you think Paul felt compelled to address the confusion that had resulted from a false proclamation that the Day of the Lord had arrived?

Digging Deeper

1. Read 2 Timothy 4:2-4, Hebrews 13:8-9, 1 John 4:1, Matthew 7:22-23, Matthew 24:10-12 and Matthew 24:24, then discuss the danger of following winds of doctrine (Ephesians 4:14). While commentaries, Christian books or blogs, and Bible dictionaries are helpful, why is it essential that you know what the Bible says and haven't entirely delegated its interpretation to others?
2. How do you decide which doctrinal differences of opinion require debate or correction and when it is better to agree to disagree? Consider Titus 1:9 and Titus 3:9-11 along with 1 Timothy 4:6-8 and Matthew 7:6. How do you determine which issues are foundational to your faith and which are negotiable? See also John 3:16-18 and Acts 4:12.
3. 2 Thessalonians 2:7 states that the Holy Spirit alone restrains the Antichrist and prevents widespread delusion and sin from overtaking the world. What can you then infer about the essential priority of a believer's intimacy with the Holy Spirit for sanctification; to discern truth, maintain purity, and mature in faith? (See Romans 8:5-10, John 14:16-17, 25 and 1 John 2:18-27)

Taking it Home:

1. Why is the nature of apostasy, misinformation, and false teaching in our culture so enticing? What provocation or temptations divert a person from the truth? What steps are you taking to protect yourself from falling victim to the deception or being led astray by misinterpretation? (Ephesians 6:11)
2. Are you uneasy, confused, or frightened about end-time prophecies and the coming of the Day of the Lord? What would help alleviate your anxiety?

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-17

OVER THE DAY OF THE LORD

BEFORE THE DAY OF THE LORD

SON OF

OF EVIL

OF FAITH

PAST

PRESENT

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SCAN TO OPEN TODAY'S
OUTLINE & SCRIPTURES >>>



WEEK OF
November 20, 2022

Stand: Don't Face Your Fears Alone

PARENT GUIDE
Preteen



First, watch
this week's
video!

**Courage: Being
brave enough
to do what you
should do,
even when
you're afraid**

Memory Verse

"Be strong and brave.
Do not be afraid.
Do not lose hope.
I am the LORD your
God. I will be with you
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Joshua 1:9b, NIV

Bible Story

Daniel Is Thrown Into
a Den of Lions
Daniel 6

Key Question

What is the bravest
thing you've ever
done?

Use this guide to help your family learn
how God can give us courage.

Activity

Word-Off

What You Need:

paper; pencils; timer

What You Do:

Grab a sheet of paper and a pencil for
both you and your child. Invite your
child to play a friendly "word-off."

Say, "We're going to have a word-
off. There are four rounds. For each
round, I'll name a category. We'll
both see how many words we can
write down from that category in 30
seconds. Ready?"

Categories:

- Words that rhyme with *fear*
- Things that make us feel *brave*
- Things that *roar*
- Things we put *trust in*

At the end of each round, tally up
the scores. At the end of the rounds,
declare a word-off winner!

When you're finished, say, "Daniel
dealt with all four of those categories
in our story today. But in the end, he
chose to put his fears aside, be brave,
and trust in God."

Talk About the Bible Story

How was Daniel strong and brave? (*He faced the lions
in the lions' den.*)

What's the bravest thing you've ever done?

Does having courage mean never being afraid? Why
or why not?

Who are some people who can help you build up your
courage?

*Parent: Share a personal story about a time when a
Bible verse you memorized helped you face a challenge
or scary time.*



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about
the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, help us to remember that we are NEVER
alone. You are with us at all times, and You will never
leave us on our own. Give us the kind of courage that
Daniel had when he chose to follow You. Help us to be
strong and brave and to not lose hope when things get
hard. You are a great and mighty God, and we know
You can help us have courage. In Jesus' name, amen."

DEVOTIONS

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Elementary



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Bottom Line

You can do what
you should because
God is with you.

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Activity

Getting Puzzled

What You Need:

five sheets of paper; marker; scissors;
timer

What You Do:

On each sheet of paper, write one
of the following letters: B, R, A, V,
E. Then, cut up each sheet of paper
irregularly (like a puzzle), keeping the
pieces in separate piles. Invite your
child to a challenge.

Say, "There are five puzzles for you to
put together. I'm going to time you to
see how long it takes you. Ready? Go!"

Press start on the timer. Cheer on
your child as they put together the
letters. Once they've got all the letters
put together, ask them what word the
puzzle spells ("BRAVE").

"That's right. Brave. We can be strong
and brave because God is with us.
That's something that Daniel did. He
believed that God was with him, and
he faced those lions with courage."

Talk About the Bible Story

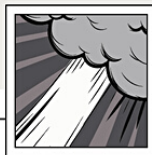
How was Daniel strong and brave? (*He faced the lions
in the lions' den.*)

What happened to Daniel in the lions' den? (*The lions'
mouths were shut. Daniel was safe because God was
with him.*)

Have you ever been in a tough situation and it felt like
there was no way out? What happened?

What are some ways you can be strong and brave the
next time you're in a similar situation? (*Pray, read the
Bible, recite Scripture you've memorized.*)

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a Bible verse you memorized helped you face a
challenge or scary time.*



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about
the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for never leaving us. Even when times
are tough or scary, You are always with us. Thank You
for giving us Your Holy Spirit to help us get through
each challenge. Please help us show others that they
can be brave as they face their fears, too. Use us to
be an encouragement to others and remind them
that we can do what we should, because You are with
us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus'
name. Amen."

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VOLUNTEER

Several ministries are looking for help, including the Tech Team, AWANA, Kids Ministry, and KWAM.

WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?



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